

## CHAPTER 3

### NOT DEPENDENT ON CHRIST THE HEALER

2 Chronicles 16:12-13 states: *“And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.”*

King Hezekiah was informed by the prophet to set his house in order, as he was surely going to die. Hezekiah immediately sought the Lord, who had mercy on him, took away the death sentence and added fifteen more years to his life (Isaiah 38:1-5). King Asa, a godly king, sought the physicians rather than God, dying a short while after being afflicted by the foot disease.

Unfortunately, many Christians today will first put their dependence on doctors to obtain health and healing, not even looking to God. I am not against doctors or consulting doctors, but I feel it is wrong when, as believers in Jesus, our first response to sickness or infirmities is the doctor or the medicine cabinet, without even considering God and His Word. We know doctors for the most part work with God to help bring about health and healing. Doctors are not our source for divine health; Jesus is! Many have made doctors the source for their health rather than God and His Word. That is why most believers have learned to cope with sickness and infirmities rather than receive a healing from God. I find it ironic that many Christians will say healing is not for today or are not sure that God wants them healed, yet they will run to the doctors and do their best to gain healing through doctors or medicine. They won't even look to God or pray for healing, even though He shows us clearly in His word he longs to see us healed or healthily.

King Asa, despite being a godly king, died of a foot disease because he did not look to God, but to physicians involved with sorcery. The words witchcraft and sorcery found in Galatians 5:20 and Revelations 21:8 are similar. The Greek word is *pharmakeia*, where we get the word pharmacy, referring to drugs and medicines that change a person's behavior and gives temporary relief to suffering. Many people refuse to get to the 'root of their problems' and look for temporary remedies that do not last. In the long run it breeds or brings a person or society to a place of dependence on drugs, addiction or a state of coping rather than overcoming. Not everything with medicines and drugs is bad. There is a balance. Where is the balance found? In God's word and in this book!

During the first century, many would flock to priests of pagan or demonic religions to find relief from suffering. These priests would give them drugs mixed with wine to bring temporary relief. In order to feel good, people kept returning to the priests when the drug wore off. It brought people to place of addiction and dependency on that drug. This is what is referred to as

witchcraft and sorcery in the New Testament. It can open a person up to the demonic realm where demons have a legal right to take the illness or infirmity to a whole new level.

It is a problem that plagues our society today with both Christians and non-Christians. The only difference it is much worse today and covered up. One reason is because of the Greek mindset that separates the spiritual and natural realms. If we could only see in the spirit realm, I guarantee we would not do many of things we do. God's word gives us insight into the spirit realm. Many today have become dependent on 'pharmakeia' (pharmacy) to keep them going. It is a booming business in our country. In most Christian circles, there is little or no looking to Christ and the healing and divine health He provides. Just pop a pill!

Many believers are addicted to pills to deal with depression. What happened to the fruit of joy that resides in every Born Again believer by the power of the Holy Spirit? (Galatians 5:22-23) There are many who, with the slightest bit of pain or belief in the anticipation of pain, pop pain pills often and regularly, not even concerned what the effect might be to their physical body or mind.

Many of our prisons and jails are loaded with people addicted to Ritalin. Rather than dealing with the root problem, we just give kids a pill. Many already know, most kids who are given Ritalin will end up in prison or jail. This is the fruit of not depending on Christ and His word for healing and health.

You do not have to go far. Just look at all the television commercials about drugs and lawsuits against certain drugs. "Take this pill. It will solve your problem, but beware it can have these 20 side effects. And of course if it almost kills you or makes you feel suicidal, please contact your doctor so he can prescribe a different drug." Thank God for the invention of DVRs to tune out all these commercials! The society we live in is a society addicted to pharmakeia. I know that not all drugs are bad. Look at the overall fruit of a people dependent on drugs to help them cope. A very unhealthy society! I know there is a fine line balance; I would highly recommend finding it!

