

OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS TO HEALING

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FOREWORD BY RANDY CLARK

Overcoming Roadblocks to Healing is an outstanding practical guide for those who are struggling to understand why healing does not come or last. At times, you may think the prayer of faith has failed or that you have done something to cause your sickness or pain to return. You

may not know what to do next. I have been praying for the sick for many years. I have seen God do mighty things when praying for someone one time and then not see any results when praying for someone else another time. I have experienced victories and defeats in my own healing ministry and struggled at times with the mystery of why some do not get healed.

I believe Mark provides key insights from Scripture to help those who come against roadblocks in their healing. He not only offers strategy to get your healing, but gives personal experience where he has struggled to be healed or at times lost his healing. He tells you the truth about his struggle and the victory of overcoming his roadblocks to healing.

Mark exposes the lies that have caused believers to deny that healing exists or that it is not for today. He reveals the influence of Greek thought on our Western Christianity, which has caused a false belief that suffering and illness are the will of God for our lives. This misunderstanding has caused many to doubt that God can heal and their unwillingness to seek healing for their illness. Mark emphasizes that the truth of God's Word is the standard for which we should put our faith in. He stresses the need for believers to renew their minds by aligning thoughts and beliefs with the Word of God.

I believe this book should be read by every believer, especially those who need healing. It is a tremendous resource for those who have not walked in the healing ministry, to be aware of roadblocks in people's lives to healing. Thank you, Mark, for providing such a wonderful book that will help the church understand how to overcome the roadblocks to healing.

Randy Clark -Apostolic Network of Global Awakening January 1, 2012

Endorsements

"Mark Anderson knows what he is writing about. He has lived it and continues to preach the message of healing and freedom throughout the world. Here in this book he makes it simple and shows you how to bring healing into your own life. This is a great contribution to the Body of Christ..." ***-Harold R. Eberle President Worldcast Ministries and Publishing -Yakima, WA***

"Mark Anderson has done a very thorough and excellent job with his new book, "Overcoming Roadblocks to Healing." Why is there such continual confusion and uncertainty concerning God's will for healing? Is healing the will of God for everyone? If healing is God's will, shouldn't it just take place automatically? Are there variables that can affect the will of God from coming to pass in your life?

These and many more questions are answered from the Scriptures in Overcoming Roadblocks to Healing. Take time to read it through carefully with your Bible close by; you will discover and become confident that healing is for you!" ***-Steve C. Shank - www.SteveCShank.com Boulder, CO - Pastor, Teacher, and Author of Schizophrenic God? Finding Reality in Conflict, Confusion, and Contradiction***

“Some books are written from the lofty heights of academia, while others are written from the trenches of real life. This book is not based in theory, but on reality. Mark has lived between the ecstasy of seeing miracle healings, and the agony of those who were not healed. This book *Overcoming Road Blocks to Healing* will act as a personal guide to help you overcome the barriers to healing.” -*Pastor J.R. Polhemus* - www.therock.org *Castle Rock, CO - Head pastor, The Rock*

CHAPTER 1

OVERCOMING ROADBLOCKS TO HEALING PART I

The title of this book comes from a dream I had recently. I was driving a truck to a certain destination. I suddenly came to a roadblock and it looked like I would not be able to make it to my destination. As I approached the roadblock I slowed down and saw a way around the roadblock. Then the dream ended. It was 3:30 a.m. and I thought nothing about this dream. I tried to fall back asleep but could not and ended up getting up and praying for someone I knew who was struggling with cancer. Then the Lord showed me that this dream was meant to shed light on how to get around the roadblocks when it comes to healing. Sad to say this person passed away as the family could not comprehend Jesus paying the price for our healing in His atonement.

I want to encourage you with the truth that there are ways around the roadblocks to healing. You are to move forward and press in for what rightfully belongs to you as a believer in Jesus. Thus this writing.

The purpose of this book is not to make a person feel condemned or overwhelmed by roadblocks but to be aware of things that can hinder Christ's healing power. My goal is to share some insight on hindrances to healing and help you move beyond those roadblocks and overcome them.

If we believers will seek out the truth about healing like looking for treasure, healing and miracles will become a regular occurrence. If we desire to experience miracles and healings on a regular basis we need to pursue and seek after the truths in God's Word in order to lay a foundation that cannot be shaken. We have to seek after these truths like seeking after hidden treasure. Christ's miracle working power is here. Do you want it?

