

Standing on the Word of God for Your Healing

II Corinthian 6:1-2 “We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain... Behold, **now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**” God does not want you to miss out on what Jesus Christ has done for you this day. Today, God urges you to receive His grace for your healing or deliverance. How do you do this? The moment that hands are laid on you or the moment you hear God’s Word, the Truth, about what belongs to you, believe that God’s healing and deliverance has taken place. Sometimes, people see the outcome of their healing instantly and at other times people see the outward manifestation hours, days, weeks or months later. Do not allow the delay to cause you to doubt.

A. Doubt – Do Without

In this waiting period, how do you keep from doubting? Doubting is wavering between the natural facts – the symptoms - and the Truth of God’s Word? The symptoms declare you are sick; but the Truth in *I Peter 2:24* declares “*by whose (Jesus) stripes you were healed*”. The enemy tries to gain a foothold in your thinking, by causing you to question God’s Word, that truly “you were healed”. The enemy wants you to believe that “you were not healed” and “you will never get well”. Your agreement with these thoughts empowers the enemy to continue to make you sick. Refuse the enemies thoughts; do not believe what you see and feel more than God’s Word.

In *I Kings 18:21* Elijah said to the Israelites, “*How long will you falter (waver) between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal (satan), follow him.*” You have a choice since the beginning of time, just like Adam and Eve did, of whose words you will accept, believe, and obey.

James 1: 6-7 states “*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*” A double-minded man has two minds: the mind of Christ (His Word, His thoughts and opinions) and the mind of satan (his words, his thoughts and opinions). To receive from the Lord, we must keep from doubting, wavering between these two mindsets.

What do you do when a thought or a mental picture comes knocking at the door of your mind that goes against God’s Word of healing or victory in your life? You need to deny its entrance, thereby rendering it powerless to influence you. *II Corinthians 10:5* tells us that we are to be “*casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*” Any thought, feeling, impression, image, suggestion, vision or dream that has already gained entrance into your mind and heart which does not come into agreement with what God’s Word says – “you were healed” – you need to get rid of it. You can not afford to entertain even one negative thought for a moment. As a preventative measure during this time, you may want to stay away from situations that will not affirm your present position in Christ, as one who has already been healed or delivered.

B. Strengthen Your Faith

Romans 4:19-20 “*And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*” Abraham and Sarah were given God’s Word that they would bear children. God’s Word according from the perspective of natural facts or natural thinking would have not only been unbelievable, but laughable. What Abraham chose to do in this waiting period is what you will need to choose if you desire to have the outward manifestation of God’s Word prevail in your life.

1. Do not consider, fix your thoughts, on how severe your symptoms are or how impossible your situation is. The power to produce the promise was not in Abraham’s body or Sarah’s body, their bodies were “dead”, not able, to produce the promise. So, be of good courage if your body has gone beyond natural means to recover; God is able and willing to perform what your body can not do and what no doctor is able to do.

2. Instead, consider or fix your thoughts on God's Word as this will produce the faith needed to become fully persuaded that God will perform His Word just as He said. *John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."*
3. In the process of being fully persuaded, begin to give glory to God. *John 4:24 "...worship in spirit and truth."* Worship God drenched in the love He has already shown you through the cross and the Truth about His personality – the One who saves, redeems, strengthens, and heals every aspect of your being. Praising and thanking God for your healing not only demonstrates your current faith but causes your faith to grow strong. *Psalms 103: 2-3 "Bless – affectionately praise- the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...Who heals all your diseases."* **Practical Application:** Purposefully, schedule time for when you will praise and thank God for your healing, even when you do not see a change or feel any different. For example, set your watch for every hour on the hour to exercise your faith. Just like many other skills, developing a lifestyle of praising and thanking God will take practice. You were healed because the Word of God says so, not because you feel better.

C. Take God's Word as the Final Authority

Believe God's Word more than the most trusted person you know. God's Word about your health says, "By His stripes you were healed" *1 Peter 2:24*. "God is not a man that He should lie...Has He said and will He not do?" *Numbers 23:19*. If a will or a trust was legally signed indicating you inherited a large sum of money, you would make sure you understood what was written and then act accordingly so you could possess what was legally yours. The New Testament is God's updated written "will" for you. It is not signed with ink, but with the blood of His Son, Jesus. Act upon God's Words, as you would a legal will or trust, as if the good you anticipate from what is written is already yours.

1. **Understand what is written.** To understand means that you have the same ideas as the person who speaks. Two of the best ways to gain understanding of God's Word is to pray and meditate.
 - a. **Pray:** *Ephesians 1:17 -18 "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (as Jehovah Rapha, your Healer), the eyes of your understanding being enlightened..." Luke 24:45 "And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures"* Understanding what you hear releases faith for God's intervention. One of the first things you must understand is that God's healing Word is for you and for now. Hear His Words as if Jesus is speaking right in front of you.
 - b. **Meditate:** To meditate on God's Word means to repeat it continually mentally or verbally, which involves **thinking** and **speaking** the Truth all day. *Joshua 1:8* tells us to "...meditate on it day and night...for then you will have good success." God wants you to meditate on what He has said about your healing, not on what the doctors have said or what your flesh tells you about the sickness. **Practical Application:** 1) Take a few healing scriptures from the "Healing Prescriptions" pamphlet and begin to say them out loud over and over again. Jesus gives you a great example to follow in *Matthew 4:1-11*. When Satan tempts you to doubt, say "It is written...(insert scripture)". 2) Quote the healing scriptures out loud 2-3 times daily **with faith and authority**.
2. **Declare what is written.** As you see through the eyes of faith, make bold declarations that release the power of God's Word over your life. By declaring what God says, the "T"ruth, your faith will be strengthened. While talking about the sickness, the lower "t"ruth, your faith will be weakened. You will tend to believe what you hear. Guess what you hear the most, yourself. So, develop your faith by getting your mouth to work for you, saying and declaring what God has said. **Practical Application:** 1) Personalize the healing scriptures by putting the pronoun "I" or your name in the verse and declare it over yourself. For example: "By His stripes **"I"** or (your name) was healed (*1 Peter 2:24*)." 2) Declare what is written on the Healing Declarations handout.
3. **Set a date** when you believed what is written about your healing or deliverance, just as you would for your salvation. Then, declare this date as being the day you received what you asked for. (*Mark 11:24*)

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