

Introduction:

- I didn't play much basketball, growing up but I always remember the 2 on 1 fast break drills. Coach really liked those because it was one thing that we did very well as a team. We liked them too because of the odds that were in your favor when it happened.
- I want to revisit some things we have covered on healing. Hard to believe this is our fourth month of teaching on healing and divine health. The two things I want to look at tonight are:
 1. The Surety of the Word
 2. The Power of Compassion
- FF Bosworth author of Christ the Healer has this to say.
 - "Faith begins where the will of God is known."
 - "It's God's Word that lets us know what to trust Him for."
 - "The power of God can be claimed where the will of God is known."
- On earth as it is in heaven!

I. The Surety of the God's Word

- A. One of our challenges in the House of Freedom is that our experience must be judged by scripture and not the scriptures judged by our experience. If we are going to have "*on earth as it is in Heaven.*", then the Word that is settled in heaven forever, must be settled by us on earth.
1. "*Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants. Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.*" (Psalm 119:89–92, NKJV)
 - a) God's Word is settled FOREVER! It will never change. What it says today it will say 10,000 years from now.
 - b) Therefore, if God is never going to change His mind to agree with us, regarding His Word, then we are going to have to change our minds to agree with His.
 - c) Nissab - to settle. Heb. to stand, to be set over, to establish, to erect a pillar. Moses was commanded to stand by the river and meet with Pharaoh. The water of the Red Sea stood as the Israelites crossed over. God's word is 'nissab' forever. It will not be moved. "This means that God has set His Word as a boundary beyond which no Christian should go."
 2. God's Word will never stop working.
 - a) "*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*" (Isaiah 55:11, NKJV)
 - b) In Genesis 1:3 God said, "Light be" and it has every since He spoke. Space continues to expand because God said, "Light be!" Light is still governing day and night, seasons, and time itself.
 - c) What is our take away? God only has to say something once for it to come to pass. Regarding healing: He has already spoken. He does not have to say it again. He has already spoken. Now it is up to believers to establish God's Word on the earth by driving sickness out of people's bodies. The enemy was defeated at the cross, His will is already decreed and we are called to be enforcers.
 3. God Backs Up His Word
 - a) "*I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.*" (Psalm 138:2, NLT)

- b) God has tied the ‘keeping’ of His Word to His very own name. This is why we see covenant names of God. Jehovah-Shalom (Peace), Jehovah Nissi (banner), Jehovah Rapha (healer) are covenant names that tell us who He is and that He never changes.
- c) “*“I am the Lord, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed.”* (Malachi 3:6, NLT)
- d) “*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God’s grace, not from rules about food, which don’t help those who follow them.”* (Hebrews 13:8–9, NLT)
- e) All of Psalm 119 is about the authority, validity and constancy of God’s Word.
- f) Mary says to the angel in Luke 1:38 “*“Let it be unto me according to your word.”*”
- 4. Visibility of the Word in the Word
 - a) “*“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;”* (Luke 2:29, NKJV)
 - b) “*“But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.””* (Luke 5:5, NKJV)
 - c) “*“Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”* (John 17:17, NLT)
 - d) “*“Jesus replied, “Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God.”* (Matthew 22:29, NLT)
 - e) “*“And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered. So if those people who received God’s message were called ‘gods,’”* (John 10:35, NLT)

II. The Power of Compassion

- A. It is important for us to understand what moved Jesus to minister to people. Jesus was never moved by need, but by compassion. It was not to prove He was God.
 - 1. It was not to prove He was God. He did not function as God on the earth. He functioned as man.
 - 2. “*“He ‘emptied’ Himself and only operated in what was available to a man in right relationship with God.”* Curry Blake
 - 3. If Jesus proved He was God by healing the sick, then the 12 and the 70 were also God because they healed the sick.
- B. He healed to destroy sickness and its kingdom.
 - 1. “*“But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.”* (1 John 3:8, NLT) He was here to demonstrate that the Kingdom of God was here by destroying devilish strongholds. In addition, He was also here to raise ambassadors of the Kingdom who would be ministers of compassion (It is what follows us *goodness and mercy.*)
 - 2. “*“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”* (John 10:10, NLT)
 - a) Zoe - the word has to do with vitality! Life is not just a thing it has to do with vitality. A dying person still has life but little vitality. “*“The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son.”* (John 5:26, NLT) Phil 3:10 I want to know him and the power of the resurrection! That has to do with Zoe!
 - b) Abundantly - Gr. *hyperekperissos* 1. This word means, “to be present over-abundantly or to excess,” censoriously “to be superfluous,” and of persons “to be superior or super-abounding.” Transitivity the sense is “to make over-rich,” “to provide super-abundantly.” TDNT Kittle

