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Healing in the Bible

Series: Christ Our Healer

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Evening Service

I. **Healing in the Old Testament**

A. Barrenness healed

B. **Genesis 11:27–30** (ESV) —

1. 27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.
2. 28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans.
3. 29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah.
4. 30 **Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.**

C. **Genesis 17:15–21** (ESV) —

1. 15 And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
2. 16 **I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”**
3. 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “**Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?**”
4. 18 And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!”
5. 19 God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.
6. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.
7. 21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

D. **Genesis 18:9–15** (ESV) —

1. 9 They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.”
2. 10 The LORD said, “**I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.**” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

3. **11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.**
 4. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”
 5. 13 The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’
 6. **14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”**
 7. 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”
- E. **Genesis 21:1–7** (ESV) —
1. 1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised.
 2. **2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.**
 3. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.
 4. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
 5. **5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.**
 6. **6 And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.”**
 7. 7 And she said, “**Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.**”
- F. **Genesis 25:19–23** (ESV) —
1. 19 These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham fathered Isaac,
 2. 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.
 3. **21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.**
 4. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD.
 5. 23 And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.”
 6. **Note: Answers to prayer for healing don’t come on easy street!**
- G. **Genesis 29:31** (ESV) —
1. 31 When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, **but Rachel was barren.**
- H. **Genesis 30:16–21** (ESV) —

1. 16 When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So he lay with her that night.
 2. 17 **And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.**
 3. 18 Leah said, “God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband.” So she called his name Issachar.
 4. 19 **And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son.**
 5. 20 **Then Leah said, “God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons.”** So she called his name Zebulun.
 6. 21 Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.
- I. **Genesis 30:22–24** (ESV) —
1. 22 **Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.**
 2. 23 She conceived and bore a son and said, “God has taken away my reproach.”
 3. 24 And she called his name **Joseph**, saying, “May the LORD add to me another son!”
- J. **Genesis 20:1–18** (ESV) —
1. 1 From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar.
 2. 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.
 3. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.”
 4. 4 Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, “Lord, will you kill an innocent people?”
 5. 5 Did he not himself say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this.”
 6. 6 Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her.
 7. 7 Now then, return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”
 8. 8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid.
 9. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done.”

10. 10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, “What did you see, that you did this thing?”
 11. 11 Abraham said, “I did it because I thought, ‘There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’
 12. 12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.
 13. 13 And when God caused me to wander from my father’s house, I said to her, ‘This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, “He is my brother.” ’ ’ ”
 14. 14 Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him.
 15. 15 And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.”
 16. 16 To Sarah he said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated.”
 17. 17 **Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children.**
 18. 18 **For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.**
 19. **Note: Sin (or potential sin) was behind the barrenness.**
 20. **Note: Healing occurred to non-Israelite.**
- K. **1 Samuel 1:9–20** (ESV) —
1. 9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.
 2. 10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.
 3. 11 **And she vowed a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”**
 4. 12 As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.
 5. 13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman.
 6. 14 And Eli said to her, “How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.”
 7. 15 But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD.
 8. 16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.”
 9. 17 **Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.”**

10. 18 And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.
 11. 19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. **And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.**
 12. 20 **And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the LORD.”**
 13. **Note: Significant time in redemptive history – Samuel.**
- L. **1 Kings 13:4–6** (ESV) —
1. 4 And when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, “Seize him.” **And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.**
 2. 5 The altar also was torn down, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.
 3. 6 **And the king said to the man of God, “Entreat now the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.” And the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored to him and became as it was before.**
 4. **Note: Illness related to sin; confession and repentance implied and required.**
- M. **1 Kings 17:17–24** (ESV) —
1. 17 **After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.**
 2. 18 And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!”
 3. 19 And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.
 4. 20 **And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?”**
 5. 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.”
 6. 22 **And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.**
 7. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”
 8. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”
 9. **Note: Gentile woman from Zarephath; confession of sin implied.**

