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Introduction:

- On earth as it is in heaven.

I. How to Create An Atmosphere of Faith

A. Acknowledge the urgency.

1. Acknowledge the greatness of the need and the impossibility of the assignment.
 - a) To face a need (Giant) that is bigger than you.
 - b) To face a situation that is impossible without God.
2. We are called to live in such a way that the Gospel that Jesus preached and lived will once again take center stage in our community.
 - a) We have been to content to maintain the building and crowd we have.
 - b) We are called to influence this world and our community.
3. When we can see the impossibility of the situation at hand it invites us to step into the realm of faith.
4. As we get overwhelmed with task/need at hand it quickly takes us out of our resources and into Gods. He become all we have.
5. Faith is the what we use to access what God has given! *“He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’* (John 16:14,15 NLT) Therefore we must learn to use all that God has provided us as His dear children.

B. Acknowledge that we are sons of God, through Christ Jesus. We must believe who we are.

1. Jesus in Jn 13 speaks of a kernel of wheat falling to the ground must die in order to produce much wheat. We, as believers, are a product of His death. Wheat in the head of the grain has the same DNA as the seed that was sown! We must realize what we have and who we are in Christ. I like what Bill Johnson says, “I wish we knew how born again we actually are.”
2. We have have Jesus DNA. We are His ambassadors in the earth called bring into reality “on earth as it is in heaven.” We are called to represent Him to the world!
3. Two thieves that steal from us in this realm are
 - a) bad teaching/and our own lack of study- ‘if it be God’s will’ ‘God must be teaching you something’ ‘healing was for another time’ ‘I must be in sin’
 - b) disappointment of unanswered prayer. Disappointment in the realm of prayer is one that we have seen to much of at Freedom. We have to get desperate to that change!
4. The realization that we are sons of God should lead us to greater depths of compassion and compassion must take us to where we act boldly and not sympathetically. Sympathy acknowledges that there is a problem but it has no solution. It seeks to help people to cope but not be delivered. Ie. Jesus did not train seeing eye dogs or build crutches. Compassion lead him to healing every time.

C. Faith lives in Pursuit.

1. *“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”* (Heb 11:6, NLT) When you know God is a rewarder of those who seek Him you live in pursuit of God.
2. “Faith lives out of the revelation that God’s nature as a rewarder.” Bill Johnson Because of that we have to be people who live in pursuit of God from a heart of faith.
3. What does pursuing faith look/sound like?
 - a) It is crying out to God for more! Paul told us to eagerly desire spiritual gifts. (1Cor 12:31; 14:1)
 - (1) Use the times when God keeps putting certain things in front of you to desire healing gifts for that area.

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- (2) It is faith that prays prayers that move God. If your prayers do not move you chances are they will not move God.
- (3) So we cry out to God in the secret place and we take risks with boldness in the public places. If we do not get an answer then we do what the disciples were told to do. "Back to secret place with prayer and fasting until our doubts are subdued." Mk 9:14-24.
- b) Pursuing faith not only cries out for more but it digs into the word of God.
 - (1) Studying to find what God has to say about a thing is a picture of pursuit.
 - (2) Spiritual hunger is most easily seen in ones desire for and study of the Word of God.
 - (3) It looks through the Hebrew 11 faith chapter and devours the heroes of the faith.
- c) Pursuing faith studies the historical moves of God in nations, revivalists etc.
- d) Pursuing faith looks to receive impartation whenever possible through laying on of hands, videos, CD etc.
- e) Pursuing faith stewards the gifts and impartations that have been received.

//. Healing the Heart From Disappointment

- A. Be honest with God
 - 1. I encourage people, weep if you must, scream if you must. God already knows whats in your heart. So just be honest- He is not going to reject you because of your honesty.
 - 2. Approach him with confidence. He 4:16. Don't be religious and tell Him what he wants to hear. Share your heart.
- B. Listen to God
 - 1. Get into the Psalms. Every emotion you can think of can be found there. Read until you relate...and then let the peace of the passage begin to fill your heart. Meditate on what God has to say. His words are Spirit and life. This helps us to find heavens perspective to know what we should believe for on earth.
- C. Receive His Peace
 - 1. Pour your heart out until you begin to sense His peace. Don't lean on understanding. Lean on the Prince of Peace until His peace begins to fill you.
 - 2. Peace ministers to the heart and the heart will bring us to a place of understanding.
- D. Feed Your Heart Correctly on what God has done, not on what He has not done.
 - 1. When we dwell on what God has not done we open ourselves up to offense which ultimately leads to unbelief.
 - 2. Feed on God's faithfulness.

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III. Five Step Prayer Model Randy Clark. Our faith is not in a prayer model but in God.

