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Hi Partners and Friends

We want to wish each of you a very merry and peaceful Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this year. The Lord has been good to us and we trust He has been to you also. We are enjoying our new church building and were able to have our first Friday night service with Kylie Gatewood the beginning of August.

May you experience the joy of this season as you celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ. May 2019 be your best year yet.

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HEALING

By Jeff Loewen

PS 103:2-3 NKJV

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases

vs 5

RSV who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

GNT He fills my life with good things, so that I stay young and strong like an eagle.

Healing is a God given benefit and His will is for us to filled and satisfied with good and stay young and strong.

This October was healing month at Arise Family Church and I taught 4 weeks on healing and am going to share some highlights from those messages for you now.

Thankfulness

Thankfulness is a big key to our healing. So being grateful or thankful to God for the benefits He has provided for us is a good idea. We bless the Lord through thankfulness for our benefits of forgiveness, healing and His goodness.

In Col. 2:7 we are instructed to abound in faith through thanksgiving. Therefore, thanksgiving is an act of faith. We see in Luke 17:11-19 where one of the cleansed lepers returned to Jesus and thanked God for his healing. This act of faith led Jesus to say that the leper's faith had made him whole – not just cleansed or healed. Meaning that if the leprosy had robbed him of some body parts they were restored – he was whole. Praise the Lord he received his healing and with the result of his thankfulness was made whole.

As we thank God for healing us by the stripes of Jesus (1 Pet 2:24) His healing power actively works on our bodies.

In Deut 28:45-47 we see that one of the reasons that the curse (which includes sickness) was able to come on us is because of not serving the Lord with joy and gladness of heart. A lack of thankfulness blocks the blessing in our lives. So, the opposite is also true that if we are thankful and serve Him with joy and gladness the blessing is free to operate in our lives. Healing is part of the blessing just as sickness is part of the curse.

God Wants Us To Have It

In Eph 2:10 AMPC we are told God wants us to live the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live. Part of this good life is healing because healing is good just as Acts 10:38 says “Jesus went about doing good and healing.”

God wants us to live the healed life so He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses (Matt 8:17) and by His stripes we are healed (1 Pet 2:24). Why? Because God loves us (John 3:16) and gave His Son to purchase our freedom with His precious blood (Acts 20:28).

God wants us to have healing and health in our bodies. In 1 Tim 2:4 we are told that “God wills or desires that all mankind be saved.” The word saved in Greek is *sozo* and it means or can be translated as “save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, do well, be or make whole.” God’s will would include that all be healed and come into the knowledge of the truth.

We hear the heart of the apostle John in 3 John 2 stating that he wished or prayed above all things that we would prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers. God wants us to have and enjoy great health.

A leper in Mark 1:40-42 said to Jesus “If You will You can” talking about healing him and Jesus’ response was “I will.” This is always God’s response for our healing and health. God wants us to have healing.

God Himself said “I am the Lord that heals you” in Ex 15:26. That is really straight forward – God wants us to have and enjoy healing and health.

Healing Power For Your Body

In Mark 5:25-34 we see the woman with the issue of blood coming to Jesus and touching the edge of His garment and the power of God came out of Jesus and healed her. Then Jesus goes on to say to her that it was her faith that made her whole. Which was it the power or her faith? Both – by her faith she activated the power and she was healed. So, the power and faith results in healing.

Also, in Luke 5:15-26 the power of God was present to heal in that house that day. A lame man had his four friends bring him to Jesus' house one day and they ended up tearing open the roof to get in because it was so crowded with people both inside and outside the house. Jesus looking up saw their faith and when he was lowered into the room Jesus told him to get up, take his bed and go home. He got up healed and left praising God. Once again, we see that the power and faith resulted in the healing of the lame man.

Did you notice though that healing is not guaranteed because the power is present? Other people were in the room and a crowd of people followed and touched Jesus but the ones who received their healing were the ones who took it by faith.

God wants us to be healed so strongly that He has provided a number of ways the healing POWER is imparted to our body. I want to share 7 of those different ways.

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| 1 | Rom 8:2, 11 | The Holy Spirit in us quickens our body |
| 2 | Acts 19:11-12 | Anointing handkerchiefs and aprons |
| 3 | Matt 8:5-13 KJV | The spoken word |

In Mark 11:23 we are told we can have what we say so in Matt 8:13 Jesus says ... "go your way and as you have believed be it done unto thee" and the centurion's servant was healed that same hour. What are you saying to and about your body?