NOT HUNGRY ENOUGH

Many see a roadblock to healing and think nothing can be done. When in-fact that is not the final answer. Jesus said *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.* This is a principle Jesus established. We will be filled with what we hunger for. One roadblock that I often see when it comes to divine healing is a lack of hunger and thirsting. Many Christians do not like to venture outside the religious box they have put God in or have been raised to believe God is in when it comes to divine healing and miracles. There is no

pressing in for it but an attitude of whatever will be will be. This attitude does not produce results and is very damaging to the Kingdom of God.

In over 33 years of being in a healing ministry I have watched people, who were hungry and thirsty to know more about the healing Jesus provided at Calvary and get filled with it. *Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed* (1 Peter 2:24). They sought it out and found it and now have an unshakable foundation in God's Word for healings and miracles. They are living it and experiencing it! With healing it is not a matter of trying to get healed by God. His Word says **WE WERE ALREADY HEALED 2,000 YEARS AGO** (see Isaiah 53:3-5, Matthew 8:16-17 & 1 Peter 2:24). All we need to learn to do is tap into what was already provided for us by Jesus 2,000 years ago. WE ARE THE HEALED because of what Jesus accomplished at Calvary.

Many believe that if healing does not occur immediately then maybe it is not God's will to heal. In reality it is God's will to heal, but there may be roadblocks or hindrances that stand in the way of a person's complete healing. On the other hand, the absence of the physical manifestation of healing does not necessarily imply there are hindrances.

Let me explain. 1 Corinthians 12:9-10 talks about the *gifts of healings* (Greek- means of healing or remedy) and also the *workings of miracles* (Greek word dunamis- miraculous ability, power for performing miracles). Miracles can be instant healings or a supernatural change of event. God heals instantaneously (miracles) and supernaturally over a period of time (healings). Mark 16:18 says *they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover*. which implies some will be healed and recover over a period of time and some will be immediately healed.

Many have received prayer for physical healing yet continue to suffer with an infirmity or disease that never seems to be healed. In this book I will be unable to cover all the roadblocks or hindrances to healing. The purpose in this series is to search out and get rid of anything that may exist in your life that might hinder the miracle working power of Christ.

To successfully minister to the sick, it is advisable that all parties involved deal with attitudes in their lives that may hinder healing, and thereby creating an environment that will be conducive to Christ's healing virtue! Too often, one does not have the time to deal with the hindrances before ministering healing. God in His infinite mercy and compassion has healed and will continue to heal people despite hindrances or roadblocks in their lives that would ordinarily impede healing. We have witnessed this personally time and again.

Often people attend our campaigns who still worship idols, or who attend to mock the campaign and have been instantly healed by Jesus. Their miracle caused many to turn to Christ. I am certain that these individuals had character traits that could be deemed as hindrances in receiving healing, yet were healed by the mercy of God. We have also seen Christians who have had hindrances or roadblocks to healing in their life but God has healed them. A very important

thing to understand is that healing and miracles take place by GOD'S GRACE. One can not work up a healing or a miracle. Knowing this should make it easier to press in beyond any roadblock for healing or miracles knowing it is God's will to heal. Plain and simple Jesus paid the price for our healing when He went to Calvary.

However God expects more out of mature believers and we should not be living our lives by the exceptions. James 4:17 says *"Therefore to him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."* Hosea 4:6 says, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."*. As Christians we should know and understand God's Word which is His will. If healing does not come forth we need to examine our lives for any negative strongholds that could hinder healing. We need to deal with them, or if there is no open door for the enemy just simply learn to stand for what rightfully belongs to us (ref. Eph. 6:10). We will share more on how to stand in chapter six.

Jesus showed us the true example of faith by dealing with the root in Mark 11:20. If we are to walk in divine health as God desires we do, then we need to deal with the root problems in our life not just the surface issues to see lasting change. We will talk more about that in chapter 4. III John vs 2 says *"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."* The word soul in the Greek means mind, heart, feelings, desires and affections. As this area of our life lines up with the knowledge of God's word and will, then we can walk in divine health and prosperity.

