

Introduction:

- “*Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*” (Matthew 6:10, NKJV)
- What does that mean...on earth as it is in heaven. We looked at the answer from the finish. Rev. 21, no more sorrow, tears, pain, suffering. Jesus said to pray that on earth as it is in heaven. Heaven on earth is God redeeming, restoring and rejoicing over all His children.
- Last week: Do what Jesus is up to, know that two things follow you: goodness and loving kindness and power.
- Tonight we are going to look at creating encounters and praying for the sick.

I. Created to Create Encounters

- A. To see heaven on earth we must recognize that God works through a man/person. After creation, when God does things in the earth he has always worked through a man. We are ‘bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh’ we are his expression in the earth.
 1. God sent His Son to be a visible revelation of what the Father is to His children. “*Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’*” (John 14:9, NKJV)
 2. He encourage His disciples with, ““*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*” (John 14:12, NKJV)
- B. When Jesus stated “*I only do what I see the Father doing and speak what I hear the Father speaking.*” He was modeling what how to create encounters. The Father is all about this! He wants people to encounter Him. You cant make them happen God will move on HIs terms but He seems to move more for those who are truly hungry!
 1. Dreams of lost people are easy to interpret. Why? God is wanting to encounter them.
 2. Lost people often receive more easily than religious people because they are more open to the supernatural and spiritual things. Salvation, healing, deliverance, etc.
 3. When we look at the hero’s of the faith almost all of them experience some kind of supernatural encounter. The encounter creates an anchor point, a point of reference for future faith to rest. I know that our faith rests in the Word of God that is a given. My point is that a man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an opinion!
- C. Bill Johnson “*Heaven is the model for our life and ministry. Jesus lived with this principle by only doing what He saw His Father doing. Learning to recognize the Holy Spirit's presence and how to follow His lead enables us to do the works of Christ, destroying the works of the devil. Healing and deliverance must become the common expression of this Gospel of power once again.*” Bill also teaches that we owe the world an encounter with God, and that a Gospel without power is not the Gospel that Jesus preached.
- D. One of the things we have to do is recognize His presence.
 1. For example, in a corporate church gathering, if you notice others have connected with the presence of God and maybe you haven't, you can become aware of His presence by acknowledging His presence on the basis of those around you.
 2. Another aspect to realize is that God is communicating with us and is inviting us to know Him and partner with what He's doing in the spiritual realm. We are not just spectators. Encounters with God are for everyone and not just a select few.
 3. He is looking for those who will listen and those He can trust. God looks at the heart and reveals Himself to those who love Him. There is no need to strive anymore. *Working from God's*

presence is more effective than working for His presence. Waiting patiently for God is never passive.

II. 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 someone’s 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: What’s 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 in 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 person’s 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 backed 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 person’s body.

- c) Natural causes, accidental injury, carcinogens, virus.
 - d) Genetic - generational
 - 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.