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| 4 | Acts 3:1-8 NKJV | The name of Jesus |
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In Mark 16:17 we are told that these signs will follow them that believe in Jesus' name.

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| 5 | James 5:14 NKJV | The anointing of oil |
| 6 | James 5:15 NKJV | The prayer of faith |

Jesus tells us in Mark 11:24 that whatever we desire when pray we are to believe we receive it and we will have it. So from James 5:14 we

believe we receive the healing power of God administered to our body when the elders prayed and anointed us with oil. Verse 13 is important too – we are to learn to pray for ourselves – this is a sign of maturity in our relationship with God.

7 Mark 16:18 Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover

Whichever of the 7 or a combination of them we use to receive our healing stay in faith and thanksgiving until your recovery is complete.

What Are You Allowing?

In Matt 16:19 Jesus tells us of the keys or authority we have in the Kingdom of God to bind and loose.

AMP *I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.”*

CEV *I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth. But he will not allow anything that you don't allow.*

God allows what we allow in our lives because He has given us authority to choose for ourselves. The Holy Spirit reveals to us in Deut 30:19 that God has set before us life and death, blessing and cursing and then gave us the choice to choose what we want.

We can see in Ex 15:26 a statement that has brought confusion to people because they don't understand it was written from a permissive sense and not a causative sense. God said I Am the LORD that heals you and in the same breath I permitted sickness to come on the Egyptians. Also in Deut 7:15 God will take sickness away if He is allowed and in Deut 28:58-61 all disease, every sickness and every plague or affliction is part of the curse.

God allows what we allow in our lives because He has given us the power of choice. Healing is His will for us but we can be sick if we allow it and don't stand in faith against it. Even if you are feeling sick don't just give up and allow it to stay take your stand on the Word of God and run it off because you have a choice.

God instructs us in Gal 5:1 to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

AMPC In [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off].

ERV We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong in that freedom. Don't go back into slavery again.

GW Christ has freed us so that we may enjoy the benefits of freedom. Therefore, be firm in this freedom, and don't become slaves again.

MSG Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

The law of the Spirit of Life in the anointing of Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death (Rom 8:2, 11) which includes sickness and disease. The Spirit of Life in us is quickening and making alive our physical bodies.

Jesus told us to pray in Matt 6:10 "Father, Your will be done on earth in my life as it is in heaven" – it is our choice and Rev 21:4, 22:3 lets us know that there is no pain or curse there.

Let us choose to stand fast in our freedom, our God given benefit of healing and health for our bodies.

Do You Believe?

By Audrey Loewen

Do you have trouble believing God? Are you having trouble seeing God's promises come to pass in your life? Do you have dreams and desires that seem to be taking a long time? Do you believe that God's

Word can come to pass in your life? On what basis are you placing your belief? One thing to ask yourself is what is it that you really believe? Do you believe deep down inside your heart that those promises are yours, that the manifestation is inevitable, and that it is possible for you to achieve your dreams and desires? Or do you believe they only belong to someone else?

To believe is to place confidence in, to be persuaded of, to trust in. When you believe, you are fully persuaded that something is true or something is going to happen. It is possible to be so full of belief that no one and nothing can shake that confidence. Jesus said in Mark 9:23 if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. Can you hear Him asking 'Do you believe I am able to do this?' Nothing in this scripture talks about what Jesus believes, it is only referring to what you believe. You are 100 percent responsible for what you believe. And the good news is you have a choice, you have the ability to choose what you believe. You can change what you believe.

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV) states "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." What you believe comes from your heart. What you believe affects your faith and your ability to receive. Up to now your life experiences, what you have learned over the years, your defeats and victories are all adding up to what is in your heart. Your actions will be more based on what is in your heart than what is in your head. It is good to examine what you believe on the inside and see if you are believing a lie which is blocking you from receiving God's promises or accomplishing the dreams and plans that God has for you. If we can change our beliefs, it will change our ability to receive.

