

## Scriptures on Healing to Give You Faith to Be Healed

*Summary:* While he was preaching in a Jewish synagogue, the apostle Paul saw among the listeners a lame man, who had never walked. Seeing that the lame man "*had faith to be healed*" (Acts 14:9), Paul cried out, "Stand up on your feet!" And the man was instantly healed. If you will read the Scriptures below, which come from God's Word the Bible, *your* faith to be healed can grow powerfully. I've added some comments to bring focus on certain truths. But the Word of God is living and powerful, and all by itself it will cause your faith for healing to grow. Come, read God's Word, and receive divine healing as the Word increases your faith to believe God and His wonderful, always-true promises.

- *Genesis 20:17* Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelek, his wife and his female slaves so they could have children again.
- *2 Kings 20:5a* "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.'"

Prayer is powerful! Prayer for healing is no exception. Abraham prayed for *others*, and God healed them. King Hezekiah prayed with tears for his *own* healing, and God answered. You can pray for yourself or for others. In all cases, God is a Healer, and God answers prayer — "You who answer prayer, to you all people will come" (Psalm 65:2).

- *Exodus 15:26* He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

Healing is what God does; it's also an integral part of His very nature. Many translations render the sentence above as "I am the Lord your healer" (ESV, NASB, et al.). What is our part? — Listen carefully to Him, do what is right in His eyes, and pay attention to His commands and keep them. How does God say He will respond? — "I am the Lord your healer."

- *Psalm 103:2-3* Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

Is God willing to forgive all our sins? Yes! Is He willing to heal all our diseases? Again, *yes!* These are among God's "benefits" that He tells His people not to forget.

- *Proverbs 3:7-8 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

This should cause each of us to examine our lives carefully. One of God's keys for us to experience bodily health is that we "fear the Lord and shun evil."

- *Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.*

Read God's Word the Bible. Study it. Hear it preached and taught. "Keep" His words in your heart, honor and obey them. Why? "They are life ... and health to one's whole body.

- *Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

The Bible records that Jesus was terribly, brutally scourged by the Roman soldiers, then was taken to a cross and agonizingly crucified. Not only did His sacrificial death bring forgiveness for our sins, but also "by His wounds we are healed." Jesus' death for us provided both forgiveness of sin and divine healing.

- *Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.*

Are you sick? Consider crying out to the Lord with the simple, heartfelt words written by Jeremiah: "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed."

- *Matthew 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

If you can turn to Jesus with faith for healing, then "every disease or sickness" you might have is within His power to heal.

- *Matthew 4:24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.*

Nothing is too difficult for the Lord to heal. And that includes severe pain, seizures, paralysis, and more. When people suffering those things were brought to Jesus, "He healed them." And He'll heal you too!

- *Matthew 8:8* The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

Jesus doesn't have to be directly in your presence, as proven by the Roman centurion's faith for his servant's healing at a distance. As you call upon the Lord, from His place today at the Father's right hand in heaven He is able to "just say the word, and [you] will be healed."

- *Matthew 8:16-17* When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Jesus "healed *all* the sick" 2,000 years ago. And He is "the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). As Isaiah prophesied long ago, Jesus "took up our infirmities and bore our diseases." So we don't have to bear them!

- *Matthew 9:20-22* Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

The woman's faith was simple: just touch Jesus' cloak and she would be healed. She did, and she was healed. How? Jesus said to her, "Your faith has healed you." Believe the Lord, and *you too* will be healed.

- *Matthew 9:27-30a* As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; and their sight was restored.

I believe Jesus asks us the same question today: "Do you *believe* that I am able to do this?" Our answer should be the same, a resounding "Yes, Lord!" Even blindness can be healed in response to our faith.

- *Matthew 9:35; 10:1* Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness... [10:1] Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Not only did Jesus Himself heal "every disease and sickness." He has also given to His faithful *followers* the "authority...to heal every disease and sickness." Don't hesitate to

ask other men and women of faith to pray for your healing. And *you* be ready and willing to pray for others who need the Lord's healing touch.

- *Matthew 10:7-8* "As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

Jesus is called King of Kings (Revelation 17:14). Among the *visible* signs of His kingdom and kingship are that the sick are healed, the dead are raised, the lepers are cleansed, and demons are driven out.

- *Matthew 14:14* When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

The large crowd had many sick people. Jesus healed them. Why? He had *compassion* on them. His love and compassion for you will open the door of His heart to heal *you* too.

- *Matthew 14:35-36* And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

None are left out. All who come to "touch" Jesus in faith were healed. And be reminded again: He is the *same* yesterday and today and forever.