- C. To raise up labors/ambassadors/ministers of compassion. *“Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness.”* (Matthew 9:35–10:1, NLT)
1. Jesus had compassion. Compassion is a response to Divine mercy. It flows out of mercy...love. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me....Ps 23
 - a) Mt 14:14 Compassion on the multitude. After the feeding of the 5k.
 - (1) *“Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”* (Matthew 14:14, NLT)
 - (2) Compassion on multitude! That is a lot of work!
 - b) Mt 20:29-34 Compassion on two blind men.
 - c) Mk 1:40 Compassion on a leper.
 - (1) *“A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.”* (Mark 1:40–42, NLT)
 - (2) Compassion makes willingness an ongoing attitude of the heart to see the sick made well. It is based upon the mercy of God.
 - d) Mk 5:18-19 Compassion on demon possessed.
 - (1) *“But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.””* (Mark 5:19, NLT) NKJV “had compassion on you.”
 - (2) Multitudes, blind men lepers, demonized... Jesus had compassion on them all as a demonstration that He came to give Zoe! Life abundantly!
 - e) Lk 7:11-16 Compassion raises the dead.
 - (1) The only son of this mother a widow had died. Jesus sees her...
 - (2) *“When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. “Don’t cry!” he said.”* (Luke 7:13, NLT)
 2. Jesus healed because He was good. Acts 10:38 With compassion and anointing Jesus the Destroyer of Darkness set captives free.

III. Divine Healing Comes By Faith

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1. *What I saw this morning—we were at Abraham’s house, only it was up on top of a mountain that we had to climb. And the ladder there was easy to reach. But, every one of you are going to have to climb it. So every one of you, are called to climb higher, and to come into Abrahams blessings. But you need to keep climbing, for that ladder is there and you won’t fall. One thing for sure, as long as you climb, you won’t fall into anything. So keep climbing! Every round will be a new excitement for you. And up there, awaits the faith of Abraham for this body here. This is a private word for this church here. At the top of that ladder that you are climbing is Abraham’s faith awaiting you!*

2. The disciples were rebuked for their lack of faith when they could not cast the demon out. Faith is the key to our success. If a little faith moves a mountain then we must be building our faith.
- B. Three ways to be healed. Note: Jesus was never moved by need but by compassion.
 1. You can get healed by your faith.
 2. You can get healed by someone else's faith.
 3. You can get someone else healed by your faith.
- C. Observation of Great Faith Passages.
 1. Mt 8:5-13 and Mt 15:22-28 are the only two accounts in the Gospels where Jesus announces over an individual that they have great faith.
 - a) Neither of these two were Jews
 - b) Neither of these two were people who were in covenant with God (that we know of)
 - c) They were the only people told/recognized by Jesus to have great faith.
 - d) We should also note that they come to Jesus for someone else.
 2. The Roman Centurion had obviously heard that Jesus heals. He comes to Jesus in faith. He is an outsider that has to pass through the external pressure of not being a Jew. His faith moves him to action and as a result he receives. His faith was mixed with what he heard and produced results in his life.
 3. The Gentile woman had also obviously heard that Jesus heals. She too, comes to Jesus and turned away by Jesus. Yet she in faith, based on what she has heard about Jesus presses through by the grace of God to the access the grace of God and she receives her miracle. Her faith was mixed with the word and it brought results.
 - a) Jesus tells us in this passage that healing/deliverance is the children's bread.
 - b) He is the bread of heaven come down to give us life. Jn 6:33,35,48,51.
 - c) We are also taught in the Lord's Prayer to ask for daily bread.
 - d) "*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.*" (Ephesians 1:3, NLT)
 4. The soldier who was noted as a man of great faith was also noted for his understanding of authority. He knew Jesus had authority to heal! Understanding authority is a key to walking in faith. The woman with the issue of blood was told no by Jesus but she appealed to his mercy. She knew He had authority to act. We have a tendency to look for an anointed 'man of God' to pray for us when we by faith can touch Jesus.
 - a) Mt 9:22 to the woman with issue of blood. *Your faith has made you well.* NLT
 - b) Mt 9:29 to two blind men. *because of your faith it will happen.* NLT
- D. Someone has to have faith.
 1. You can have faith for your healing. According to your faith...
 2. Others can have faith for your healing. Jesus saw their faith...
 3. You can have faith for others healing.
- E. Sometimes the process can be backwards...*Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.'* In this case they were to heal first then preach the Kingdom. Healing demonstrated the mercy/goodness of God, which leads to repentance.

Conclusion:

- "Faith begins where the will of God is known."
- "It's God's Word that lets us know what to trust Him for."
- "The power of God can be claimed where the will of God is known."