N. **2 Kings 4:8–17** (ESV) —

1. 8 One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to eat food.
2. 9 And she said to her husband, “Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way.
3. 10 Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there.”
4. 11 One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there.
5. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite.” When he had called her, she stood before him.
6. 13 And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘See, you have taken all this trouble for us; what is to be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?’ ” She answered, “I dwell among my own people.”
7. 14 **And he said, “What then is to be done for her?” Gehazi answered, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.”**
8. 15 He said, “Call her.” And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway.
9. 16 And he said, “**At this season, about this time next year, you shall embrace a son.**” And she said, “No, my lord, O man of God; do not lie to your servant.”
10. 17 **But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following spring, as Elisha had said to her.**
11. **Note: Another case of barrenness; Shunammite may have been Gentile.**

O. **2 Kings 4:18–37** (ESV) —

1. 18 When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers.
2. 19 And he said to his father, “Oh, my head, my head!” The father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.”
3. 20 And when he had lifted him and brought him to his mother, **the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died.**
4. 21 And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and went out.
5. 22 Then she called to her husband and said, “Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.”
6. 23 And he said, “Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath.” She said, “All is well.”
7. 24 Then she saddled the donkey, and she said to her servant, “Urge the animal on; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you.”

8. 25 So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, there is the Shunammite.
 9. 26 Run at once to meet her and say to her, 'Is all well with you? Is all well with your husband? Is all well with the child?' " And she answered, "All is well."
 10. 27 And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came to push her away. But the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me."
 11. 28 Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?' " "
 12. 29 He said to Gehazi, "Tie up your garment and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child."
 13. 30 Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her.
 14. 31 Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened."
 15. 32 **When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed.**
 16. 33 **So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD.**
 17. 34 Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm.
 18. 35 **Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.**
 19. 36 Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son."
 20. 37 She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.
 21. **Note: Healing was a process.**
- P. **2 Kings 5:1–14** (ESV) —
1. 1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. **He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.**
 2. 2 Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife.
 3. 3 **She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."**
 4. 4 So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel."

5. 5 And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing.
6. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.”
7. 7 And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”
8. 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”
9. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house.
10. 10 **And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”**
11. 11 But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.
12. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.
13. 13 But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”
14. 14 **So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.**
15. **Note: Gentile enemy of Israel; required response of faith.**

Q. **2 Kings 13:21** (ESV) —

1. 21 And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and **as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.**
2. **Note: Miracle without prayer.**

R. **2 Kings 20:1–7** (ESV) —

1. 1 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.’”
2. 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying,

3. 3 “Now, O LORD, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
4. 4 And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him:
5. 5 “Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, **Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD,**
6. 6 **and I will add fifteen years to your life.** I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.”
7. 7 And Isaiah said, “**Bring a cake of figs. And let them take and lay it on the boil, that he may recover.**”
8. **Note: Context – pressure from Assyrians; healing with a method or process.**

S. **Isaiah 38:1–8** (ESV) —

1. 1 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die, you shall not recover.”
2. 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,
3. 3 and said, “**Please, O LORD, remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.**” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
4. 4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: 5 “Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: **I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life.**
5. 6 I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and will defend this city.
6. 7 “**This shall be the sign to you from the LORD,** that the LORD will do this thing that he has promised:
7. 8 Behold, I will make the shadow cast by the declining sun on the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps.” So the sun turned back on the dial the ten steps by which it had declined.
8. **Note: Healing by a plea; related to enemy pressure; delivered with sign.**

T. **Job 42:10–17** (ESV) —

1. 10 And **the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends.** And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
2. 11 Then came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. And each of them gave him a piece of money and a ring of gold.

3. 12 And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. And he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.
4. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.
5. 14 And he called the name of the first daughter Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-happuch.
6. 15 And in all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.
7. 16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, four generations.
8. 17 And **Job died, an old man, and full of days.**
9. **Note: Healing upon praying for others; healing involved length of days.**

U. **Daniel 4:34–36** (ESV) —

1. 34 **At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,** for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
2. 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"
3. 36 **At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me.** My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me.
4. **Note: Healing for mental illness.**

II. **Jesus' Healing Ministry**

A. **Matthew 4:23** (ESV) —

1. 23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and **healing every disease and every affliction** among the people.

