

Remnant Life Church

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Healing Power – Components of a Healing

Luke 7:1-10

Mark 5:24-34

Mark 10:46-52

- There are 35 miracles of Jesus recorded in the 4 Gospels
 - Of those – 23 are for physical healing
 - This does not include those Jesus raised from the dead
 - This morning – look at 3 familiar accounts of healing in the NT
 - What components do they all contain that are important to receive healing?
 - Should we incorporate these into our lives?
1. The Centurion's Servant
 - a. **READ** – Luke 7:1-10
 - b. Jesus has just finished the sermon on the plain (Lk 6:20-49)
 - c. He enters Capernaum
 - i. Encounters Jewish leaders on behalf of a Roman Centurion
 1. Centurion – a professional Roman soldier normally in charge of 80 men
 2. Senior Centurion in charge over a Cohort – 480 men (or 6 centuriae)
 - ii. Why would Jews be speaking on behalf of a Roman?
 1. These were the oppressors of the Jewish people
 2. (modern example) Jesus on earth in the early 1940s and a group of Rabbis approach Him on behalf of a Nazi officer
 - iii. His position is also why he knew first-hand what it meant to have authority
 - d. Components of the centurion
 - i. A man of character and quality (vv 4-5)
 - ii. A man of humility (vv 6-7a)
 - iii. A man of faith (v 7b)
 - e. Jesus said that he showed uncommon faith
 - f. Our circumstances should never cause our faith to be diminished
 2. The Bleeding Woman
 - a. **READ** – Mark 5:25-34
 - b. Again, Jesus has just finished ministering and is headed toward another place
 - i. God is never too busy for us
 - ii. Neither should we be to those who matter and who God brings across our paths
 - c. A woman pushes through the crowd to touch His clothes
 - i. It would not have been easy for her to get to him – especially alone
 - ii. Her bleeding would have made her an outcast
 - d. Components of the woman

- i. Simple faith (*If I just touch His clothes - v 28*)
- ii. Persistence and perseverance (*v 27*)
 - 1. Some wording of this verse is ‘pushed her way through the crowd’
 - 2. Paul writes - ...*we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Rom 5:3-4*
- iii. Reverence (*trembling with fear – v 33*)
- iv. Purpose and intent (*v 30*)
- e. Conventional wisdom (the disciples) said it was an accident (*vv 30-32*)
 - i. Many will offer all types of explanations
 - ii. Know the difference by your walk with God
- f. Jesus knew the difference between intentional (*v 30*) and accidental (*v 31*)
- g. How purposeful, direct, and intentional are we when it comes to our prayers?

3. Blind Bartimaeus

- a. **READ - Mark 10:46-52**
- b. Jesus arrives in the major city of Jericho on His way to Jerusalem leading to His final week
 - i. The road was always heavily traveled which meant beggars would sit along the roadside
 - ii. These men were the hopeless of society since there was no way they could take care of themselves and there were no programs to provide for their needs
- c. Components of the beggar
 - i. Called out in faith (*v 47*) – not willing to sit quietly while Jesus passed him by
 - ii. Would not listen to the detractors (*v 48*)
 - iii. Did not hold on to the expected and comfortable (*v 50*)
 - 1. His cloak would have been his most valuable and only possession
 - 2. He knew there was something better
 - iv. Did not allow the challenge of another to discourage him – in this case a question by Jesus (*v 51a*)
 - v. Simple, firm faith (*v 51b*)

- In each of these accounts common elements are found
 - The faith of the person seeking healing
 - The will of God, through Jesus, to comply with the request and heal
 - Persistence
 - Centurion sent two groups of people to Jesus
 - The woman fought her way through the crowds
 - Bartimaeus did not listen to the people who told him to be quiet
- Satan does not want you to be healed
 - His greatest weapon in this arena is discouragement
 - Circumstances
 - Words of others

- Time

- Hold to the truth of God's love and His promises
- What things can prevent us from receiving and walking in health?
 - Next week