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CONFIDENCE *without* WAVERING

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We've been on a series on healing.

What are we wanting to accomplish on this series?

John 8:32 - "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- Change how you view sickness and health.
- To know that it is God's desire and PLAN for us to healthy and whole.
- I don't want healing to be a concept...but a reality.
- We can't get comfortable with sickness...something we learn to live with.
- We must come to the place where we are comfortable with what the Word says on healing.
- It is time to RAISE our expectations on healing...and health.

GOD SPOKE TO KENNETH COPELAND: "I want my people well."

BELOVED: We are not the sick who are trying to get well. We are the healed that satan is trying to steal from.

We must stop him.

Last week, we started by discussing all the ways people are trying to tap into the power of God for healing. Begging, dealing, etc.

HOWEVER: There seems to be ONE main ingredient for healing.

James 5:15 - "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

It comes down to faith...the prayer of faith.

WITHOUT FAITH it is impossible to please God.

And if it God's desire for us to be healthy and whole...then we will need faith to do it.

Hebrews 11:6 - "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Exodus 15:26 - "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: **for I am the LORD that healeth thee.**"

Malachi 4:2 - "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness **arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

THEREFORE: If we are going to COME TO THE ONE who is the Healer and has HEALING in His wings...

THEN WE MUST...

- 1.) Believe that He is...ABLE TO HEAL! (Do what we are believing)
- 2.) Believe that He is a REWARDER...WILLING TO HEAL.

Two key elements regarding coming to God for your healing is that you are fully aware that He is BOTH able and willing to do it.

If there is ANY hint that PERHAPS He isn't able or that He isn't willing to heal you...you very well will walk away in the same condition.

Psalm 107:20 – “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”

Hebrews 4:2 – “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**”

If you don't believe it...it won't work for you.

NOTE: BELOVED: Our main job is, when we are hurting or sick is to keep taking the medicine of HIS WORD (Proverbs 4:22) until all levels of doubt and unbelief are destroyed...and the only thing left is HIS WORD, HIS WILL.

BELOVED: Faith isn't some game of may be win, maybe we don't. It is, in it's simplest form... knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is able, willing and done.

1 John 5:14-15

14 And this is the **confidence that we have in him**, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

UNDERSTAND: Confidence in the Word and that the Word will come to pass is THE KEY to receiving what you are praying for.

We MUST eliminate any uncertainty concerning God's will for us to be healed.

SOMEONE SAID: “Faith for healing stops at the question marks.”

Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

QUESTION: How are we to approach the THRONE of Grace? Mildly? Weakly? With uncertainty?

NOPE...with boldness.

QUESTION: What happens when we come with boldness?

ANSWER: We find grace!

Grace is God's ability on us to do what we couldn't do on our own.

THEREFORE: If sickness is attacking us...we've tried everything we know to do...then we need to meet up with God's grace for healing.

So boldness it is! Boldness for what? That He will give us what we are in need of.

I have heard too many pastors pray, “If it be thy will”...WHAT?

What do you think the Bible is? God's diary of what a perfect world would be like...but it is a dream? NO!

His Word is His will.

KENNETH COPELAND: “Faith for healing begins where the WILL OF GOD is known.”

LAST WEEK we went through many accounts in the New Covenant of people who were healed by Jesus...and we saw these two elements present in each circumstance...they knew God was **ABLE** and **WILLING** to heal.

Here is one more...

Luke 5:17-26 (healing the paralyzed man)

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: ***and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.***

NOTE #1: These men were not there to get healed, to learn anything...but to find-fault, to critique, etc.

There is no record of anyone else in that house being healed...yet...

NOTE: #2: The power of the Lord was present to heal them.

BELOVED: Guard yourself. Don't be among those who are attacking people who are seeing healing and the power of God (ie: Bill Johnson)...because you will miss what they have. Too many Christians are so busy finding fault of men like Bill Johnson, Kenneth Copeland, etc. that they miss the anointing that is available.

UNDERSTAND: Just because the power of God is there to heal...does NOT mean that healing will take place!

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

The carried the man to the roof...either by a ladder (on the side of the house) or steps that led to the roof.

The roof was made up of clay...with thatch, etc.

They **DUG A HOLE** (no easy feat)...big enough for the bed.

20 And when ***he saw their faith***, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. They didn't do what they did because they hoped something would happen...they knew if they could get their friend before Jesus that He would be **ABLE** and **WILLING** to heal him. Jesus saw these two criteria to faith!

"Thy sins be forgiven" (?) What? What does that have to do with healing? See vs. 23.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

Anyone can say thy sins be forgiven...because there is no physical proof.

But when you say, "Rise up and walk...better see something!"

BELOVED: It is NOT suppose to be hard!

When we get to the point of healing being as easy to receive as our salvation...we will step into more healings!

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

Healing is God's Will

Exodus 15:26 – “And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, ***I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.***”

Exodus 23:25 – “And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; ***and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.***”

Exodus 23:26 – “There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: ***the number of thy days I will fulfil.***”

Psalm 91:14-16

- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore WILL I deliver him: I WILL set him on high, be cause he hath known my name.
 15 He shall call upon me, and I WILL answer him: I WILL be with him in trouble; I WILL deliver him, and honour him.
 16 With long life WILL I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Come on, folks. Why would we ever question HIS WILL for us to be healed. He literally tells us that it is HIS WILL.

THE ONLY reason that we put the question on if it is HIS WILL to heal is to take the focus off of our lack of faith, when it doesn't work.

IN OTHER WORDS: My faith was perfect, God's ability was not!

Which is ridiculous!