B. **Mark 1:30–31** (ESV) —

1. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay **ill with a fever**, and immediately they told him about her.
2. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and **the fever left her, and she began to serve them.**
3. **Note: Response to healing was service.**

C. **John 4:46–54** (ESV) —

1. 46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was **an official whose son was ill.**

2. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for **he was at the point of death.**
3. 48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.”
4. 49 The official said to him, “**Sir, come down before my child dies.**”
5. 50 **Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.**
6. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering.
7. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”
8. 53 **The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household.**
9. 54 This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.
10. **Note: Jesus didn’t have to be present to heal; faith was required; healing was evangelical.**

D. **Matthew 8:1–4** (ESV) —

1. 1 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.
2. 2 And behold, **a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”**
3. 3 **And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.**
4. 4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”
5. **Note: Leprosy, including social stigma; Jesus touched the man, crossing social boundaries; healing involved faith.**

E. **Mark 5:25–34** (ESV) —

1. 25 And there was a woman who had had **a discharge of blood** for twelve years,
2. 26 and who had **suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.**
3. 27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.
4. 28 **For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”**
5. 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.
6. 30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?”
7. 31 And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ”
8. 32 And he looked around to see who had done it.

9. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.
 10. 34 And he said to her, **“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”**
 11. **Note: Mercy and compassion demonstrated; faith involved; Jesus even unaware.**
- F. **Luke 5:18–26** (ESV) —
1. 18 And behold, some men were bringing on a bed **a man who was paralyzed**, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus,
 2. 19 but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, **they went up on the roof** and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.
 3. 20 And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
 4. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
 5. 22 When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?”
 6. 23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?
 7. 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”
 8. 25 And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.
 9. 26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”
 10. **Note: Involved extra effort by friends; Jesus used it to demonstrate his authority to forgive sins.**
- G. **Mark 3:1–5** (ESV) —
1. 1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with **a withered hand**.
 2. 2 And they watched Jesus, to see **whether he would heal him on the Sabbath**, so that they might accuse him.
 3. 3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.”
 4. 4 And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent.
 5. 5 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, **“Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.**
 6. **Note: Demonstrated authority over the Sabbath; required faith.**
- H. **Luke 22:50–51** (ESV) —
1. 50 And one of them struck **the servant of the high priest** and cut off his right ear.

2. 51 But Jesus said, “No more of this!” **And he touched his ear and healed him.**
 3. **Note: Healed an enemy.**
- I. **John 9:1–7** (ESV) —
1. 1 As he passed by, he saw a man **blind from birth.**
 2. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
 3. 3 Jesus answered, “**It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.**
 4. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.
 5. 5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**”
 6. 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. **Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud**
 7. 7 and said to him, “**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**” (which means **Sent**). **So he went and washed and came back seeing.**
 8. **Note: Sign to signify Light of the World; not related to sin, but so power of God would be displayed.**
- J. **Mark 9:17–27** (ESV) —
1. 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for **he has a spirit that makes him mute.**
 2. 18 And whenever **it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.**”
 3. 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”
 4. 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.
 5. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “**From childhood.**
 6. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, **have compassion on us and help us.**”
 7. 23 And Jesus said to him, “**‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.**”
 8. 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “**I believe; help my unbelief!**”
 9. 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”
 10. 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, **it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”**
 11. 27 But **Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.**
 12. **Note: Demon possession; compassion involved; faith involved.**
- K. **Matthew 8:16** (ESV) —

1. 16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and **he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.**
 2. **Note: Jesus' authority of evil spirits.**
- L. **Luke 7:11–15** (ESV) —
1. 11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.
 2. 12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, **a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow**, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.
 3. 13 And when the Lord saw her, **he had compassion on her** and said to her, “Do not weep.”
 4. 14 Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “**Young man, I say to you, arise.**”
 5. 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.
 6. **Note: Demonstration of compassion; woman vulnerable.**
- M. **John 11:38–44** (ESV) —
1. 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.
 2. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “**Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.**”
 3. 40 Jesus said to her, “**Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?**”
 4. 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.
 5. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”
 6. 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”
 7. 44 **The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”**
 8. **Note: Faith required; prayer of Jesus public; following healing there was further work to be done to free him.**
- N. **Why was healing such an important part of Jesus' ministry?**
1. **Introduce ministry**
 2. **Demonstrate His credentials**
 - a. God-incarnate
 - b. Lord of all of life
 - c. Authority over creation
 3. **Prove He could forgive sin**
 - a. **Luke 5:17–24** (ESV) —

