



# THE DOORWAY TO THE HEART OF PHYSICAL HEALING

“While there is no formula or magic wand for walking in supernatural power, there is a renewing of the mind that needs to take place.”

- Chris Gore—*Walking in Supernatural Healing Power*

When those that we love are sick, there is almost nothing we wouldn't do to see them well and whole. There has been a reawakening in the church to the ministry of healing, but particularly when it comes to the realm of physical healing there can be so many questions and mysteries that we find ourselves wrestling with:

- Is it God's will to heal?
- Why are some healed and others not?
- Can anyone pray for the sick?
- Why does a good God allow sickness?
- How do I effectively pray for healing?

As you think about your own journey with healing, which of these questions have you wrestled with? Is there a “renewing of the mind” that you are longing for? A place where you want Christ's perspective and mindset? A place of pain or loss that you need Jesus to speak into?

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**SCRIPTURES ON HEALING & AUTHORITY**

Look up the following scriptures. What do we learn about healing and authority from these verses?

- Matthew 10: 1, 7-8 :: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Matthew 8: 1-3 :: \_\_\_\_\_

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- John 9: 1-3 :: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Ephesians 1:17-23 & 2:6 :: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Acts 10: 36-38 :: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Luke 4: 14-21 :: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Pray from a Place of Victory***

- Based on these scriptures, do you think it is God's will to heal?
  
- Based on these scriptures, where does the authority to heal come from?
  
- Based on these scriptures, who should pray for healing?
  
- Based on these scriptures why do we pray for healing?
  
- Are there any other questions about healing that you are still wondering about?

## FOUNDATIONS FOR HEALING PRAYER

- We pray believing it's God's will to heal—Isaiah 61:1
- We pray believe healing glorifies God—John 9:3
- We pray believe healing demonstrates the Kingdom coming near—Matthew 10:7-8
- We pray from our position in Christ—Ephesians 2:6
- We pray from the finished work of the cross—Colossians 2:15
- We pray with compassion, marked by the fruits of the Spirit—Galatians 5:22
- We pray with eyes fixed on Jesus NOT the problem —Hebrews 12:2
- We pray from our place of sonship and daughtership—Mark 1:11
- We pray believing something always happens when we pray, nothing short of the presence of God Himself—Matthew 18:20

## FAITH IN THE HEALER

Carrying confidence in God that we are His dwelling place is a key part of walking in a supernatural lifestyle. We must carry a confidence that God wants the person we are praying for healed and whole, even more than we want to see them healed and whole.

-Chris Gore—*Walking in Supernatural Healing Power*

Christ is the healer. No human being has the power to heal. Christ loves ALL of us, and sends His love through us to His children according to His will. If we quiet ourselves and let Him speak, we will not go wrong.

-Agnes Sanford—*The Healing Light*

Our call is to surrender and with childlike faith to see things from His perspective.

-Chris Gore

- Can you identify with placing your faith for healing in someone or something other than Jesus? What are you tempted to put your trust in?
- What are ways to keep our focus on Jesus as we pray?

### When Healing Doesn't Come...

There will be times when healing doesn't come this side of heaven. When that happens we grieve and weep with others in their loss. For those who are in Christ we celebrate that death does not have the final word because in Jesus "**death is swallowed up in victory.**" 1 Cor. 15:54.

Even when we don't see victory in the land of the living we can be grateful that those we have prayed for have had the opportunity to come into the presence of one who loves them more than they could ever comprehend.

In these times we press right back into the heart of the Father and His goodness and we do not make agreements with the enemy about His character or His love. We fix our eyes right back on Jesus and pray for a greater revelation of who He is so that we might carry that with us into our future times of prayer with others.



## PRAYER RESOURCES

*Supernatural Healing* by Chris Gore  
*Healing* by Frances MacNutt  
*The Healing Light* by Agnes Sanford

## MINISTRY

- *Before you enter into your prayer session —remind yourself of your identity as God's beloved, your authority in Christ, and ask God to fill you with his love for those for whom you will pray*
- *Stir up your faith—are there testimonies of healing that you can thank God for that are similar to what you are praying for? Consider meditating on one of Jesus's healings!*
- *Ask the person to briefly share what they would like prayer for*
- *Ask permission to lay hands on the person (have the person lay their own hands over places that would be inappropriate for you to touch). You may also consider anointing with oil as a symbol of the Spirit's presence for healing.*
- *Pray a brief prayer for healing—can also visualize God filling that person with His light and life*
- *Check in—are there any signs of heat, tingling, improvement? If so, thank God! Thankfulness increases the Kingdom. But do NOT put pressure on those you pray for—our faith is not in what they are or are not feeling.*
- *Continue praying—if you move into striving its time to stop and release the person to the Lord.*
- *Close by blessing the person, asking the Holy Spirit to continue His healing work. Remind them that healing is often progressive.*

## WORTH THE SEARCH

- Testimony releases faith! Consider watching some of the healing testimonies at: [www.bethel.tv/testimonies](http://www.bethel.tv/testimonies)
- Keep your eyes open for the Third Church Gratitude Journal that comes out annually at Thanksgiving that chronicles stories of healing in our own community!