No Wavering

James 1:2-8 (***read it all up front***)

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

UNDERSTAND: The battle does NOT necessarily make you stronger...

- Many people have fallen away from God because of battles.
- **HOWEVER:** If you stand in the battle, until the victory you can be stronger and more equipped for the next battle.

IF YOU are going to make it and be stronger...patience is mandatory.

“Patience” isn't just WAITING for the answer.

“Patience” is standing in faith...walking by faith...living by faith...consistently until manifestation comes.

Galatians 6:9 – “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

THINK ABOUT Peter walking on the water. It wasn't that he didn't have faith...it is just that the faith didn't last until he got back into the boat.

NOTICE: When patience has it's finished work...you will be perfect and entire lacking nothing.

This is God's plan for you!

- 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

BELOVED: In the middle of the battle...you can have those moments when frustration will creep up on you. To bring **WRONG** thoughts into your head.

AGAIN: That is what will bring a hitch in your giddy-up.

YOUR QUESTION: "Am I doing everything I should do? Am I missing something?" Then ask! "**Upbraideth**" – He won't scold you, shame you.

The **ENEMY** loves bringing question marks to your mind. Because as long as there are question marks regarding your healing...it will be tough to see it come to pass.

- 6 **But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

"**Wavering**" – diakrono – to contend, to doubt, to strive with dispute, oppose, separate thoroughly. When we see this word "wavering" it is more than just up and down thoughts...it is an attempt to separate you from the promise.

They are statements that rise up inside you **to contend with the Word** that you have read.

Mark 11:23 – "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not **doubt** in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

We are told to contend for the faith! Jude 1:3

NOTICE: It is these **CONTENDING** thoughts that rise up in us, that make us lack confidence/boldness...that cause us to be like the wave of the sea.

NOTE: A wave is controlled by the wind...it doesn't control itself...it does whatever the **CONDITIONS** tell it to do.

If you are **HAVING CONTENDING THOUGHTS** about the Word, you will **NOT** go where you want to go...but where the **CONDITIONS** send you.

You are not in control.

REMEMBER: Acts 27 – contrary winds forced them to change course!

- 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

- 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

What can we expect if we have **CONTENDING** thoughts? **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!**

We must get rid of those contending thoughts. Stand in the Word.

Come to Steal the Word

Mark 4:16-17

- 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

- 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

Vs. 17 – Battle arises to steal the Word.

The Word you KNOW will make you free!

BELOVED: You are no threat to satan's kingdom until you BELIEVE and WORK the Word...and won't back down.

YOU SAY, "But my situation is so bad!"

UNDERSTAND: The sun and the field were exactly the same in verse 20...but the Word was rooted DEEP inside of the soil...so it produced 100 fold.

UNDERSTAND: When you start having contending thoughts about the Word...you will walk in doubt... you won't receive your healing.

ULTIMATELY...according to Mark 4:17 you will get offended at your pastor, at others who are receiving healing AND at God.

Matthew 11 – John the Baptist is offended that Jesus is free preaching and that he is in prison.
Never a good idea.

John the Baptists was not in control, due to contending thoughts, and LOST HIS HEAD!

Get the Word, Keep the Word

Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, **and health to all their flesh.**

"health" – medicine

ILLUSTRATION: Have you ever been given an antibiotic? What are the doctor's orders? Take them until you run out.

- Don't stop because you think it isn't working.
- Don't stop because you start feeling better.

You have to keep taking them to eradicate the infection.

BELOVED: The Word is the same way.

- What if you don't feel like it is working? Keep working it! Keep taking it.
- What if you feel a bit better? Take some time off? Nope!

The second you take some time off...those contending thoughts will rise back up and infection will rise up again.

It is funny (not so funny) how the doctor will say to us...it may not seem to be working, but keep taking it.

GUESS WHAT? We will keep taking it!

But the Word? Do we keep taking it? If we want it to work...we MUST.

God is NOT Holding Out on Us

1 Timothy 6:17 – "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, **but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**"

QUESTION: How does God give to us?

ANSWER: Richly (abundantly, copiously or in great quantities)

God is not holding back on your health or healing/strength.

Romans 8:32 – "He that spared not his own Son, but **delivered him up for us all**, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**"

BELOVED: He gave His Son...so why wouldn't he give us FREELY all things.

"Freely" – to show favor, to grant favor,

(FAVOR defined: something done or granted out of goodwill, rather than from justice or for remuneration; a kind act:)

Isaiah 30:19 – “For the people shall **dwelt in Zion** at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: **he will be very gracious unto thee** at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, **he will answer thee.**”
“Gracious” – show favor, bestow (as a gift)

Isaiah 65:24 – “And it shall come to pass, **that before they call**, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

FOLKS: God is not waiting to see what the request is before He says yes...His answers, before you ask, are yes and amen (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Psalms 91:15,16 (we read last week...I will statements)

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

NOTE: Sometimes we wonder why it isn't happening...well, you gotta read the whole chapters...gotta dwell in the secret place, sit under His feathers, etc.

Matthew 7:7-11

7 **Ask, and it shall be given you;** seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 **For every one that asketh receiveth;** and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, **how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

GO BACK to my illustration last week: Me giving away a million dollars to everyone who comes. **I SUPPOSE** I could make up a lot of rules...bow down and kiss my shoes...do a dance for me...beg, I mean REALLY beg...

“Give” in Matthew 7 is the word didomee...I means to give what is obligatory or due...in other words, it has already been given, you are just picking it up.

ILLUSTRATION: Getting your paycheck...do you have to beg for it? Not it is due you.

THEREFORE: WHEN YOU ASK (aiteo)...it shall be given, because it is yours!