Despite being healthy, active and running most of his life, my father slowed down a bit and was diagnosed with type II diabetes in his early 70's. Instead of just coping with diabetes or getting a quick fix with drugs and medicine, he did research on how to deal with his problem. Hosea 4:6 says, "*my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*" With a bit of knowledge on diabetes and prayer, he decided to get back to regular exercise and watching his diet. Within a short time, he lost a little bit of weight and has been very healthy and free of diabetes for the past five years. Our family has made it a priority to trust God first and foremost, praying for healing. As a result, we have rarely needed medical intervention. We thank God for the medical assurance found in His Word. We have watched God heal instantly or supernaturally over time whenever we have prayed for healing. Proverbs 4:20-22: "*My son, give attention to my words; incline your ears to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst*

*of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, and health (Hebrew- medicine) to all their flesh.*" I have witnessed many Christians with complete dependence on God for healing, despite all the odds against them. I have watched God come through and heal their bodies, instantly or supernaturally over a period of time, as they continued to stand for their healing.

When the woman with the issue of blood had done everything with doctors to bring about her healing and health, the doctors gave her the bad news; there was no hope for her. She had spent all her money on the doctors and was not better, but grew worse. Most doctors are limited to this natural realm. Many are in need of something beyond what the natural realm can offer. When this same woman heard of Jesus' healing power and pressed to get her healing, she was completely healed. Mark 5:34 shows us, "*And He (Jesus) said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*" Jesus desires that we press in and learn to walk in faith, just like this woman did.

I also know Christians who gave up believing because some Christian leaders told them that maybe it was not God's will to heal them. Unfortunately, they threw in the towel and stopped trusting God. They did everything in the natural realm to get better, but only got worse and even died.

## ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

What it ultimately comes down to is our beliefs. Romans 1:16: "*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*" Whenever the Gospel of Christ is preached and received it is the "power of God unto salvation." The Greek word for salvation includes forgiveness, healing, deliverance, prosperity, protection and much more.

Jesus said in Luke 12:8-9, "*Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.*" It is very clear if we confess Jesus before men we set a spiritual force into motion and angels go out to work on our behalf (Psalms 103:20-21). Angels are released to come to our aid according to these verses. If we are ashamed of Jesus and His Gospel or try not to rock the boat by speaking of Jesus, we are denied before the angels of God and the power of God unto salvation is not ours to experience.

## NOT ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

Quoted from *Humility The Hidden Key to Walking in Signs and Wonders* published by Destiny Image, Chapter 7 Page 153-154:

*Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

*Jesus has not changed. He is still the same today. John 6:2 says, “Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.” Is Jesus still doing signs, wonders and miracles in your midst like He did in the Gospel accounts? If not, He has not changed but we could have changed in a way that is not allowing Him to be the same today. With humility, we need to recognize the problem is ours, not His.*

A false humility has crept into the church that says, “I do not want to bother Christ for His miracles or healings. I just want to seek His face, not His hand.” That statement may sound good, but is that really allowing Him to be the same yesterday, today and forever? I know for a fact that Jesus was whipped and beaten beyond recognition for us, so we could be healed. He is not at all bothered by us asking or believing Him for miracles. He is not bothered by us asking for healing or provision, especially when it is for others we may be ministering to. He is a big God who wants to pour out His love on the poor, hurting, unloved and on you!

## DWELLING ON THE NEGATIVE

In John 5:1-16, Jesus healed a man who had been crippled for 38 years. He was the only one healed by the pool of Bethesda (House of Grace) among all the sick and crippled who were laid there. Also, in Luke 5:17 *“and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”* ‘Them’ always implies more than one. Yet only one crippled man was healed in Luke 5:17-26. As we read on, one can see that the religious leaders reasoned and were offended with Jesus (Luke 5:21). Could that have hindered Christ’s miracle power?

When similar miracles occur today, you can be sure that the media and many Christians will zero in on those who were not healed or lost their healing, instead of rejoicing over the ones who were healed. Their focus is distorted! There were those in the gospel accounts who were not healed, but the gospel accounts zero in on those who received their healings more than ones who did not. When we get good at the Gospel (which means ‘good news’), sharing the good news or testimonies of our great big God it becomes the seed that reproduces miracles time and time again.

Many Christians permit the media or negative circumstances to be the lens through which they perceive God. Later, when they require a healing or miracle from God, they wonder why they don’t receive it. They have lost track of what God has done and focus on what He has not done. Some get offended with God or healing ministries because healing is not taking place the way they would like it to. Proverbs 23:7 says, *“as a man thinks in his heart so is he.”* Jesus said, *“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”* (Matthew 12:34). You become what you dwell on and what you focus on. Soon you begin speaking it out. Do you want to know your future? Just listen to what comes out of your mouth. That is your future. If you do not like what you are hearing, seeing and experiencing, than it is time to change your focus and what you are pumping into your mind and heart. Whatever is in your heart, that is what will

come out and that is how you will live your life. Change your outlook by dwelling on God's Word and all the great things He is doing. Begin meditating on and confessing what His Word says about your circumstances.

