

Beyond the Sermon A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Unveiling the Power of Healing

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Whole, Healthy, Healed: Living in God's Will through Faith

Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, I come before You with gratitude and praise. Today, I'm thankful for Your healing power, strength, and resilience during illness. I'm grateful for the wisdom You've given doctors and nurses. I praise You for restoring health and offering moments of relief, progress, and victory. Lord, I acknowledge that healing often takes time, and I'm encouraged to walk with you through everything I face. In Jesus' name, amen.

Key Truths

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Here are some Biblical truths about healing to keep in mind:

- 1. <u>Healing is God's will and His initiative</u>. When Jesus sent out His disciples, He instructed them to heal the sick. Christ perfectly embodies this theology throughout the New Testament, as He healed all afflicted people. God's healing is not something we can earn; it's a gift.
- 2. <u>Sickness is not from God and is not the will of God.</u> Jesus never refused to heal anyone on the grounds that they were being punished by God. He healed everyone who sought His help. According to Jesus, we are part of the Abrahamic covenant, which assures us of healing. We must actively claim this promise, much like reaching out to take a gift that God is offering. The power lies in the gospel message and our belief in its truth. Salvation encompasses more than just entry into heaven after death; it also includes our healing.
- 3. <u>Unbelief comes in various forms.</u> The first is ignorance—being unaware of what God offers. The second is false teaching—being incorrectly taught about God's healing. The third is experience, or the lack thereof—not having witnessed healing for ourselves.

The good news is that there are ways to combat unbelief: studying the Bible, and prayer and fasting. When we study Scripture, we learn about God's design for healing. Prayer and fasting allow us to connect deeper with God. While our bodies may think they know what they need, we must discipline ourselves to remain aligned with God's will.

Practical Application

God seeks our faith; it's impossible to please Him without it. The absence of immediate healing doesn't mean it's not God's will. We must have faith that God is true to His Word. He's the greatest healer. However, our level of faith can sometimes prevent us from receiving the fullness of what God has for us.

People often desire a miracle—instant healing—rather than a slow process. Our prayer should be for sickness to be arrested and for the healing process to begin.

Reference Verses

- Psalms 103:2-3
- Matthew 8:16-17, 10:1, 10:6-9, 15:21-28
- Luke 10:19, 13:10-17
- Acts 10:38
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- John 10:10
- Galatians 3:29
- Romans 1:16
- Hebrews 11:6
- Mark 6:5-6

Declarations

- I will keep my eyes on the healing God provides.
- God is the source of health and healing. He's powerful enough to cure every part of me.
- God's goodness never changes; He remains faithful and true.

What's Next?

This week Pastor Duane explored the truth that healing is God's will for His children and is available to all believers. Let's discuss how to overcome unbelief and activate the healing power within you.

Healing is God's Will: Healing is part of God's will and is available to all believers. It's not something we need to convince God to do—He has already made it available. Embrace the truth that healing was purchased for you through Jesus. Scriptures like Psalm 103:3 and Matthew 8:16 remind us that healing is part of the benefits of being in God's Kingdom.

Reject the Lie That Sickness Comes from God: Understand that sickness is not from God. Jesus' ministry consistently showed that healing was from God, while oppression and sickness were linked to the work of the enemy like it says in John 10:10 and Acts 10:38. Recognize that God's desire for you is life and healing, not illness or punishment.

Activate Healing Through Faith and Declaration: Healing is accessed by faith, not by works or merit. Jesus and His disciples often used declarations of faith and laying on of hands like in Luke 13 and Mark 16. In your life, declare the promises of healing over your body and others, believing that it is already done through Christ's work.

Overcome Unbelief: In Mark 9:24, Jesus reveals that it's possible to believe in God's healing power yet still struggle with unbelief. **How can you overcome this challenge? Immerse Yourself in God's Word:** Faith comes by hearing the truth like it says in Romans 10:17. Regularly read the Bible to strengthen your belief. Combat Doubt with Prayer. Pray against unbelief and reaffirm God's promises. Also **Utilize Resources:** Our Walking by Faith app offers healing sermons, confessions, and devotionals to support you on your journey. Recently we heard from a man diagnosed with cancer and found healing through daily listening to Pastor Duane's healing confessions on our app. Download the Walking by Faith app and explore our healing resources. Let's overcome unbelief together and experience the power of God's healing touch.

Remember: Healing is your birthright as a child of God. Believe in God's promises, immerse yourself in His Word, and persevere in faith. Let's embrace the power of healing and experience the abundant life that God has in store for us. Have a blessed week!

Scripture References

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1 Peter 2:24 NKJV ...by whose stripes you were healed.

Psalm 103:2 NKJV Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Psalm 23:5 NKJV You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...

Matthew 8:16 NKJV When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick....

Matthew 8:17 NKJV ... He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.

Matthew 10:1 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.

Mark 16:17 NKJV "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

James 5:14-16 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. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

Matthew 10:6-8 NKJV But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Hebrews 1:3 NKJV REF... who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...

Acts 10:38 NKJV ...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil...

Ephesians 2:8 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith...

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Acts 10:38 NKJV ...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil...

Luke 13:10-11 NKJV Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

Luke 13:12-13 NKJV But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Galatians 3:29 NKJV And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Psalm 103:2-3 NKJV ...And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases...

Romans 1:16 NKJV For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ...

Romans 1:16 NKJV ... it is the power of God...

Matthew 15:21-30 NKJV REF

Mark 6:5 NKJV Now He could do no mighty work there...