- (1) 17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.
- (2) 18 And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus,
- (3) 19 but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.
- (4) 20 And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
- (5) 21 **And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”**
- (6) 22 When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?”
- (7) 23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?
- (8) 24 **But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”**

4. **Demonstrate mercy and compassion of God**

a. **Luke 7:11–15** (ESV) —

- (1) 11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.
- (2) 12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.
- (3) 13 And when the Lord saw her, **he had compassion on her** and said to her, “Do not weep.”
- (4) 14 Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”
- (5) 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

5. **Proclaim that salvation starts immediately**

a. **Luke 4:16–21** (ESV) —

- (1) 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.
- (2) 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

- (3) 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
- (4) 19 **to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**
- (5) 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
- (6) 21 And he began to say to them, **“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**

III. The Apostles’ Healing Ministry

A. Acts 2:43 (ESV) —

- 1. 43 And awe came upon every soul, **and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.**

B. John 14:12 (ESV) —

- 1. 12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and **greater works than these will he do**, because I am going to the Father.
- 2. **Not atoning works**
- 3. **Multiplication and expansion beyond geographical limitations of Jesus’ earthly ministry**

C. Acts 3:1–10 (ESV) —

- 1. 1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
- 2. 2 And **a man lame from birth** was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.
- 3. 3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.
- 4. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.”
- 5. 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.
- 6. 6 But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”
- 7. 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.
- 8. 8 And **leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.**
- 9. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God,
- 10. 10 and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
- 11. **Note: Result of the healing was worship.**

D. Acts 5:12–16 (ESV) —

1. 12 Now **many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles.** And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
 2. 13 None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.
 3. 14 And more than ever **believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,**
 4. 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.
 5. 16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, **bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.**
- E. **Acts 16:16–18** (ESV) —
1. 16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by **a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.**
 2. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."
 3. 18 And this she kept doing for many days. **Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.**
 4. **Note: Healing (demonic possession) done because it interfered with ministry.**
- F. **Acts 19:11–20** (ESV) —
1. 11 And **God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,**
 2. 12 so that **even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.**
 3. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."
 4. 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.
 5. 15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?"
 6. 16 And **the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.**
 7. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.
 8. 18 Also **many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.**

9. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.
 10. 20 **So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.**
 11. **Note: Miraculous even without direct intervention; confession and repentance followed; dangerous to try and duplicate what apostles were doing.**
- G. **Acts 9:32–35** (ESV) —
1. 32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.
 2. 33 There he found a man named **Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed.**
 3. 34 And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose.
 4. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.
 5. **Note: Evangelical effect.**
- H. **Acts 14:8–10** (ESV) —
1. 8 Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. **He was crippled from birth and had never walked.**
 2. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that **he had faith to be made well,**
 3. 10 said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking.
 4. **Note: Faith involved and required.**
- I. **Acts 14:19–23** (ESV) —
1. 19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, **they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.**
 2. 20 **But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city,** and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.
 3. 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,
 4. 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.
 5. 23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
 6. **Note: Even Paul healed in order to continue ministry.**
- J. **Acts 28:3–6** (ESV) —
1. 3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, **a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand.**

2. 4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.”
 3. 5 **He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.**
 4. 6 They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.
 5. **Note: Healing by prevention of illness. Cf Mark’s prophecy.**
- K. **Acts 20:7–16** (ESV) —
1. 7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.
 2. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered.
 3. 9 And a young man named **Eutychus**, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.
 4. 10 But **Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.”**
 5. 11 And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.
 6. 12 And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.
 7. 13 But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land.
 8. 14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene.
 9. 15 And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus.
 10. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.
- L. **Purpose for Apostles’ healing ministry**
1. **Hebrews 2:3–4** (ESV) —
 - a. 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,
 - b. 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
 2. **1 Corinthians 12:7–11** (ESV) —
 - a. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
 - b. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

- c. 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
 - d. 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
 - e. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.
3. **2 Peter 3:15–16** (ESV) —
- a. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,
 - b. 16 **as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.**