Jesus is doing so many miracles, healings, signs and wonders these days. It is increasing and picking up with greater intensity as time goes by. We need to focus on this! While ministering in Peru in August 2009, we shared about a lady who was healed of breast cancer in it's final stages at our Barielly, India campaign. Her breasts were literally rotting and oozing. The doctors said she needed to have them removed or she would be dead soon. As we shared this testimony in Lima, Peru, it imparted faith to a number of other women who where healed of breast cancer or other forms of cancer.

*"...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10b).* When we begin to share the testimonies of Jesus, we are prophesying that He is able to do the same miracle again and again. This principle has worked successfully in our overseas campaigns as we share testimonies of healings Jesus has done in previous campaigns. As people hear these testimonies, their faith is quickened to believe Jesus for a similar miracle for themselves. Here is one report we received after we returned to the USA, from our translator, of how the Lord works through the power of the testimony and dwelling on positive things God is doing:

*"..Now, the 84 year old lady who was dying with cancer in our church and you prayed for. After that night she was taken to the hospital and there she was going again with all the process for cancer treatment. She said to herself: I am tired of being sick, I am not sick, I was prayed for, I don't accept the fact that I am sick, I am not going to die, I don't want to die. And after saying or confessing so. Maybe in a vision or for real, we all don't know, she saw an old man dressed in white with a nice white hat on his head. She wasn't able to see his face, she only remembers seeing him coming and laying his hand on her and then declaring her healing. Then he was gone. After that she asked the doctors where is the man, because she felt that something came out of her and that she was healed.*

*The doctors thought, she is was having some sort of imagination typical of dying people, along with insanity. Then they decided to make some exams on her, and after 2 times they found out that **THERE IS NOT EVEN A DEAD CELL IN HER BODY AND THAT CANCER IS TOTALLY GONE!!** They were in shock. Healed by Jesus' stripes."*

*-Gonzalo Del Aguila, Lima, Peru*

All over the world, we are hearing reports about "a man dressed in white" appearing to people just like this older lady testified. In an earthquake in Haiti, people were pulled out the rubble weeks after the earthquake. A couple, when asked how they survived, said "a man dressed in white" was tending to them, keeping them alive, and they had no fear. We are also

hearing reports time and time again of Jesus or angels appearing to people and instantly healing them. Many Muslims all over the world are reporting seeing a man dressed in white with nail prints in His hands, making it easy to preach the Gospel to them.

In an excellent book, *The Destiny of Islam in the Endtimes*, written by a former Pakistani Muslim, Faisal Malick (published by Destiny Image), the author (now a preacher) shares about a testimony that came on Egyptian news. A missionary had shared it with him. A man killed his wife and buried her. He also buried alive his two daughters, an eight year old and a nursing infant. Fifteen days later, an uncle died and was buried in the same location. When they came to bury the uncle, they found the two girls alive. The TV anchor woman wearing a burka asked how they were still alive. The eight year girl responded saying that every morning a man clothed in white with holes in his hand would come and wake the mother to feed the baby sister. This man also brought food to the older girl. The interviewer said, "This sounds like that man named Jesus we have been hearing about..." Shortly after that the feed to the cameras was cut. Those are the kinds of testimonies we should be dwelling on, because God is moving like never before with miracles, healings, signs and wonders on this earth, "...*With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible*" (Matthew 19:26).

Many years ago, the Lord showed me that, if I was offended or critical with a ministry or a certain emphasis in the Body of Christ, then I would not be able to receive from them or the anointing on them unless I repented. I have seen the media and believers get easily offended with people like Benny Hinn, for example. They zero in on a small flaw in his life or someone not healed under his ministry, ignoring the many who have been healed.

The enemy knows that if we focus on what God is not doing and remain silent about what God has done, then there will be no reproduction of those miracles. Isaiah 62:6 says, "*You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent.*" The enemy loves to silence believers and keep them from sharing the testimonies of our great God. He wants us to focus on what he and his demons do more than what God does so he has an environment to keep working his destructive power. Sad to say most believers fall prey to these tactics.