Sometimes we can slide into becoming more of a "knower" than a "believer." We can know certain things in our mind so we can say 'Yes Lord I know that' but the real issue is in our heart we don't really believe that. Yes Lord I know you took sickness and disease for me but until you receive it in your heart you won't experience the fullness of that power. You can hear great teaching on being healed and be very knowledgeable about healing scriptures and that it is God's will for you to be healed but if that never translates into "I believe in my heart that I am healed," it will only remain as head knowledge. So the answer then is to become a believer. Jesus said if we would know the truth then the truth would set us free. Make a choice to believe in God and His promises, to believe in what Jesus has already accomplished on the cross for us. Believe dreams can come true in your life and circumstances can be changed for the better.

Do you know who was a believer? Abraham. Abraham believed God and what he was told would come to pass. God told Abram He would make him the father of many nations and that He would establish His everlasting covenant with Abraham's descendants. Only problem was Sarah was past the age of child bearing so it looked impossible to even have one let alone many descendants through Abraham and Sarah. But Romans 4:18 tells us that Abraham hoped against hope, that he would become the father of many nations. Abraham had NO natural hope and Sarah was past the natural age to bear children. But he put his hope in God's word to him and kept believing for the time for that promise to come to pass. Are you in a situation where you have no hope left, no natural hope? Be of good cheer and look to God's Word because He does have an answer and a hope for you. Let Abraham's testimony speak to you. The bible tells us he believed in the Lord and God considered him righteous for believing. And it wasn't just that Abraham believed God, it was a persistent believing and commitment to that belief that Abraham exercised.

So Abraham kept on believing, day after day, month after month, year after year and finally when he was 100 years old, that precious promise, baby Isaac, was born to Abraham and Sarah. Have you lost hope trying to lay hold of God's promises, trying to hold on to your dreams? Are you in a place where you have no idea what else can possibly be done? Well don't give up now, the Lord is not done with you and He always has a way and an answer for you if you will only just believe, be willing to believe a little longer, long enough to see the promise come to pass.

Do you believe the promises are yours? Will you believe? Well Jesus told us that if we would speak to our mountain, and believe that the things that we say would come to pass, we could have what we say. He told us to believe we receive when we pray and we could have what we prayed. We need to believe 'it' – whatever we prayed for - will come to pass. It matters if we believe, it matters what we believe. What is it that you need or desire? Do you need healing? Make a list that you can carry with you throughout the day so when you have a break at work or are waiting for an appointment, you can pull out your list and speak those scriptures over yourself. Say 'Lord I thank You that You have redeemed me from the curse and sickness and disease is a curse, thank You that by the stripes of Jesus I was healed, and if I was healed then I am healed.'

Deuteronomy 28 talks about sickness and diseases that didn't even have names back then but Galatians teaches us that Jesus has

redeemed us from the curse which includes all sickness and disease. Name whatever it is that is bothering you, hurting you, talk to that part and say body part you are healed and well, you are whole and pain free in the name of Jesus. I don't believe sickness has a right to exist in my body. I have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus and I deny its right to stay and cause me harm. I don't deny I am fighting something but I do deny its right to hurt me or kill me.

The same thing applies to needs like finances. Philippians 4:19 says my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. That word need includes requirement, employment, necessity, needful, want. If it's a new(er) vehicle that I need I say "thank You Lord that You supply all my need according to Your riches so I thank You for my debt free car." If its finances then I say "thank You for x amount of dollars, all my bills are paid in full and I have more than enough to give to every good work. I believe I have all my needs met. I believe I have 'it'" and I just keep repeating that to myself several times throughout the day. The repetition does not make it come to pass, the repetition builds up my belief that it is true in my life. Jesus said we could have what we say if we would believe. Take the time to fill your heart so full of belief it doesn't matter how loud the circumstances are talking to you, your belief in your heart drowns the negative voices out.

Believing God causes me to be thankful and grateful to God for His provision. When I speak His word over and over I sense this joy rising up on the inside of me and it causes me to give Him much praise. Joy comes when you believe God. When He gives you a word to stand on, you get to choose to believe that word. So if you do then you will experience the victory and joy on the inside before you even see the manifestation. But know this, that it is yours. Give Him much praise and thanksgiving for making a way, for giving you the victory.

So choose to be a believer. It only takes a moment to have a change of heart. Make a decision to just believe God and change what you believe in your heart, stick with it, be persistent like Abraham and you will surely see results. Choose to believe God and believe that things can change in your life. Enjoy the blessings of being a believer.

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