- *Matthew 15:22-28* A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Some beautiful truths can be drawn from this touching story: 1) *Our* faith on behalf of *others* can help bring the Lord's healing to them; 2) even those outside of the Lord's committed followers can be beneficiaries of His healing power; 3) Jesus identified healing as "the children's bread," implying that His people should consistently expect healing as part of His wonderful provision for them.

- *Mark 1:40-41, NASB* And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Don't pray the leper's prayer ("If you are willing"). No! Rather, pray Jesus' reply concerning healing: "I AM willing." He is willing to heal you!

- *Mark 2:3-12* Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

Four men brought the paralyzed man to Jesus, and He "saw *their* faith." As noted above, the Lord recognizes the faith of others (family, friends) in bringing the sick to Jesus for healing.

- *Mark 6:1, 5-6* Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples... [5] He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

"Lack of faith" can be a barrier to healing.

- *Luke 6:19* And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Sometimes when I'm praying for healing, I raise an arm as if I'm reaching out to "touch" Jesus. I know that healing power "comes from Him," and it builds my faith to reach out to Him, as the crowds did who were seeking their healing.

- *Luke 8:49-50* While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore." Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

Jairus's daughter had just died. His faith must have been crushed, devastated. But Jesus' words to Him (and to us today) were: "Don't be afraid; *just believe*, and she will be healed." I realize that this is an extreme situation. Jesus in His earthly ministry only raised a few people from the dead. But the divine principle applies broadly: "*Just believe!*" And in this instance it led to the raising of the girl from the dead.

• *Luke 9:1-2; 10:9* When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick... [10:9] Heal the sick who are there and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

The Lord's power and authority over demons and diseases were given to His Twelve (and elsewhere to other disciples). Notice that the healing of the sick was an evidence of the reality of the kingdom of God. If God the Father and Jesus rule and reign over all, then healing will be part of that ruling and reigning.

• *Luke 17:12-19* As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Several truths are shown here, including: 1) Healing by the mercy of God: "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 2) Nothing is too hard for the Lord to heal (these 10 men had leprosy). 3) Only one of the 10 healed lepers returned to *thank and praise* Jesus, who was shocked by this: "Where are the other nine?" 4) As is so often the case, the Lord attributed the healing to the thankful leper's faith: "Your faith has made you well."

• *Luke 18:41-42* "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

Again, 1) Jesus remarked that the blind man's faith was involved in the healing. And 2) if you have a healing need, it's important to *voice* that need to the Lord; "Lord, I want to see."

• *Acts 3:1-8* One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

*Acts 3:16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.*

The need was great; the man was lame from birth. Yet Peter and John were able to minister instant healing to him. How? Peter explained in Acts 3:16 — The healing came (1) in the name of Jesus, (2) through faith in that name.

- *Acts 5:12, 15-16 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people... [15] people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.*

Sometimes God will use remarkable means to heal the sick. In this amazing scenario, the very shadow of Peter passing over them caused all to be healed. Don't limit God! He can bring healing in many ways, both to individuals and to large crowds.

- *Acts 8:5-7, NKJV Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.*

The paralyzed and lame were healed. Miracles happened. Demons came out. How? In what context? — Philip "preached Christ to them."

- *Acts 9:33-35 There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.*

Peter clearly remembered Jesus' words: "Surely I am *with you always*" (Matthew 28:20). I try to remember this when I pray for people to be healed. I picture Jesus invisibly right there at my side — as I suspect Peter may have, when he said simply, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you."

- *Acts 10:38 ...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

Some healing situations are cases of people being "under the power of the devil." No matter. Jesus is full of power to "heal all," even those under the devil's power.

- *Acts 14:8-10 In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.*

Paul was preaching, surely including the message about Jesus Christ. It resulted in the man having "faith to be healed." And he was! Preach, teach, and share about Jesus Christ and people will be saved and also healed.

- *Act 28:7-9 There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.*

If you desire to bring God's healing to the sick, saturate your life in prayer. Notice that Paul went to the sick man and "after *prayer*" laid hands on him and healed him.

- *1 Corinthians 12:9, 28 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit... [28] And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing...*

By His Holy Spirit, God has placed *gifts of healing* in His Church. The Church is to be a place of healing.

- *James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

Are you sick? Have your church's elders pray over you and anoint you with oil (a symbol of the Holy Spirit). Many are healed this way, because such a "prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."

- *1 Peter 2:24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."*

By His crucifixion Jesus bore our sins. Prior to that the Roman soldiers had brutally whipped Him. Speaking of the terrible torment Jesus took in His body, the apostle Peter declares that "by *His wounds* you have been *healed*." Jesus took not only our sins, but also our sicknesses.

- *3 John 1:2 Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.*

The apostle John, in this Holy Spirit-inspired Scripture, reflects the heart of God Almighty — that we “may enjoy *good health...*” This is the heart and will of God for His people, that we be healed and enjoy good health.

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