When our focus is on what God has done, Romans 10:17 says, "*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the WORD* (Greek word Rhema- means spoken word) *of God.*" Faith and the power to act come into our hearts when we hear what God has done or is doing. It activates faith! It is sad that in many Christian circles there is no mention of the miracles Christ is doing or pressing in for these miracles He longs to do in our midst. It breeds unbelief and reliance on natural abilities instead of faith in God which can activate His miracle working power.

If we act according to the Bible and focus on what God has done and is continuing to do it will get the momentum going for what He desires to do in the future. It's like getting a long train moving. It is slow at first, but once it starts moving one does not want to stop it or get in

its way. Just keep that momentum going!

If we focus on the good things God is doing, that becomes the lens through which we see; one could say it becomes our belief system. It becomes the way we perceive God and what He can and will do continually.

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*When the Gospel is watered down and miracles and healings are not happening, or they are frowned upon, you will see people walk away from God just like Israel and Judah did in the Old Testament. Sin will run rampant in an environment like this. Where Jesus is manifesting His presence in signs, wonders and miracles, you will see a people passionately pursuing God.*

*Joshua 24:31 is a profound statement that holds true today. : "Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the Lord which He had done for Israel." When we become self sufficient and only do what we can work up in the natural, we put God in a box and begin limiting His power. The overall effects are even worse. Multitudes are not reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and believers backslide. Yet, many Christians are content because at least they are going to heaven. When Israel forgot the works of the Lord, they also forgot about involving God in the affairs or their everyday lives! Soon they went into idolatry, turned to other gods and immorality. Is it any different today? Many young people who have grown up in churches have turned from Christ because of cold, dead religion that is powerless.*

Speaking of Israel, Psalms 78:40-42 says, "How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert! Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel. They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy." Let's not be guilty and do the same as Israel did. They began to forget the works of the Lord and soon became dependent only on what they could perceive in the natural. It did not take long after that for the nation as a whole to stray from God. Do not be content with cold, dead religion or self-reliance and forget that with Jesus, nothing is impossible. He is God who created the universe.

## PREPARING FOR FAILURE

One of the reasons people do not see miracles and healings on a regular basis is because of the way they believe and their resultant actions. Jesus said in Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray believe that you receive them, and you will have them." If we really believed this, then once we have made our petitions known to God, we would begin to thank Him for the answer, confessing His faithfulness to answer our prayers

and we would prepare to succeed.

Sharmila and I have met some missionary leaders whose motto was “Believe for the best, but prepare for the worst.” What a contradiction! The testimony of one couple was plagued with all that went wrong, failures and the difficulties they had on the mission field. Their beliefs definitely paved the way for their negative experiences. Their conclusion on the matter was that God does not promise us anything! I do not know what version of the Bible they read to conclude such heresy. James 1:6-8 says, *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”* True belief in God means we prepare to succeed at whatever God has called us to do; we believe to receive from God. God will come through! Hebrews 11:6 says, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

## FEAR, WORRY AND ANXIETY

Job believed wrongly about God and religious tradition tells us God made Job sick. God corrected Job’s theology towards the end of the book of Job. The Bible tells us in Job 2:7, *“So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”* Job did not seem to realize there was a devil and demons. He makes no mention of them and accuses God of doing what Satan had done. It is really sad when religious people buy into the lie that God makes us suffer with sickness when all along it is either Satan, his demons or ourselves who are the culprits. What a slap in God’s face to accuse Him of causing natural disasters and afflicting people. Fear opened the door for Satan and demons to attack Job. God did not do that to Job. Job 3:25 says, *“For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me.”* The Hebrew literally says, “I feared a fear and it came upon me.” Fear can activate Satan’s destructive power the same way faith activates God’s miracle working power.

In Luke 21:26, Jesus talks about the last days; *“Men’s hearts failing them from fear and expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.”* Men’s hearts would fail them because they choose to focus on the negative things happening. Philippians 4:6 says, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God.”* Anxiety, worry, stress and fear can cause ulcers, heart problems and other maladies. Jesus told us many times concerning the last days to “Fear not.” Jesus exhorts us in Matthew 6:25-34 not to worry because worry will not change our circumstances one iota for the better. Instead of worrying anxiously about tomorrow, He encourages us in verse 33, *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* That can include healing, provision or whatever you may need.



