



## 2019 August Series: Made Well

### Message #2: No More Waiting

#### Getting the Nod:

**Pre-Sermon Video: Michael W. Smith – “Healing Rain”**

**Transition:** Today we will be asking the Lord to send His rain upon us. Some of us will quickly jump into the living water, and some of us will choose to watch and not get in. If you are not going to participate with faith and belief... at least lift your voice and give your unbelief to God. But if you are here to plunge into His rain with faith that gives God the control of this service... then rejoice. He is here... and He is willing to bless His people. **How many want to see God move today?**

#### Connecting Us:

**Illustration of the Earthquake on Vacation:** Recently Carmen and I took a vacation. It was a great time and everyday was a special adventure... but something that we experienced will forever be remembered and will forever be a reminder of how small we are in this world. We experienced an earthquake. It happened so fast... but to us the world stopped for a few minutes. The quake was only a 4.4 on the Richter Scale... but we had never been in that kind of a moment before. It started as a huge BANG that seemed to come from far away... yet still was an enormous interruption... then a few seconds of shaking. Most of the other people in our resort were just like us... standing on our balcony trying to piece together an explanation. It was for a moment... a bookmark in our lives that shouted, “YOU ARE NOT IN CONTROL AND YOU ARE AT ALL TIMES AT THE MERCY OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!”

**Transition:** Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends... we are in no way in control of this healing service. We are at all times at the mercy of a sovereign God. We can never demand something of Him... but He has compelled us with His Word to ask for miracles... and then leave the outcome to Him! We are to believe and trust Him.

#### God’s Take on Healing:

##### The Three Types of Healing in the Bible:

Man was created in the Bible as a triune being. What I mean by that is that there is more to a human being than meets the eye. He was created in the image of God and has three parts. He has a body, a soul, and a spirit. So, since man has three parts to his make-up, he also has three parts of him that at one point or another may become sick or in need of healing. The Bible talks about all three of these types of healing.

##### 1. Spiritual healing.

NKJV | Ps 23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.

NKJV | Ps 41:4 I said, “LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”

NKJV | Je 3:22 “Return, you back-sliding children, And I will heal your backslidings.” “Indeed, we do come to You, For You are the LORD our God.

NKJV | 2 Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Spiritual healing is when the human spirit has been damaged by the effects of sin in our lives. Now do not think that I am the type of person that points fingers at people. I am not! I have had more than my fair share of sin in my life and have seen the devastating effects of it.

- **Sin, (hamartia), in its simplest definition, means to miss the mark; like missing the bulls-eye on a target.** When our lives miss God's intended mark, we cause harm to our human spirit and causes spiritual death.
- **Spiritual healing then is the renewal and restoration of the human spirit.** This is what is talked about by Jesus when He said a person must be born again.
- **This healing comes when a person receives forgiveness from God by accepting the forgiveness offered by God when they start a personal relationship with Jesus.**
- Even for the Christian, forgiveness is something that needs to be maintained on a regular basis. If not, then once again our spirit will become ill and wounded.
- **Has sin damaged your life? Have you missed the target that God has set before us? If so, you need spiritual healing!!**
- **Romans 3:23 / 6:23**
- **Have you lost your way as a believer? Have you gotten stale and backslid? If so, you need spiritual healing!! (Honesty time: come clean with God and He will come and clean you!!!)** Then there's...

## 2. Emotional healing.

NKJV | Ps 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

NLT | Ps 6:2 Have compassion on me, LORD, for I am weak. Heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony.

NKJV | Is 53:5 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.

Emotional healing or the healing of the soul is when something has control of our feelings and emotions. It's when emotional reactions come to us as anger... or debilitating sadness... or discouragement... or guilt or shame from something in the past.

- **Emotional healing is when God in His mercy, grace, and love helps a person to no longer have an emotional reaction** created by the captivity of the mind and soul. Whether it is caused by the sins that they have committed or the sins that have been committed against them.
- **When somebody else sins against us,** we feel all kinds of emotions, anger, shame, bitterness, etc.
- King David got honest with God after being confronted about his sin of adultery and setting up the death of Uriah and received not only spiritual healing but emotional healing. In Psalm 32 He says...
- NLT | Ps 32:5 Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.
- **Do you need emotional healing? Do you need rescued from your own mind and brokenness? (Honesty Time: Come clean with yourself and watch God's peace come)**

- And then there's...

### 3. Physical healing.

NLT | Jas 5:14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

NLT | Proverbs 3:7-8 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. 8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

NLT | 1 Pe 2:24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

I know that physical healing can be a controversial subject. If all I knew about physical healing were the circus acts that I see on Christian TV, I would throw it out too! However, I do not get my inspiration and beliefs from Christian TV. I get it from the Bible, and for better or worse, physical healing was God's idea.

- He is the one that said He was... "the Lord that Heals us." (Exodus 15:26) And it was Jesus who fulfilled the prophecy that was made concerning the coming Messiah that said the Messiah would take all our sicknesses and carry all our diseases.
- It was Jesus who said that one of the signs that would follow believers is that **they would lay hands on the sick and they would recover.**
- **So physical healing was God's idea**, not some creation of television evangelists. Many of them just took it and used it for their motives and gain.
- **Do you need physical healing? Is there something about your health that has you bound and fearful. Do you desire Christ to touch your physical body?**

**Transition:** Well, before we get to the actual healing ceremony... here are a few things that I remind you to do to prepare yourselves for this profound moment as a church and as God's family...

#### Our Response:

#### How to Prepare to Receive an Answer for Healing: (Here in a few moments...)

##### 1. Bring your needs to Jesus. Be specific and clear.

- NLT | Mt 7:7-8 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

##### 2. Offer what you have. Do what you can do.

- Use what you have.
- NLT | 2 Ki 4:2 "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.
- Luke 9: (feeding of the five thousand) They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish ..."

##### 3. Do what the Lord tells you to do. Confess It, Possess It, Invest It.

- John 21 (Men had not caught any fish) 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."
- NKJV | Jas 5:14 **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.**

**4. Believe that Jesus will answer your prayer. Fuel your faith.**

- Mark 9:23 "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."
- Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

**5. Open your heart to receive from the Lord. Own the purpose, Give God the Glory.**

- Matthew 21:22 **If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."**

**6. Thank Him in Advance. Give thanks for what he is going to do.**

- NKJV | Ps 52:9 **I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.**

**Transition:**

**Transition to Healing Ceremony:**

What do you want God to do in your life? This morning I want you to simply ask and believe. In a few minutes I am going to pray. I want you to join me in this prayer. Ask God specifically to help you in the area of your need.

- **How's your soul? Are you saved and living faithfully?** Some of you have never made a decision to follow Christ. The greatest miracle that you will ever receive is the miracle of having your sins forgiven. Open up your life to Jesus Christ. Ask him to forgive you of your sins. Trust him with your future. **If that's you... come forward.**
- **How's your mind and emotions? Do you struggle with controlling them? Do you need God to set you free? Do you have pressing issues?** Call on God. Tell God the details. Ask him to give you guidance, wisdom and direction. **If that's you... come forward.**
- **Some of you are sick and you need God's touch.** Ask him to heal you. If you are sick or would like to stand in for someone who is sick, please come forward and one of our Elders or prayer team members will anoint you with oil and we will pray together. **If that's you... come forward.**

**We have stationed at every aisle a prayer leader. Tell them what you're needing in this healing service. Let us pray that God would send His healing rain upon us.**