Jesus Heals You – Why Healing Matters
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[Mat 4:23 NASB95] – 23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

[Mat 9:35 NASB95] – 35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

- When you are healthy, healing can sound like a theological topic. When you are hurting, it becomes personal. It becomes the parent praying over a sick child. The person waiting for test results. The family watching someone they love suffer. The believer wondering, 'Does Jesus see what I am going through?'
- Before we begin asking how to receive healing, we need to answer a foundational question: Why should we study healing at all?
- The answer begins with Jesus. What did He consistently give His attention to?
- Read Matthew 4:23 and 9:35. Both describe Jesus teaching, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness.
- Jesus taught truth. Jesus proclaimed good news. Jesus ministered healing. If we want to understand His ministry, we must give attention to all three.
- Healing matters to us because hurting people matter to Jesus.
- Matthew 4:23 introduces a major presentation of Jesus' ministry. Chapters 5–7 display His authoritative teaching; chapters 8–9 display His authority through miracles. Matthew 9:35 then repeats the summary.
- These matching descriptions frame teaching and miracles together: Jesus announces the kingdom and demonstrates its restoring power. Immediately afterward, He expresses compassion for the crowds, calls for laborers, and commissions the Twelve.

Why should healing matter to every follower of Jesus?

Healing matters because it teaches us to trust Jesus, shows us His kingdom, reveals His compassion, and calls us into His ministry.

I. **Healing Matters Because We Need to Hear What Jesus Teaches**
   a. Teaching in their synagogues" — Matthew 4:23; 9:35.
   b. Jesus' healing ministry included instruction. He gave people truth about God, His kingdom, and the response He desired.
   c. We should therefore study healing rather than build our understanding entirely on rumors, disappointments, or extraordinary testimonies. Our understanding begins with what Scripture reveals about Jesus.
   d. Matthew's summary joins teaching, preaching, and healing. It does not establish an unbreakable sequence for every miracle, but it does show that Word and ministry belong together.
   e. [Luk 6:17-19 NASB95] – 17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and [there was] a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing [them] all.

f. [Rom 10:17 NASB95] – 17 So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
g. [Mar 4:14, 20 NASB95] – 14 "The sower sows the word. ... 20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."
h. [Act 14:8-10 NASB95] – 8 At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and [began] to walk.
i. Applications: Examine your assumptions. Are they grounded in the biblical portrait of Jesus? Read His healing accounts and distinguish what the text says from what you have assumed. Bring your disappointments into the presence of Jesus. You can honestly say, “I have questions, but I am willing to hear You again.” During this series, read one healing account daily. Write down what it reveals about Jesus, then turn that observation into prayer.
j. Give the Word a place in your heart before you give fear the final word.”
k. Hearing Scripture nourishes faith; it is not a formula that makes God indebted to us or a measure by which we blame people who remain sick.

II. Healing Matters Because It Shows Us the Kingdom of Jesus

a. “Proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing” — Matthew 4:23; 9:35.
b. Jesus proclaimed the good news of God’s reign. His miracles provided visible evidence that the King was present and acting.
c. Healing was real relief for suffering people, and it also carried a message: Jesus has authority over what damages human life.
d. When Jesus healed, people encountered more than an impressive event. They encountered the Messiah. His works called them to recognize Him, trust Him, and glorify God.
e. Healing also anticipates the complete restoration God will bring. We experience genuine works of His power now while awaiting the day when suffering and death are finally removed.
f. [Mat 11:2-6 NASB95] – 2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent [word] by his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: 5 [the] BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and [the] lame walk, [the] lepers are cleansed and [the] deaf hear, [the] dead are raised up, and [the] POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. 6 "And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."
g. [Mat 9:6-8 NASB95] – 6 "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home." 7 And he got up and went home. 8 But when the crowds saw [this,] they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.
h. [Act 10:38 NASB95] – 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
i. [Rev 21:4 NASB95] – 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be [any] death; there will no longer be [any] mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

j. Applications: Ask what a healing reveals about Jesus. Evaluate testimonies carefully, and let verified works of God strengthen your confidence in Him. Your suffering is not the whole story. Jesus' kingdom gives you grounds for hope, both in present prayer and in His promised restoration. When sharing a testimony, name the need, describe what happened accurately, and direct attention to Jesus. Connect the testimony to the gospel.
k. The miracle is a signpost. Follow it to Jesus.
l. Pray expectantly for the Holy Spirit to demonstrate Jesus' power. Keep Jesus at the center of every manifestation and testimony.