Some people do not even realize they are living their lives in fear. Let me explain. They are letting negative experiences from the past dictate how their lives should be lived today. They do not appear to be living in fear outwardly, but by their subconscious actions and decisions they are living in fear. They do not even recognize the decisions they are making today are controlled by fear from what they have experienced in the past. It can greatly impact the lives of those that are close to them by passing on those fears and phobias. Fear is contagious just like faith is contagious.

Faith needs to be the center of our decision making process. Do not let fears and phobias from the past control your future destiny. Notice how many times Jesus and angels said “Fear not.” They said this knowing fear is a destructive force in a person’s life. Fear is faith perverted. It is putting faith in what the Devil has said about your circumstances. Put faith in God’s Word not what the Devil, demons or your physical circumstances dictate.

Notice these promises in the Word: *“The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”* (Psalms 118:6). Jesus said, *“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* (Luke 10:19). This is Jesus’ promise to you, nothing shall harm you. If He is on our side and has given us this promise we can in faith effectively wage war on fear.

I remember a time early in our marriage when we were traveling to Colorado to attend a conference, be interviewed on radio and speak at a church. We were driving an old car. In those days I remember having brief moments where I was fearful of death or being permanently injured in an accident. While Sharmila was driving just south of Buffalo, Wyoming on I-25 it appeared that the steering column on the car collapsed. Sharmila lost control of the car; it rolled a number of times and end up facing oncoming traffic in the northbound lane of I-25. The roof caved in on my head making me a little shorter. People who witnessed this accident thought for sure we were both dead. The car was totaled. Sharmila sprained her ankle, but otherwise we came away with only minor scraps and needed a few stitches. .

While the car was rolling I remember having such a peace. It was God’s grace! He said nothing shall by any means hurt you. He meant what he said. The ambulance came and picked us up. We were treated in the local hospital and released. Sharmila prayed over me as I felt compacted and my chest was feeling pressure. I sat down in a chair and she commanded my leg to come back out even with the other leg in Jesus’ name. Instantly it shot out and I was healed and back to my original height. We had no money for another automobile at that time. The Lord came through and provided the money for a used van two days later. Since that time, I have never feared death or being permanently disabled. I put faith in His word for divine protection. As we travel a lot, we depend on His protection at all times. We have had other close calls, but each time He has given angels charge over us (Psalms 91:11) and we have been

protected. It pays to walk by faith!

## BLAMING GOD FOR YOUR PROBLEMS

Too often when problems come our way, people make God responsible. Much of this belief was passed on from Augustine and John Calvin who believed God did both good and evil things to people. Many blame God for every catastrophe in their lives. It is either ourselves, mankind or Satan and his demons bringing these calamities upon us. God is not the author of sickness, infirmities or calamities in our lives. He is the one who turns it around for the better. Insurance companies call natural disasters “acts of God”; that is so far from the truth. James 1:17 says, “*Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*” God’s nature is such that He is only capable of bringing good into our lives.

When we hold God responsible for our problems, we close the door to freedom from those problems. It is Satan’s intense desire to make us point the finger at God, and staying bound by our problems. Acts 10:38 says, “*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*” This scripture makes it so apparent that God anointed Jesus to do good. Jesus said in John 10:10, “*the thief (Satan and demons) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*”

## DEPRESSION

Nehemiah 8:10 says, “*The joy of the Lord is your strength.*” Joy, the opposite of depression, is part of the fruit of the spirit. If the devil can steal your joy, then he can also steal your goods, but if you can be joyful irrespective of the circumstances then you can hold on to your health, finances and have victory in every area of your life (Hebrews 10:32-36).

Proverbs 17:22 says, “*A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.*” Depression can bring bone or joint problems like arthritis. Joy is akin to medicine. It is also a good barometer that tells us if we are trusting God or not. Joy helps us see with eyes of faith to the end of the trial. Hebrews 12:2 says, “*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*” Jesus endured the cross because He could see the end result of His trial. When we allow depression to creep into our lives, we are permitting the devil to walk all over us and to blind us from the destiny God has for us. Isaiah 61:3 says, “*to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...*” When we are ungrateful, depression and unhappiness follow. That can be a breeding ground for unbelief, sickness and disease. Notice Deuteronomy 28:47, “*Because you did not serve the Lord with your God with*

*joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything...".* This was part of the curse, when every calamity that could come upon a person would come because of lack of thankfulness and joy.

