

WHAT HINDERS HEALING
PART 5

UNBELIEF

- 1) Some fail to receive their healing from Jesus due to unbelief.

Mark 6:1-6

1 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

(KJV)

Amplified version says,

“And He was not able to do even one work of power there, except that He laid his hands on a few sickly people and cured them. And He marveled because of their unbelief (their lack of faith in Him).” Vs 5 & 6

We see here that curing a few sickly people and performing miracles are two different things. It is the latter that is prevented by unbelief. It is hard to imagine that Jesus Christ the Messiah, full of the Holy Ghost and Power can be limited by our unbelief, but it's true. I'm learning more and more that we are the catalyst many times to allow God to move in the earth today. What He does, he does through people.

What He does He does through prayer and faith on the part of someone like you. We give God's power access through our faith. The flow of God's healing power flows unhindered if we have corporate faith unlike what they had in Nazareth.

Unbelief is to Jesus what Cryptonite was to Superman.

He could do no works of power in Nazareth. Since it was true in Nazareth does it seem strange that the same would be true in some cities or gatherings today?

Without sounding offensive, the whole world has become a veritable Nazareth of unbelief when it come to the subject of healing. Those of us who pray for the sick must first teach and labor through unbelief to get the results we do get. I believe part of why you are seeing miracles and instant manifestations in my meetings is because there is community faith. God has also showed me that we are on the edge of another great healing revival. More and more people are trusting Him for healing. God is also bringing a surge of the power gifts of the spirit to his people.

Jesus was not able to heal apart from the peoples faith!!

We can not look to those who failed to receive in Nazareth and use it to question God's willingness to heal all sick. If we do this, then we must also look to the unsaved sitting in many churches and use it to questions God's will to save all sinners.

2) If we believe, all things are possible.

Mark 9:14-22

14 And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

(KJV)

Why do we always want to use failure to receive healing as grounds to say it's not God's will, or it isn't for everyone, or I tried and it just doesn't work?

Here is a man who wanted his epileptic son healed and it seems the boy himself wanted to be healed. The nine disciples of Jesus who were commissioned by Jesus to cast out devils and to heal the sick had failed to get this boy delivered and made whole. When Jesus shows up the father comes to him with the report of failure and says, "If thou canst do anything.....," and Jesus refuses to take the responsibility for failure.

Mark 9:23-27

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

(KJV)

The father said, I believe, help my unbelief

This is why there were no results prior.

We must remember, if we believe, all things are possible.

We must base our faith (our belief and our trust) upon the infallible Word of God, not upon circumstance.

3) We are responsible not to allow unbelief into our hearts.

Heb 3:8-13

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

(KJV)

Let's heed the warning here, not to harden our hearts. It is God alone that speaks to our hearts. He longs to talk to your heart and teach you his ways. It is with the

heart that man believeth. Keep your heart soft and tender towards God, His Word, and His leadings.

Faith turns your heart from the seen to the unseen, from self to God, it enables a man to have fellowship with the living God.

Let's cast out everything that could cause or strengthen any unbelief in us. Lets trust Him and His Word.

So much about our lives depends upon the state of our hearts.

Your Faith will bring you near to Him where unbelief once kept Him far from you.

Heb 10:22-23

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

(KJV)

Andrew Murray said in his book, *The Holiest of All*, "He is the living God who makes alive, out of whom life comes into them that draw near to Him: tarry in His presence- that, and nothing else, but that, most surely, will free thee from the evil heart of unbelief."

4) We are responsible to not allow unbelief in our church

F.F. Bosworth said in his book *Christ The Healer*, "Instead of praying with one accord for these healing results as the early church members did, the present church members as a whole have not accepted our Lord's attitude toward sickness as revealed in the Gospels. In our day, opposition often takes the place of united prayer; unbelief takes the place of united faith; lukewarmness takes the place of being Spirit-filled, as all the early church members were. So I will ask you the question: May not the blame for the failure of some to receive healing today be largely due to the unbelieving part of the church itself, since we are members one of the other? I believe you will say yes to this."

Our generation must be taught to have faith corporately again if we want to see the greater works of God's power.