



Experiencing Healing Today

James 5:13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

If anyone is suffering - pray.

If anyone is sick - pray for healing.

- 1. Anti-Supernaturalists.** They don't believe that miracles stopped with the death of apostles; they believe that miracles never occurred in the first place.
- 2. Hardcore Cessationist.** They reject any supernatural manifestations, don't embrace miracles, or believe in demonic possession today.
- 3. Softcore Cessationist.** They don't reject the supernatural completely and believe that God allows miracles where the gospel is breaking new ground.
- 4. Believing Continuationist.** They believe that gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today and that miracles are real today but don't practice them or expect them.
- 5. Practicing Continuationists.** They welcome all the gifts and practice them in their life.
- 6. Abusing Continuationists.** They abuse the gifts of the Holy Spirit and glamorize them. They elevate the spiritual experience to be above the written Word of God.

Miracles help us to know God personally.

2 Kings 5:15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God . He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."

- 1. Miracles come by faith and faith comes by hearing.**



2 Kings 5:3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

Healing is God's will (Mt 8:2-3), His name (Ex 15:26), His promise (Ps 103:3), His cross (Is 53:5; Mt 8:17)

2. Miracles don't happen when we are aware of our weakness, we have to be aware of His word.

2 Kings 5:7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

2 Kings 5:8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."

We are commanded to heal the sick, not just pray for healing. (Mt 10:8; Jn 5:8; Ac 3:6; Mk 16:17-18)

Acts 3:12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

Acts 3:16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

The use of another person's name to declare legal rights is called "the power of attorney." This is a privileged power that Jesus has delegated to us in confronting sickness and demons.

Our faith is in HIS NAME, not in faith. This faith came from Him, not us!

Little faith talks to God about the problem. Great faith talks to the problem about God.

3. Miracles happen when we don't give up until we get an answer.

2 Kings 5:11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy"

2 Kings 5:14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.



God heals in 3 ways:

1. naturally
2. medically
3. supernaturally