

Healing Through the Word – Session 10 – Brent W. Doyle, Jr.

Romans 12:1, 2

Luke 13: 10-16

Hebrews 7:22

Hebrews 8:6

Acts 1:6 “But you shall receive **power**...”

1 Corinthians 1:16, 17 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the **power of God** to salvation for everyone who believes, for the *Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

(* See **Matthew 15:21-28** – The Canaanite woman whom Jesus told that He was “...sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” We’re not puppies under our Master’s table, we are seated at the Master’s table.)

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 “⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of **power**, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the **power** of God.”

We are to live in the **power** of salvation by faith, from faith to faith revealing God’s righteousness in the process. The goal of our speech and preaching is to be a demonstration of the Spirit and power that our faith should be in the **power** of God and not man’s wisdom.

Revisiting militancy again from last time, if we don’t live and move and have our being in Christ in intimacy as militant soldiers of the Lord, we risk becoming like the 7 sons of Sceva in *Acts 19* when demonic trouble comes. (This always makes me laugh.)

Acts 19:13 - 15 – “Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, ‘We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.’ ¹⁴ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’”

They tried to cast out devils by the Jesus that Paul preached. They got thrown out of the house naked with the devils shouting, “*Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are you?*” ...and there you have it! Who are you?!

Who are you? A warrior of the Lord!

2 Timothy 2 refers to enduring hardship like a “*good soldier*” and engaging in warfare and enlisting as a “*soldier.*” **2 Corinthians 10** talks about “*war*” and “*the weapons of our warfare.*” **Ephesians 6** references war and military weaponry. In **Philippians 2** Epaphroditus is referred to as a “*fellow soldier.*” In **Philemon**, Archippus is referred to as “*our fellow soldier.*” **Revelation 19** addresses the “*armies in heaven*” following the Lord, Faithful and True.

To Implement God’s Battle Plan, We Must 1st Be Intimate & Get Militant -

We must see ourselves as warriors of the Lord and look at sickness and disease like David looked at Goliath – as an invader, an illegal alien on holy ground! ...and we must speak, armed with our spiritual weapons. In this draft, this military enlistment, there can be no conscientious objectors.

David had a heart after God and understood His Covenant, he called out Goliath as an uncircumcised Philistine without a covenant and without any legal rights before God; especially on land that God had given to Israel by His Word.

1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us “...*you are not your own.*” So, whose are you? If we present our bodies as living sacrifices to God, wholly, acceptable, then the land of our bodies is God’s, is it not?

Sickness and disease have no right in this, God’s land, in this God’s temple. David was also not content just to knock the giant down, he cut off his head and made a display of him openly. What did David use to cut off Goliath’s head? ...a sword, even as we would use the sword of the Spirit against the invaders of sickness and disease.

As modern, sophisticated American Christians we are often just too “nice,” and the last almost three years, have made us sheep in the wrong sense, sheep heeding the voice of another shepherd. This has instilled fear in us, made us timid and made us compliant to the acceptance of the ungodly, the perverted, and demonic - compliant with overreach and restrictions of thought and expression. It’s the old story about a frog in in a pot of cold water – the heat is being turned up.

Not attempting to make a point or advocate anything, just food for thought:
Consider this - When John the Baptist spoke out against Herod's adultery with his brother's wife, do you honestly believe that John was clueless as to what kind of man Herod was, of his character, and what he could and likely would do to him? ...and Herodias' daughter?

Today masculinity has been denigrated and degraded as being toxic while Jezebels are celebrated. Our secular leaders and even many within the church, can't tell us what a woman is or what Biblical marriage is. The church is more concerned with not offending man than with offending God. As we noted last week, there is a clash of kingdoms, and we can either roll over or fight. Yes, we must speak the truth in love, but there is a time unto every season. This is the season to hear the voice of the Great Shepherd.

David looked at Goliath just as he was – Again, we must look at sickness and disease with the same eyes, as an invader, as an illegal alien on holy ground in this temple of the Holy Spirit! Not trying to be political, but our minds and bodies are like open borders which we must shut up tight against invasion.

In the body of Christ, we have some who believe it's not God's perfect will to heal, which opens the borders around our minds and bodies. And yet these same people go to the doctor to what? Get out of God's will? That belief in the body of Christ and in our minds and bodies opens the door to the demonic cartels and gangs pushing disease and bringing sickness. We must build the wall in our minds against all sickness and disease in our bodies!

David understood that he had a Covenant, but we have a better Covenant with better promises through Christ. Like all laws, like laws on immigration, they are no good without enforcement. So too, we must enforce our Covenant. Because of that Covenant, sickness and disease have no right to be in this land, this body designed to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Knock it down and cut off its head, cut off the very idea of sickness & disease with the sword of the Spirit and the Name above every name.

