

Lesson Five

"Ministering Healing - Two"

Objective: To train and equip students to minister physical healing.

In lesson four we studied the believer's right to **expect** healing because of the price that Jesus paid for healing in every area of life. In this lesson we will explore the believer's authority and power for healing the sick.

I. The Believer's Authority to Heal the Sick

1. Authority to heal the sick is ______ in believers.

One of the least understood and therefore seldom practiced components of the believer's inheritance is spiritual authority. God has already provided His healing power and placed it on the inside of every born again believer. It's up to us to release it. Understanding and using our authority is the key to seeing miracles happen. Acts 3:1-10

2. Jesus ______ us to ______ the sick.

<u>Matt 10:8</u> NKJV Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Some denominations believe and teach that the power for healing was only for the original disciples and it died out with them. This thought does not stand up to the testimony of the Scriptures. Luke 10:1-9; Luke 10:17; Mark 9:38-40; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-39

3. We use ______ authority to command ______ power.

Jesus said, "heal the sick." What a radical statement! This is precisely why more people don't see the miraculous results they're praying for. They aren't taking their authority and commanding God's power. Notice that Jesus does not say, "Pray and ask Me to heal the sick"? We have to be careful not to ask God to do what he already asked us to do. Healing the sick is our job to do with the authority He has given us. John 11:41-44

This goes contrary to popular belief. We are constantly told that it's not us but God who is the healer, and I agree with that completely. I believe according to the Scriptures that God has placed His healing power under our authority and it is up to us to release it.

Dave Duell, an evangelist who held a meeting in Africa years ago saw miraculous healing for the first time. Blind people began to see, deaf people began to hear, the lame walked and praised God. The people were so excited that they mobbed him while

he walked down the street, trying to touch him so they could be healed. His first thought was like many of ours may be right now, *They shouldn't be looking at me. I am not the healer; Jesus is the healer.* The Lord spoke to him, "Do you remember when I rode that donkey into Jerusalem and all the people put down their coats and palm branches in the way and cried. 'Hosanna'? What would you have thought if the donkey spoke up and said, *'It's not me! I'm not the messiah. Don't look to me'*? That would have revealed the donkey's arrogance. No one was praising the donkey; they were praising the One that was riding the donkey." When he realized that the people weren't trying to touch him but the One he was carrying, he let them touch him all they wanted and people were healed.

Rom 8:11 MSG ...It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus...

Eph 1:19-21 NKJV ...according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when **He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,** 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, **and every name that is named**, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

<u>Eph 2:6</u> NIV And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...

<u>Eph 1:3</u> NKJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who** has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...

Sickness is a natural manifestation of satanic oppression. Acts 10:38

4. He has given us the authority to use the power of His ______.

<u>Mark 16:17-18</u> NKJV And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will **cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**"

<u>Acts 3:11-16</u> MSG The man threw his arms around Peter and John, ecstatic. All the people ran up to where they were at Solomon's Porch to see it for themselves. When Peter saw he had a congregation, he addressed the people: "Oh, Israelites, why does this take you by such complete surprise, and why stare at us **as if our power or piety made him walk**? 13 The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his Son Jesus. The very One that Pilate called innocent, you repudiated (**refused to accept or support – to separate from formally – reject as untrue**). 14 You repudiated the Holy One, the Just One, and asked for a murderer in his place. 15 You no sooner killed the Author of Life than God raised him from the dead — and we're the witnesses. <u>16 Faith in Jesus' name put this man, whose condition you know</u> <u>so well, on his feet</u> — yes, <u>faith and nothing but faith put this man healed</u> <u>and whole right before your eyes.</u>

5. There is ______ to heal.

Phil 2:9-10 AMP Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth...

<u>Matt 10:1</u> NKJV And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, **and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.**

Luke 10:17-20 NKJV Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, (Look here – open your eyes – pay attention – see this) I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

6. We activate our authority by ______ rather than begging.

Because a police officer understands that they have authority, they don't beg you to show them your license, they command, "I need to see your driver's license and proof of insurance." They don't even have to say please or raise their voice because they have authority. With authority, they act on behalf of the State of Texas, City of Houston or Harris County. The full force of power of the State, City or Counties are behind them. They don't radio in and ask the chief of police to come write a citation or take a fugitive into custody. No... they act on the authority they have been given. Matthew 8:5-13 MSG

When Jesus demonstrated spiritual authority, He spoke right to situations and people. He did not beg the Father to do what the Father had sent Him to do. Knowing that he had authority over everything, He talked like it.

<u>Mark 4:39</u> NKJV Then **He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea**, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

<u>Mark 2:10-12</u> NKJV *He said to the paralytic*, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

<u>Mark 5:41-42</u> NKJV Then *He took the child by the hand, and said to her,* "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked **Luke 7:14-15** NKJV Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And **He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."** 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

<u>Matt 21:18-19</u> NKJV Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, **and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again**." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

When someone has keys to something, it means they have been granted special access to somewhere or something behind the door. Jesus granted believers the keys to operating in the kingdom of heaven... commanding with authority.

<u>Matt 16:18-19</u> AMP and on this rock [Greek, petra—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

Sickness is unlawful in heaven. Healing and wholeness has been loosed in heaven. The curse that locked the door to the kingdom flow has been broken by Jesus' blood. We have the keys to unlock miraculous healing and recovery by **declaring and commanding** concerning His will according to His Word.

Matt 12:36 MSG ... Words are powerful; take them seriously.

II. Faith Point of Contact for Healing

Sometimes Jesus spoke to people and healed them while other times he simply touched them but there was always a faith point of contact for the healing to take place.

<u>Matt 8:14-15</u> NKJV Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. 15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

He healed a blind man by spitting on clay and rubbing it in His eyes while the woman with the issue of blood was healed just because she touched the hem of His garment. Paul sent handkerchiefs from his own body to heal the sick while the crossing of Peter's shadow healed many others. **Acts 19:11-12 & Acts 5:14-15**

We have **prayer cloths** available for those experiencing health challenges during prayer time at the altar. We suggest they keep it on or near their bodies as a continual reminder of the promise and power for healing in the name of Jesus.

Anointing oil is also used as a faith point of contact for healing.

<u>James 5:14-15</u> NKJV Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

Remember that our part is to **obey and lay our hands, anoint with oil and command healing in the name of Jesus**. We simply trust that God will do His part because we have acted in faith on His behalf and in the authority of His name which He has given us the power to use.

We have curated Healing Boxes for Hospital visits that include anointing oil, communion, a prayer cloth, "Scripture Confessions for Healing" book, and a brochure that shows them how to apply the point of contact items as well as how to play the worship music on the app. We will talk more about this in our Hospital Ministry Class.