NEGLECTING THE PHYSICAL BODY

There are some very basic hindrances to healing like smoking, drinking, drug use, gluttony, laziness, etc. It is written in Proverbs 23:21, *"for the drunkard, and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will cloth a man with rags."* Often Christians are of the opinion that they do not need to take care of their flesh. Consuming junk food, lack of exercise, irregular sleeping habits etc. will cause the body to deteriorate and be more vulnerable to quick aging, sickness and disease.

I Timothy 4:8 says, *"For bodily exercise profits* (Greek- benefits) *a little* (Greek- is short lived), *but godliness is profitable for all things..."* In my opinion even if it profits a little it should be practiced. God does expect us to take care of our natural or physical bodies, which will only last for this life time. 1 Corinthians 6:19 says, *"or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"* 1 Corinthians 3:16 reiterates the same thought that our bodies house the Holy Spirit and hence we have the responsibility of taking care of the house by all necessary means.

God made everything good. That includes food. One simple rule to stay healthy is if God did not make it don't eat it. An example, white sugar is man-made and studies show it is very damaging to our immune system. It is best to avoid it. God made alternatives like honey.

Over the years I have seen and heard of ministers who have ignored the care of their physical bodies to their extreme detriment. Evangelist Jack Coe stands out as one such example. He had a

tremendous healing ministry in the 1940s and 50s. At that time he owned the largest Gospel tent that was always packed to capacity when used. He was extremely passionate for the Lord and there were numerous occasions when he would preach for weeks at a time, three times a day. He slept very little and ate his meals usually at 3 a.m. Unfortunately he was also very overweight. He was also a man driven by pride to prove he was better than other ministers. Sadly, he passed away in the prime of his life at the age of 38.

Another minister, a missionary to Mexico, who greatly inspired me passed away at the age of 58. He had the largest Evangelical churches in Mexico at one time. He burned with a passion for the lost. A close friend of mine worked with him in Mexico. He advised him to watch his diet, eat more healthy foods and to take care of his body. Unfortunately his words fell on deaf ears. This missionary was overweight. One day while preaching he dropped dead.

I believe that both these men are prime examples of individuals who had a deep passion for the Lord and the lost, but while they were spiritually strong, neglected the physical and passed away pre-maturely. Both of them had so much more to offer and accomplish, but ignoring the physical took its toll on them.

NO SEED PLANTED

The first thing we need to know is, it is God's will to heal our body. Jesus said, "*I came not down to do my will, but the will of the Father which sent me*" (John 6:38). Acts 10:38 says, "*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and Power who went about doing good, healing ALL that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him.*" Never once did Jesus turn anyone down that came to Him for healing. Only once was it recorded that He did not heal people and could do no mighty works because of their unbelief (ref. Matthew 13:58).

Christians ask me why their community or church is not experiencing Christ's miracles and healings. One reason many churches do not experience healings and miracles is because there is little or no teaching or emphasis put on it. Maybe they do not see the need for it. God will only give you what you hunger for. This is a spiritual principal. Jesus said "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they will be filled.*" Jesus **burned with a passion** for healing. He was moved with **compassion on suffering multitudes** and that is one reason He performed so many miracles. If we burn with passion for His power, so we can help suffering people, it will cause us to press in and be filled with His power to set the sick and demonized free.

1 Peter 1:23 says "*Having been born again, not of corruptible **SEED** but incorruptible, through the **WORD OF GOD** which lives and abides forever.*" When it comes to receiving healing, we cannot expect to receive a harvest on something we never planted. From my experience in over 30 years of healing ministry I have noticed a lot of Christians never receive healing because they never plant the **SEED** for it, which is the **WORD OF GOD**, according to 1 Peter 1:23 and Mark 4:1-20. Heb. 11:6 says, "*without faith it is impossible to please God...*" "*Faith* (for healing or whatever you need) *comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of*

God" (Romans 10:17). Teaching and training is essential if we desire miracles and healings on a consistent basis. Faith simply believes in what God says in His word (Ref. Mark 11:22-24, Matthew 21:21-22, Romans 4:17-21). Our faith for healing cannot be built if we are constantly around people who claim that they are sick for God's glory and teach beliefs that God does not want to heal some people. It is important for us to know what the Word says on healing, as often when we believe for a healing, persecution will arise for the Word sake (Ref Mark 4:17). Satan will attack us with doubts, trying to convince us that healing is not for us.

