

Healing Today?

1. The Kingdom factor.
2. The Perseverance factor.
3. The Will of God factor.
4. The Cross factor.
5. The Gifts of the Spirit factor.
6. The Forgiveness factor.
7. The Authority factor.
8. The **Faith** factor.
9. The Humility factor.



Today



Next week



The **Faith** factor in healing involves:

➔ (A.) The extraordinary gift of faith

and

➔ (B.) The normal believing God for healing

A.) The **EXTRAODINARY GIFT** of faith for healing.

- The gift of faith is a supernatural level of certainty imparted on occasion by the Holy Spirit.
- The gift of faith combines with the authority factor (Matthew 9:6-8).
- A mountain moving faith (Matt. 21:12; 1 Cor. 13:2).
- *James 5:15 (ESV) 'The prayer of faith will save the one who is sick...'*
- *1 Cor. 12:7 (ESV) 'To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.'*

(B.) The **'NORMAL' BELIEVING** God for healing.

➔ **Faith is not an automatic formula.**

Healing happening when there is no faith (John 5:1-15)

Great faith but no immediate healing (Gal. 4:13-14)

➔ **Faith is a vital factor in healing** (Matt. 9:22. 28-30)

➔ **A lack of faith somehow limits healing** (Matt. 13:58)



Mark 5:24-34

This woman illustrates a normal believing for healing that :

- **Fights**
- **Reaches**
- **Takes** and
- **Receives**

1. A faith that **FIGHTS** for healing

- *Mark 5:25-26 (ESV) 'And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.'*
- But this woman was still hoping and fighting for healing (verses 27-28).

2. A faith that **REACHES** for healing.

- ➔ Mark 5:27-28 (ESV) *'She had heard **the reports about Jesus** and came up behind him in the crowd and **touched his garment.** 28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."*

This woman models how to have (and build) a faith that reaches for healing.

- ➔ **Attend** to '*the reports about Jesus*' (v27)
(Testimonies, Scripture)
- ➔ **Accept** that Jesus is the One
(To help and heal and save)
- ➔ **Act** on the reports by reaching out to Jesus
(v27-28)



How we can reach for Jesus today:

- Reach for His **Holy Spirit**
(John 14:12-20)
- Reach out to the (assembled) **local church**
(James 5:14 ; 1 Cor. 5:4)

3. A faith that **TAKES** healing.

Mark 5:27-34

- Without asking permission, this woman just '*touched his garments*' (v27), '*and immediately the flow of blood dried up*' (v29).
- She '*felt*' it (v29)
- And Jesus perceived it (v30)
- The Lord commended her and identified her touch as '*faith*' for healing (v34)



The elder brother, in the story of the prodigal son, did not know how to take things from his father.

- ▶ *Luke 15:29 (ESV) ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet **you never gave me** a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends’.*
- ▶ *Luke 15:31 (ESV) ‘And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, **and all that is mine is yours**’.*

4. A faith that **RECEIVES** healing (and salvation)

- ➔ Mark 5:34 (ESV) ‘And Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you **well**; go in **peace**, and be **healed** of your disease.’

Healing of her:

- ➔ body (no more ‘disease’ / flow of blood)
- ➔ soul (no longer rejected as unclean)
- ➔ spirit (‘well’ / ‘sozo’, meaning ‘save’)
- ➔ whole, ongoing life (‘peace’ / shalom)