## A PERSON'S FREE WILL

Just as the centurion gave Jesus permission or authority to pray for his sick servant in Luke 7:1-10, we need permission (authority) to pray for or share with the sick. If a person does not give us authority to pray or share with them, it can be a detriment to healing. Healing does not manifest itself when the person concerned does not desire healing, as was the case with my father-in-law, Major David Frank, who went to be with Jesus on May 2, 2006. For the most part Jesus does not violate a person's free will. We were earnestly praying for David to be healed, when all he wanted was to go home. He told his wife, Renuka, months in advance that he was leaving soon, and she would do a good job when he left. He prepared her for his homegoing. He spent his last year disconnected from this world, worshipping Jesus, waiting on the Lord, reading the Word or praying. He never once prayed to live, but instead called upon the Lord constantly to take him home when death was close by.

A year earlier he had been healed supernaturally of a cardiac arrest where only 5% of his heart was functioning. During his stay in the hospital, he saw glimpses of heaven. Jesus also appeared to him and told him He had work for him to do and healed him. He proceeded to organize a large campaign for us on the India/Pakistan border, right after a major earthquake. After that, he spent time training my mother-in-law on how to set up a campaign and deal with the finances. His sole desire was to be with Jesus in heaven after that. The doctors do not know why he died. They said his heart simply stopped beating.

## INSENSITIVITY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

*"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you" (John 16:7-15).*

First off, notice how many times Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as a person in the above verses. Yet in many Christian circles, the Holy Spirit (God) is given little or no attention. The Holy Spirit helps carry out the present day ministry of Jesus. Look at Acts 10:38, how “*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*” The same Holy Spirit is available to every believer today to carry out the healing ministry of Jesus. Many believers have become insensitive to His moving or leading. Jesus was dependent on the Holy Spirit and taught us to be dependent on the Holy Spirit to carry out the works He did. “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it*” (John 14:12-13). What happened when Jesus went to the Father? He poured out the Holy Spirit upon all who want to walk in fellowship and intimacy with Him.

The Holy Spirit is referred to as a dove. Doves are very skittish birds. If a dove was resting on your shoulder, you would be very careful how you walked so the dove would stay with you. We should treat the Holy Spirit the same way if we want to learn to flow with Him in the miracles and healings of Jesus.

My mother was dying of cancer in 1974. Around that time she had heard things about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but as a good Lutheran decided that was not for her. One night she was taken up to heaven and heard the most beautiful worship she had ever heard. She heard people and angels in heaven singing praises to God in tongues. After that experience, she opened her heart, was baptized in the Holy Spirit, received her heavenly prayer language and also learned what the Word of God said concerning divine healing. My mom and dad began standing on God’s Word for her healing. During one of her check ups, the doctors came into her room and said, “there is a mystery that has taken place in your blood cells and you do not have cancer anymore.” She has never had another problem with cancer again.

The Holy Spirit is referred to as a “Helper” (Greek - standby). He is an ever-present help in the time of danger, calamity and sickness to help pull us out of that mess.

Much sickness strikes when our immune system is run down. In recent years, Dr. Carl Peterson, a brain specialist at Oral Roberts University, conducted research on the relationship between the brain and praying in the Holy Spirit (praying in tongues -Mark 16:17). He discovered that as we engage in praying in the Spirit, the brain releases two chemical secretions that are directed into our immune systems, giving a 35-40% boost to our immune system. It produces healing within our bodies. This secretion is triggered from a part of the brain that has no other activity in humans. The baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues just like the early church received in the Acts 2:1-4, 10:44-48, and 19:1-6 is available to all believers in Jesus. Right before ascending into heaven and pouring out the Holy Spirit in Acts 1:8 Jesus said, “*But you shall receive power (Greek- miraculous ability) when the Holy*

*Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Acts 2:38-39 says, *“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”* The baptism of the Holy Spirit is what turned my life around and thrust me into a world-wide healing ministry where we have seen hundreds of thousands turn to Christ as we have witnessed the miracle working power of Jesus time and time again. I also believe that is why my family remains very healthy. The Holy Spirit is our source of health and wholeness. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience available to all, as mentioned in the above verses, which takes place after salvation. All you have to do is hunger and ask for it and Jesus will baptize you in the Holy Spirit. It was one of the most powerful experiences I have ever had. That experience radically changed my life, gave me a passion for lost souls, direction and it can for you also.