NOT UNDERSTANDING HOW TO PRAY PROPERLY

If we pray for the sick with the phrase 'if it be thy will', at the end, we are praying in unbelief. What has been promised to us in the word is His will for us and we do not have to pray 'if it be thy will'. We pray 'if it be thy will' if it is a **prayer of consecration**. When we pray for the sick we are instructed to **pray the prayer of faith**. James 5:15-16 *"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. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed any sin they will be forgiven."* It is not the prayer of consecration or the prayer of uncertainty that will raise him up. It is the **prayer of faith!** Jesus ministered to the sick and demonized with great authority and faith not with uncertainty if it was the Father's will or not.

What is faith? Mark 11:24 says *"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."* Faith is believing you have it or believing you shall receive it. Who are we believing or trusting in? God, our Heavenly Father!

Also notice James 5:15 *"any sin they will be forgiven."* What does that mean? In some cases the very thing or root problem hindering someone's healing can be sin. Repenting and receiving forgiveness can close the door on the enemy. That is how to deal with the root of the problem causing the illness or infirmity, so lasting health can be their portion.

1 John 5:14-15 says *"... whatever we ask according to His will (His Word) He hears us and we know that if He hears us we shall have the petitions desired of Him."* In the Lord's Prayer it says, *"thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."* (Matthew 6:10). Is anyone sick in heaven? No! Than why should we, as born again believers, tolerate sickness or infirmities when Satan attacks us with it? Heaven longs to come down and invade earth with God's supernatural miracle working power. John 10:10 says, *"the thief (Satan) does not come but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come that you may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

People who believe or preach that healing is not always God's will, rarely see a miracle, because they are not willing to take that step of faith by believing God's Word. If I preach that it is not always God's will to save a sinner, would people get saved? Not many! How can people be healed if we tell them it might not be God's will to heal? We need to believe and pray in faith believing that God will heal. That is what His Word instructs us to do.

UNBELIEF

*“And when He came to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, ‘O **faithless** and perverse **generation**, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to me.’ And Jesus **rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, ‘why could we not cast it out?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘**Because of your unbelief**; for assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith** as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. However this kind **does not go out except by prayer and fasting**” (Matthew 17:14-21).*

Matthew 17:14-15 describes the incident of a father approaching Jesus, as his son, who was an epileptic and a deaf mute (Mark 9:17) needed a miracle. The disciples were unable to help the boy (vs16). It is interesting to note that the boy was not healed instantly. Today many would throw in the towel saying, “I guess healing the boy is not God’s will.” Jesus however puts the blame: not on God’s unwillingness to heal, but on the **disciples’ faithlessness** (vs17), **unbelief** (vs20). Since this was a problem in Jesus’ day, could this possibly be a reason many are not healed today? This father, who wanted to see his son well humbles himself and admits that he had unbelief, but asked Jesus to help him with his unbelief (see Mark 9: 24). Jesus took this man where he was at with his faith and helped him get his miracle for his son.

One thing we glean from this incident is that faithlessness and unbelief restrained this boy’s miracle. Jesus’ frustration over His disciple’s unbelief is apparent. Do you think unbelief would make Him feel frustrated today with Christians? He wants us to be people of faith. Jesus said in Luke 18:8 “*...Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?*”

DEMONIC HINDRANCE TO HEALING

Notice how in order for this boy to be healed Jesus had to cast out a demon. Many believers battle with physical and mental afflictions. Is Jesus big enough to deliver you and bring health to you? One of the main hindrances to healing is demon spirits! In Mark 16:17-18 Jesus mentions two ways to minister healing to individuals needing healing. One way in verse 17 “*These signs shall follow those who believe: in my name they shall cast out demons...*” then another way in verse 18 *They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.*” It has been a privilege to watch Jesus heal many thousands of people in our evangelistic outreaches or just one on one. I have to say that at least seventy five percent of those healed were healed as a result of casting demons out of them.

Demon spirits cause many physical and mental health problems especially when we yield to them. Not all infirmities or sickness is caused by demons but much sickness, disease, and infirmities are. Many try to ignore the demonic realm hoping their problem will go away. Paul said, “*Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are **not ignorant of his*** (demonic)

devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). Healing does not take place by ignoring the problem. Acts 10:38 says *"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.**"*

Notice Jesus healed ALL (nobody was left out) but we need to address the issue of who was causing the physical or mental pain and deal with it properly knowing who we are in Christ and how BIG, POWERFUL AND WILLING TO HEAL He really is.

