

Healing Through the Word – Session 8 – Brent W. Doyle, Jr.

Romans 12:1, 2

Luke 13: 10-16

Hebrews 7:22

Hebrews 8:6

Acts 1:6

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.”

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.

Living from faith to faith, living by our faith, is a process of wilderness experiences and a desperate need for God. My being able to say and receive that I always have money required me to start at \$50 left to my name, no job, no income, no unemployment, nothing. There was a year where though I worked in a business that I part owned, I received no pay and lost tens of thousands of dollars. Developing faith, trust, and dependence on God come primarily if not totally from wilderness time.

The Wilderness Experience –

The wilderness makes us desperate for God. Look at the woman with the issue of blood, the father whose son had a demon that threw him into the fire, Jairus, Bartimaeus, a man blind from birth, a man lame for 38 years, the crippled man with no one to put him in the waters, the crippled man who couldn’t get into see

Jesus and was let down through the roof... The wilderness and desperation teach us to live by faith in deeper intimacy with God.

Life is rarely easy, but it is often easy to lose hope and faith. Some people die in the wilderness, but not you or you wouldn't be here:

Identical to the Israelites, our wilderness experiences exist for one purpose of God – to teach us to live by faith before we get to our promised land. If we do not have wilderness experiences, if we do not learn to live by faith before we get to our promised land, we will not have learned exactly just how deep our need for God is and we will be focused on the blessings of the promised land rather than learning our utter need and dependence upon God.

Consider this, even Jesus needed 40 days in the wilderness? Jesus needed to learn to keep His flesh and soul under the control of His Spirit and Holy Spirit and His rebuke to the devil was, “It is written.” – “I am what is written, and I live.” He is written and He, **the Living Word is written is in me:**

***Hebrews 8:10** – “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and **write them on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”*

***Hebrews 10:16** – ““This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will **put My laws into their hearts**, and in their minds I will write them,”*

The wilderness is necessary to take us to the promised land. It is where we learn He is our only option. Adversity is designed to lead us to Christ. Leading us to Christ the Word:

Why and how does God magnify His Word above His Name? –

***Psalms 138:2b** – “For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”*

***Philippians 2:9, 10** – “⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,”*

In answer to the question, it is because that Word is Jesus!

***John 1:1,2, 14** – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

¹⁴“*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*”

“Word” – Greek – “*Logos*” – “The divine expression,” the expression of thought, not the mere name of an object. In the beginning was the Logos. The Logos was with and was God. The Logos became flesh and dwelt among us.

“Logos” is used of the written word and the Living Word while the Greek word, “*rhema*,” refers to the spoken word. The Father magnifies or honors His Word above His Name because that Word is Jesus, not just ink on paper. The written Word should connect us to the Living Word in the Spirit in deeper relationship with Jesus. The power isn’t in the ink or the paper, it is in Jesus. When we receive a rhema word, that utterance is from that relationship with Jesus.

Hebrews 4:12 – “*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*”

The Word of God is sharp and powerful and is a two-edged sword that will separate our self-life from our spirit life if we submit to it. We must allow the Word of God to cut us, for that is when He comes alive. Our spirits must rule our souls and we must not resist this circumcision. In fact, we must cry out for it. With one side of the blade, He cuts and removes and with the other side of the blade He heals. The connection of the written Word to the Living Word gives us His rest and peace.

Following this path can save us 40 years and ensures we will not perish in the wilderness short of our promised land.

Healing by Anointing and the Prayer of Faith -

James 5:13-16 – “*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

¹⁶*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*”

Notice the progression from suffering, to cheerfulness, to being sick beyond being able to help ourselves and what to do, though we often short cut it by enjoying telling folks for attention how we're suffering.

*Is anyone among you suffering? **Let him pray.** - 1st - Obviously this suffering is not physical sickness because that is addressed in verse 14. Suffering in our souls needs to be handled by our spirits, under the Spirit, causing our souls to submit to them. My soul can't do that for you, all my soul can do is sympathize and empathize with you. Do you want sympathy or deliverance? We can minister spirit to spirit if the person will allow it, then their spirit can conform their soul.*

*Is anyone cheerful? **Let him sing psalms.** Anecdotally it seems we often enjoy sharing bad news more than sharing good news. Bad news gets more attention while good news often get envy.*

*¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? (The implication is being sick beyond being able to help ourselves.) **Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.** ¹⁵ **And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.** ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. *The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*"*

Disclaimer: This does not mean that every or even many sick persons who are beyond being able to help themselves are in sin. Remember the man blind from birth in **John 9** and the disciples' question of whether the man or his parents had sinned resulting in blindness – "³Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him." Don't go to sin first with others.

Living in the Power of The Communion Table -

***1 Corinthians 11:23-31** – "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'*

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the

Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world."

Proclaiming the Lord's death... Why proclaim His death?

Isaiah 53:4, 5 – "Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

The penalty for our sin was on Messiah. The wages that sin pays, death, was upon Messiah, that is why we proclaim His death:

2 Corinthians 5:21 – *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

If we do not see ourselves as the righteousness of God in Christ we will never be able to receive healing or any good thing.

This is the remembrance, of His suffering and death for there we became the righteousness of God in Him. Envision that torment and horrible death, of the sin of the entire world with its sickness and disease upon Him – and it killed Him and freed you.

Positionally it is true that we have moved into the Kingdom of Light, but progressively we need to judge ourselves so that we might not fall into condemnation with the world. (If this is not possible, falling into condemnation with the world, why is it recorded here by the Holy Spirit?)

We will examine ourselves, judge ourselves and then declare:

Psalm 107:20 – *"He sent His word and healed them, (ME) And delivered them from their destructions."*

By His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53), by His stripes we were healed (1 Peter 2). We need to apprehend that this, His broken body and shed Blood is the meal that heals.

His body bore my sin, sickness, and disease and it killed Him – I don't want any of it back; and His Blood has redeemed me, cleansed me and has forgiven me and holds the better covenant with better promises for me.