- A. Interview *“So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.”* (Mark 9:21, NKJV)
1. “The purpose of the interview is to determine the root cause of someones infirmity or sickness.” p 221 The Essential Guide to Healing.
 - a) Lets the minister gather information that makes the ministry time more natural, loving and effective.
 - b) Questions to ask:
 - (1) Ice breakers: Whats your name? How can I pray for you? How long have you had this? Why do you think you have this problem?
 - (2) Going Deeper: You are searching for possible root causes. [Is it a spirit, soul wound, or a natural sickness.] Do you have a Dr. diagnosis? Did someone else cause this condition? Have you forgiven them?
 2. During the interview, depend on the Holy Spirit to lead you. Listen for what He is saying or showing you.
 3. While you are doing the interview build faith and understanding in the person you are praying for.
 - a) You may feel...heat, tingling, coolness, or the pain moving. Our faith isn't in what you feel but I want to know if you begin to feel something.
 - b) You may feel nothing but getting better.
 - c) If we pray and your symptoms are not gone, keep your faith alive. There are several accounts is scripture where “as they went” they were healed.
 4. It is good to suggest that while you minister ask the person to not pray...just receive. Their job is to believe.
- B. Diagnosis In this step you are looking for the root cause of a persons illness. This will determine how you will pray/proceed.
1. Do I petition God or command the illness?
 - a) Jesus never told his disciples to pray for the sick. He told them to heal the sick.
 - b) Petitionary prayer is more worshipful and relational. They are prayers that are directed toward God. Why would I ask God for something that He has already done?
 - c) Commanding prayer is not directed towards God it is directed at the what needs healing based on the revelation we have on our authority in Christ.
 - d) You could mix the two but the petition will be something like, “HS show me what is wrong here. HS send your angels to help me fight through this situation. HS stir my faith, our faith etc. Then you command the condition to be healed.
 2. Based on your interview you command a spirit to leave, a tumor to disappear, a pain to leave. etc.
 - a) If a condition is psychosomatic, or a soul wound you would not pray commands at first. You would lead the person to forgive. Unforgiveness is a major cause of sickness. This is also back up by the medical community. Soul wounds can occur from a number of places and events.
 - b) If it is a spirit, you will notice that pain increases, or it will move in a persons body.
 - c) Natural causes, accidental injury, carcinogens, virus.
 - d) Genetic - generational

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- e) Lifestyle - over eating, no exercise, stress, drugs, etc.
- 3. Once you have diagnosed the cause you are free to administer healing by commanding...spirit to leave, leg to grow, pain to go etc.
- C. Prayer Ministry: Praying for Effect Know this: you are not praying to comfort the person. You are not praying to info them. You are praying to effect change in this persons body. You are not commanding God to do something you are commanding the body to respond to your command.
 - 1. Learn to pray with your eyes open so you can see what is happening with the person or what God is beginning to do.
 - a) You may see them cry. Why the tears?
 - b) You may see them wince. What is happening?
 - c) You may see them look angry. What are you thinking?
 - 2. In praying for effect, no one in scripture ever prayed, "If it be your will." The will of God is known where the word of God is read. By His stripes...I am willing.
 - 3. We are not preaching to the person at this time of giving them advice. We are administering healing.
 - 4. Pray in Jesus name. Not as a formula but to release His authority and to bring Him glory.
- D. Stop and Re-interview Mk 8:22-25 is an example of someone not being completely healed the first time Jesus ministered to that person.
 - 1. It also show us that it is good to stop and interview the person again after ministry.
 - 2. If the healing is only partial we should continue to minister.
 - 3. If nothing is happening then ask God, "What is going on?" Expect Holy Spirit to show you.
 - 4. When do you stop praying?
 - a) When the person is healed!
 - b) When they want you to stop.
 - c) When the Holy Spirit tells you to stop.
 - d) When you have exhausted your expectancy. Do realize it does not mean that nothing happened.
- E. Post Prayer Suggestions
 - 1. Provide the person with direction
 - a) If they did not receive their healing. Encourage them. Do not tell them they are lacking in faith. Do not tell them they are in sin.
 - (1) give them something to build their faith.
 - (2) encourage them to continue to come back until they are healed.
 - b) When a person is healed encourage two things.
 - (1) if they do not know Jesus encourage them to be born again.
 - (2) encourage them to give thanks to God for their healing.
 - (3) encourage them to testify of what God has done to friends and family.
 - (4) if their sickness is lifestyle related encourage them to make necessary changes.
 - (5) if their sickness was an afflicting spirit, mention that symptoms will likely return but this does not mean you have lost your healing. If you respond in doubt and fear you will lose your healing you must respond in faith! rebuke that spirit and command it to leave.