GIVING THE DEMONS AND DEVIL TOO MUCH ATTENTION

In Matthew 12:24 Satan is referred to as Beelzebub. Beelzebub means lord of the flies and dung. If you seriously meditate on this you will see how defeated he really is. Flies to me are nothing more than mere irritants. Same with demons! Jesus talks about casting out demons with the finger of God. Does it take much effort? No! Beelzebub also means lord of the dung. There is not much to say about waste (dung)! It's not something I like to give much attention to. This is what Satan and his demons are equivalent to. Beelzebub has no power other than what we give or allow him and his demons. Satan and his demons were defeated 2,000 years ago. Colossians 2:15, talking about Jesus, says *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a **public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*** 1 John 3:8 says *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He **might destroy the works of the devil.*** That is why our focus for the most part needs to be Christ, not demons.

Unfortunately, often Christians talk about all their problems and how the devil is beating them up. Many times the devil, and their problems get more glory and attention than Jesus Christ. On the other hand some ignore the demonic realm because of fear. Ignoring demons will not cause the problem to disappear. We understand who we are in Christ and how defeated demons are. Isaiah 14:16 tells us how surprised many will be when they finally see Lucifer or Satan. It says, *"those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you saying is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms?"* Some day we will see with our eyes just how weak and defeated he really is.

When your focus is more on the problems and demons then they will get the better of you. If the focus is Jesus then they do not stand a chance. More of Jesus and less of us also means less problems and less of the devil and demons. More of Jesus also means more heaven on earth and less hell on earth. This is one way to live victorious over sin. Are we allowing Jesus to increase in our life or is the focus demons or 'me and my problems?'

LACK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

In Matthew 17 Jesus makes a statement about His disciple's inability to cast out a deaf, mute, and epileptic demon from a boy. First their unbelief stood in the way (vs. 20) and then in verse 21 Jesus says, *"However, this kind does not go out **except by prayer and fasting.**"* Fasting and prayer is not an option for mature believers and ministry leaders. There are many ways to fast. Daniel abstained from pleasant foods, meat and wine for 21 days (see Daniel 10:3). We may fast by skipping meals or abstaining from television, but Biblical fasting always implies abstaining

from food in some way. The main focus in this passage of scripture is to couple fasting with prayer.

When it came to prayer and fasting Jesus did not tell people He had to go pray and fast to see a miracle. Fasting and prayer is not just for when a hard case comes our way but it should be a lifestyle. By having a lifestyle of prayer and fasting it prepares us for whatever may come our way.

Jesus states in Matthew 6:16 **“When you fast”**, not **if** you fast. Isaiah 58:6 says **“Is this not the fast I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?”** Fasting and prayer helps set the spiritual atmosphere for miracles and for freedom in people’s lives. Isaiah 58:8 says when you fast **“Your healing shall spring forth speedily.”** Fasting done correctly will even flush toxins out of our bodies. Fasting works to spiritually and physically cleanse us and to produce spiritual, physical health and bring spiritual breakthrough.

UNBELIEF, OFFENSE AND THE CRITICAL SPIRIT WORK TOGETHER

Especially for those ministering to the sick notice the importance of prayer and fasting in helping bring about a miracle intervention. Isaiah 58:6-9 says, *“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and **that you break every yoke?** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your **healing shall spring forth speedily**, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and **the Lord will answer;** You shall cry and He will say, ‘Here I am’ **IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE YOKE FROM YOUR MIDST, THE POINTING OF THE FINGER AND SPEAKING OF WICKEDNESS.**”*

Verse 6 refers to the freedom that those around us and we can experience when we set the spiritual atmosphere through prayer and fasting. Years ago I wish I had known what Isaiah 58 was all about. I would have cleansed myself and repented of character flaws that kept the miracles from flowing freely. Isaiah 58:6 says that prayer and fasting can **“BREAK EVERY YOKE”**. What exactly is the yoke that God is talking about? Notice verse 9, *“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry and He will say, Here I am **IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE YOKE FROM YOUR MIDST, THE POINTING OF THE FINGER AND SPEAKING OF WICKEDNESS.**”*

