Stirred To Action – Part 2

*“Moving in the Spirit as we pray for sick”*

I. The Church should not wait for the pandemic to end to be about the business of the Kingdom.

***2 Cor. 6:2 Today is the day of salvation...***

A. The New Testament word for “salvation” includes physical healing and deliverance from evil spirits as well as having our sins forgiven and receiving eternal life through Jesus Christ.

B. The best way to guard against spiritual compromise is to move in the Spirit. We keep the enemy from getting in by letting the Spirit flow out to bless others. God hasn’t called the church to merely “hold the line”, He’s called it to “advance the line” of His Kingdom authority in the world. Picture a garden hose in a mud puddle: mud can’t get into the hose if water is flowing out!

***Mt. 16:18 You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.***

II. Last time, we looked at being stirred to action through “simple prophecy”. Today, we will look at being stirred to pray for the sick. One main point today is every believer can do this.

1Cor. 14:31 You can all prophesy.

1Cor. 12:7 The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.

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Mt. 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Mk. 16:17-18 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues…18they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

III. Some thoughts on praying for the sick

A. ***What actually happens when we pray for someone, and they get better?*** In essence, the healing power of God flows through us and into the body of the one who is sick, coming against that sickness, dealing with it, and replacing it with health

B. ***On what basis can we claim healing?*** On the basis of the finished work of the cross. The power to heal is in the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross. We can’t heal anyone, but we can be yielded vessels for God to use.

***Isa 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs*** (sicknesses)***, And carried our sorrows*** (pains)....***5 And by His stripes we are healed.***

IV. Two Examples of divine healing from the ministry of Jesus

A. It’s interesting that Jesus never turned away a sick person who came to Him for healing. There is no record of that in any of the gospels. Jesus never said, “You’re sickness is too severe” or “It’s not the will of God to heal you.” In Luke 4:40, we see that there was healing power that emanated from the Person of Jesus.

***Lk 4:40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying hands on every one of them, He was healing them.***

B. Mark 5:24-34 helps us see more clearly how healing power emanated through the Person of Jesus. It is the incident in which a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years was healed. In a sense, the power to heal coming from Jesus was available for everybody at that time; however, only one woman received it. Why? Because her personal faith released the power. Everybody else was thronging Jesus, but she touched Him.

***Mk 5:24 ....and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. 25Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”***

***29Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the [***[***f***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+5+&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-24394f)***]affliction. 30And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes***?”(one version – **who touched Me?**)

***31But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”32And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”***