1 John :8b – *“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”* Are sickness and disease works of the devil or not?

The purpose of the manifestation of Christ is the destruction of the works of the devil. ...Some of them or all of them? We must learn to be militant in our spiritual realms. I'm talking about faith, and the signs, the evidence Jesus said would follow

those who believe, for ourselves and for a witness in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and beyond.

We must know God intimately, not just know about God to be fully persuaded. If sickness and disease are works of the devil, which we know they are, then the purpose of the Son of God should always be manifested in and through us, first in our own minds, to destroy those works of the devil. We must take that Name above every name and the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God and destroy those works instead of tolerating them.

Standing in Authority in the Battle of the Mind-

While the context of the following Scripture is Paul's apostolic authority in dealing with discipline in the Corinthian church, there are transcendent truths here regarding our warfare and the believer's authority over any and every thing that attempts to exalt itself against our knowledge of God as Jehovah Rapha and obedience of Christ.

*2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – “³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down **arguments** and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”*

*(KJV), “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)⁵ Casting down **imaginings**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

When **Ephesians 4:27** tells us not “to give the devil any place,” especially between our ears and in our bodies. We need to war in the Spirit with the mighty weapons of God to pull down the strongholds, the vain demonic imaginations, the high sounding thoughts and words that exalt themselves against the Word, against our knowledge of Christ and bring every one of those thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ.

Do you want to be healed?

Again, remembering the dear Catholic woman who was brought to me with a rare incurable cancer, only treatable at the NIH in D.C. She went on and on about the treatment she was to have that week and that she wanted me to pray for her.

(Did you ever notice how religious folk just say, “Pray for me,” and never say for what and leave it at that. That is an open door to pray right then and there, in faith to ask them for what, and to pray God’s will on the spot.)

Remember, I asked this lady what she wanted but she never got around to saying she wanted to be healed by the Lord. Finally, I asked her, “Do you want to be healed?” and finally she said “Yes, I want to be healed.” Miraculously word came back that she had indeed been healed.

***John 5:1-9** – “After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’*

⁷ The sick man answered Him, ‘Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.’

⁸ Jesus said to him, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk.’ ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.”

Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed, not if he had anyone to place him in the water. The man was locked in a mind set and never did answer Jesus’ question but he did take every one of his thoughts on the matter captive to the obedience of Christ. What are we looking for or to... to be healed? Have we constructed that the only way is in a pool if we’re the 1st one in? Are we fully persuaded in faith first and then let God figure out the “how” He heals?

All healing is good and a perfect gift from the Father, no matter what the method. **1Corinthians 12** under gifts of the Spirit for ministering lists, “*gifts of healing*” – plural. Gifts of healing are distributed by the Spirit as He wills as we minister, but faith is how we live and as believers we need to be taught.

Luke 5:17 – “Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”

We are teaching the Word on healing because the anointing is on the Word and that causes the power of the Lord to present, also because that anointing is in us. Because our names are written in the Lamb’s book of life, and we’re baptized in the Spirit, we want and expect to see the power of the Lord.

The fatness of the anointing, the power of the Lord is present to heal because it is within us from of the Holy Spirit, the greater One in us. (*Isaiah 10:27*) We are to abide in the Word and the Word is to abide in us.

There Jesus was teaching, and healing followed. This is significant and speaks to teaching to expect the power of the Lord to be present, an anointing to heal. This is a reference to faith, to signs, wonders, and miracles, the power of God being present in its many forms. Faith should always be present. Where there is skepticism and unbelief Jesus is limited as in His own hometown of Nazareth where they were stiff necked and unteachable. Man can limit God – sounds blasphemous but, we can limit God:

Mark 6:5, 6 – “Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.”

The prophet Jesus had no honor in His own hometown. Jesus’ response to that unbelief was to go to villages in a circuit and again, to teach. That is why I teach, to dispel and destroy unbelief that mighty works would be done, that the sick would be healed.

With Jairus’ daughter Jesus put the skeptics out. Don’t tolerate unbelief:

Mark 5:40 – “And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He entered where the child was lying.”

In Jesus’ ministry we see many methods of healing by a variety of means, by faith and miraculously, by mud, by spit, by putting fingers in ears, by bathing, by touching the hem of His talith. We repeatedly see that there was teaching,

We need to be open to every method of healing, yes to embrace miracles, but not to just wait for them to come to us without active faith participation with the Lord.

If a miracle comes, Hallelujah, but we, the just shall live by our faith! We must militantly pursue it!