If we are critical and judgmental towards people and say negative things about any person, then we are pointing the finger and speaking wickedness. What is so bad about that? **IT CAN KEEP GOD FROM SHOWING UP IN OUR MIDST AND KEEP US FROM HEARING HIS VOICE.**

I have been in churches where people were critical of the preacher and had the attitude “okay, let’s see what he can do.” As a result of that attitude God did not move, and only a few sick people were healed. **A judging or critical spirit can bring with it offense and unbelief.** It can be to the extent that we **terminate the life flow of God** coming forth from people who God brought into our midst. These could be people God ordained to take us to another level spiritually, or had a miracle for us from heaven. Jesus had the same problem in His day. I have witnessed this destructive power in people's lives.

In Mark 6:1-6, Jesus had come to bring God’s miracle working power in their midst. However, instead of receiving their miracle from Jesus they were offended by Him. Verse 5 points out the results: Jesus the anointed one could **ONLY HEAL A FEW SICK PEOPLE.** Verse 6 says ***“And He marveled because of their UNBELIEF.”***

In Luke 5:17-26, Jesus was able to heal one paralytic, yet the **power of God was present to heal THEM** (see Luke 5:17). **THEM** means more than one! Their attitude kept the others and themselves from receiving from Jesus. Notice, unbelief (lack of faith) did not just come because they had no faith in Jesus, but it came because of offense, because of reasoning (see Luke 5:21) and a critical spirit in their midst as well.

Once when I was ministering in North India God moved powerfully the first night. Two people, Anil and Sanobai had been blind, were healed, came forward to testify and demonstrate their miracle. It looked like the meetings were off to a great start. Another young lady Rekha was crippled all her life with polio and was unable to walk. Later in the campaign after prayer she raised her crutches above her head and walked right up to the stage. My father-in-law, Major David Frank had suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. He also was partially deaf from injuries suffered during the war. He was completely healed during the campaign. In fact prior to the campaign he had confessed that he was going to be healed there. The power of God was present to heal many.

As the meetings continued it seemed like the anointing for miracles dissipated. I could not understand why. Most of the times when our meetings started off powerfully like that, they continued to grow with intensity. Later the Lord showed me what had happened. The first night I had set my Bible down on the stage, as there was not much room. In the process my foot accidentally brushed against the Bible. I did not even know I had done this. Later I heard that a couple of pastors became very critical and offended that I would do such a thing. The same pastors became very upset that I invited my wife to sit on the platform with me.

Later on in the ministers conference my wife laid hands on her sister, who was visiting, for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues. The same pastors became very upset that she laid hands on her sister. At the same conference I was sharing that we as ministers should follow Jesus’ example and serve others. After the teaching these pastors took me off to the side and asked me how I could share such a teaching. They said “people should be serving us not us serving them.” Even though I had worked with

these pastors many times before they became so offended over these issues that they no longer wanted to work with us again.

Since that time the Lord has shown me how offense can literally short-circuit the power of God from flowing to those who desperately need a miracle as it was in this case. As we see in Mark 6 some people were healed by Jesus but he could only heal a few sick folk because of unbelief and offense. Unbelief and offense can stifle the corporate anointing for healing but it can not stop the personal anointing God puts on someone's life for healing.

LACK OF LOVE AND COMPASSION

We have seen much legalism and apathy amongst ministers in places we have labored when it comes to serving and ministry to the lost and hurting. Jesus said the love of many would wax cold in these last days (see Matthew 24:12). We need to guard our hearts against apathy. This attitude can greatly hinder healing. Jesus, miracles, signs and wonders take place in an atmosphere of compassion (see Mark 1:40-45 & Matthew 14).

Another thing to be aware of when it comes to receiving healing from Jesus is to have a revelation of His love and compassion for you. Are you secure in His love for you? Self condemnation and guilt can greatly hinder healing to one's physical body. *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death* (Romans 8:1-2). There is no condemnation when we are in Christ and pursuing Him. Regarding the depth of Christ's love for each of us look at Ephesians 3:17-19. It says *that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God*. Jesus is still moved with compassion towards you even as He was during the times He walked this earth in flesh and blood.