

Biblical Truths Concerning Healing

1. Does God want to heal me? Is God able to heal me?

We only need to look at Jesus for the answer as He embodies the heart and desire of Father. John 10:10b “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” Hebrews 1:3 “And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.” Colossians 1:15, “He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” Jesus displays the heart of our Father in Heaven in everything He does—especially healing. Jesus does what He sees the Father do and says what He says. 1 John 3:8, “The son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”

Is any problem too big for God? He created everything. He is all-powerful. Mark 9:23 shares the story of the father who brings his son to Jesus for healing of seizures. Mathew 8:2,3 is the story of a leper who came to Jesus and said if you are willing, you can make me clean. When it comes to healing, one of God’s name is “I AM WILLING.”

2. Is it God’s plan? Is it for everyone?

Jesus believes in you being whole in your spirit, soul, and body. He believes in it so much that He staked His life on it. Isaiah 53, “He was pierced through for your transgressions, crushed for your iniquities, chastised for peace to come upon you, and by His wounds you are healed.” 1 Peter 2:24, “...and He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds (stripes) you were healed.” Sin is to the soul what sickness is to the body. When Christ went to the cross He became sin and sickness unto death so that we might live in wholeness before God.

Acts 10:38, “And you know of Jesus of Nazareth whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and Power, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil** because God was with Him.”

3. Do I have enough faith? I don’t feel like I have enough...

Hebrews 12:2, Jesus is “the author and perfecter of faith.” Throughout scripture we see Jesus healing people regardless of their level of faith. Example: John 11, Lazarus; Acts 9: Tabitha / Dorcas; Mark 9: a boy with seizures; Mark 1: a man with leprosy.

4. Do I have to do something to receive a miracle? I am just not good enough/ I brought this on myself.

Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Jesus never addresses people's life decisions or sinfulness **before** he healed them. John 5: a man at the Pool of Bethesda. God is not afraid of your sin. He does not see it as an obstacle to Him touching you. John 3:17, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Only after their encounter with Jesus does He correct people to "Go and sin no more."

5. Is healing for today?

And we have more good news for you... The same way that Jesus healed in the Bible, He still heals today! Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you." He never stopped sending us into the world to do the good works / healing of the Kingdom.

6. Is it my timing now? Or later?

Jesus never told anyone to go away and come back at a better time to be healed. He even healed on the Sabbath, which was the most inappropriate time in the eyes of the religious leaders. 2 Corinthians 6:2, "For He says, in the time of My favor I heard you and in the day of salvation I helped you. **I tell you, now is the time of God's Favor, now is the day of salvation.**"

7. I've been prayed for before...

Healing is not about the anointed man of God but the anointed God of men. It does not matter how many times people have prayed for you, what matters is God wants to meet you and heal you today. Lamentations 3:21-24, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. **They are new every morning.** Great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I hope in Him." Everything prior to this moment is old and passed away. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

8. Is God using sickness to teach or perfect me? Does it bring Him glory?

Every person who came to Jesus was healed. (Matthew 8:16, 12:15) Never was someone refused healing because God was teaching him a lesson or building character. God will build character through any situation in our lives, (Romans 8:28) but sickness is not one of His tools or gifts. Healing is! He's conforming us to Jesus and He's given us the Holy Spirit to teach us. What parents would give their child a debilitating disease to teach her a lesson about life?

9. Is this sickness my identity?

Just because you're in a certain situation doesn't mean you're supposed to stay in it. Jesus' model for ministry is bringing Heaven to earth; in Heaven there is no sickness, disease, poverty, depression... Matthew 6:9 "...Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." If sickness has defined your life, God wants to redefine you. Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Your identity is in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new."