III. Healing Matters Because Hurting People Matter to Jesus

a. [Mat 9:35-36 NASB95] – 35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.
b. Matthew does not leave us with a list of ministry activities. He shows us the heart behind them.
c. Jesus saw people who were distressed and dispirited, like sheep without a shepherd. Their suffering moved Him.
d. He saw people, not merely conditions. Their pain mattered. Their vulnerability mattered. Their need for a shepherd mattered.
e. We study healing because we want our picture of Jesus and our treatment of hurting people to reflect His compassion.
f. [Mat 14:14 NASB95] – 14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.
g. [Mar 1:40-42 NASB95] – 40 And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.
h. [Luk 13:10-16 NASB95] – 10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." 13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and [began] glorifying God. 14 But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, [began] saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water [him?] 16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"
i. [Jhn 9:1-3 NASB95] – 1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "[It was] neither [that] this man sinned, nor his parents; but [it was] so that the works of God might be displayed in him.
j. Applications: Refuse simplistic explanations of someone's illness. Scripture gives us no permission to diagnose every sickness as personal sin, weak faith, or demonic activity. Receive this truth: you are loved before you are healed. A continuing struggle does not

make you less valuable to Jesus. Put compassion into action. Pray, visit, provide a meal, offer transportation, and stay connected after the altar service.

k. The person still waiting for healing still deserves our full love.
l. Spiritual gifts must operate through love. Compassion shapes how we pray, speak, listen, and follow up.

IV. Healing Matters Because Jesus Calls Us to Continue His Ministry

a. [Mat 9:35-38 NASB95] – 35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."
b. [Mat 10:1-8 NASB95] – 1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in [the] way of [the] Gentiles, and do not enter [any] city of the Samaritans; 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal [the] sick, raise [the] dead, cleanse [the] lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.
c. The movement of this passage is significant: Jesus ministers. Jesus sees the need. Jesus calls for workers. Jesus sends disciples. Matthew 10 records a specific commission to the Twelve. The wider New Testament shows the church continuing to pray for healing and minister through the Holy Spirit.
d. Jesus remains the divine Son; Acts 10:38 also emphasizes the Holy Spirit's anointing in His earthly ministry. His followers serve through the Spirit's power and under His authority.
e. [Mat 10:1, 7-8 NASB95] – 1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. ... 7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal [the] sick, raise [the] dead, cleanse [the] lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.
f. [Act 1:8 NASB95] – 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
g. [Act 4:29-31 NASB95] – 29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and [began] to speak the word of God with boldness.
h. [1Co 12:7-11 NASB95] – 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of

spirits, to another [various] kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

i. [Jas 5:14-16 NASB95] – 14 Is anyone among you sick? [Then] he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
j. Applications: Recognize healing prayer as a biblical responsibility of the church. We obey the command to pray while depending on God for the outcome. You do not need to feel impressive to be useful. Compassion and dependence on the Spirit are a better starting point than confidence in yourself. This week, ask someone who is hurting, “May I pray for you?” With permission, pray simply in Jesus’ name, offer practical help, and follow up.
k. We cannot manufacture a miracle, but we can obey the call to pray.
l. Invite believers to seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fresh filling for compassionate witness and ministry.

- **Healing matters because Jesus teaches us to trust Him, reveals His kingdom and compassion through healing, and empowers His church to continue His ministry.**
- If you are hurting, bring your need. If you are disappointed, bring your questions. If you are healthy, bring your hands and your willingness to serve.
- Jesus taught. Jesus proclaimed. Jesus healed. Let us hear His Word, trust His heart, and follow His example.