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THIS WEEK'S STUDY

The Kingdom of God Is Not Just Talk, but Power

Healing

Mark 10:13–16

I Introduction

Our God is the healer of our bodies and, ultimately, our souls. While on earth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ gave His disciples authority and sent them out to heal the sick, among other things. They returned with great joy and testimonies (Mark 10:8; Luke 10:17–20). Before His ascension, He gave all His believers authority and commanded us to heal the sick (Mark 16:15–17).

> OBEDIENCE IS OURS; RESULTS ARE HIS
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> *We may not be putting our faith to work enough in the area of healing. If the hindrance is fear of failure or lack of faith, we must remember that our responsibility is to obey, while the results are His responsibility, and the glory His.*

In this study we look at some scriptures and testimonies on healing and the power of God.

II Healing and the Power of God

1 God Heals Through Children, and Through Older People with Childlike Faith

Mark 10:13–16 (NLT) recounts a day when some parents brought their children to Jesus so He could touch and bless them, but the disciples told them not to bother Him. When Jesus saw what was happening, He was very displeased with His disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to Me. Don't stop them! For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Then He said, "I assure you, anyone who doesn't have their kind of faith will never get into the kingdom of God." In essence, without this childlike faith, believers would not be able to participate in and demonstrate the power of the Kingdom.

2 The Apostles Demonstrated Healing and Invite Us to Practise It

Apostle Paul's ministry was authenticated by miracles that fully presented the gospel (Romans 15:18–19). Apostle James invites us to practise our faith when we are sick by calling on the elders of the church to pray in faith, and encourages us to confess our sins to each other so that we may be healed (James 5:14–16).

3 God Heals in Different Ways

Healing may be instant, progressive, or require us to obey natural laws so that our bodies can repair.

III Two Testimonies

Hunter

A child called Hunter learnt in Sunday School that he could practise the healing lesson he had been taught, and he did so for his mother. He persisted with expectation, following up to check whether she had improved, and she had. Hunter did not heal his mum; Jesus did. But his willingness to pray shows that God uses anyone who believes, regardless of age.

Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve shared three experiences: an instant healing during worship without any direct prayer; another when his church members held a prayer chain for his healing; and another when he dared to trust God, risking the pain of standing up immediately, and was healed.

IV Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the disciples turned the children away in Mark 10:13–16? Share your thoughts on this passage.
2. What are some of the reasons why trusting God for healing seems more far-fetched than other alternatives?
3. Share experiences where God healed you through meditation on Scripture, a fellow believer's prayer, a time of worship, hearing someone else's testimony, or simply being in the assembly of believers.
4. What strikes you most about Hunter's or Pastor Steve's testimonies?
5. How important are healing the sick and other demonstrations of power to the propagation of the gospel? (Mark 16:15–17)

MEMORY VERSE

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20

✷ ACTION POINT

From now on, be conscious of the authority God has given you to heal the sick. Put your faith to work, and leave the rest to God.

Conclusion

God has given us the power to heal. Jesus, His disciples, and Apostle Paul demonstrated it. The testimonies of Hunter, Pastor Steve, and his church remind us that God uses anyone who believes, regardless of age or position in church. As we walk by faith and not by sight, we become vessels through which God's healing power flows. Whatever challenges we face, God remains present, faithful, and powerful. As we trust Him and remain steadfast, our faith is strengthened, our character is refined, our Christian witness carries tangible evidence, and God is glorified through our lives.