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Healing: Session One

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### Why God Heals

- I. For his own sovereign purposes
  - A. No reason is given for the healing of the man with the withered hand (Mt. 12:9-13).
  - B. Sovereign timing makes some healings seem delayed (John 9 and Acts 3).
- II. Because He is asked
  - A. Mark 7:32-35
  - B. Let's believe God for the impossible, not the inevitable.
    1. "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this impossible, but with God all things are possible'" (Mt. 19:26).
    2. "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).
    3. "...You do not have, because you do not ask" (James 4:2b).
- III. In response to faith
  - A. "Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed from that moment" (Mt. 9:20-22).
  - B. "Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe"" (Mark 5:36).
  - C. "Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you'" (Luke 18:42).
- IV. To testify to Jesus and to the message about Jesus
  - A. "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know" (Acts 2:22).
  - B. "So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders" (Acts 14:3).
- V. To open wide doors for evangelism
  - A. After the healing of the paralytic Aeneas, "all who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord" (Acts 9:35).
  - B. After Peter raised Dorcas from the dead, it "became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord" (Acts 9:42).
- VI. To remove hindrances to ministry (Mark 1:31).
- VII. To honor his promise to the church (James 5:13-16).
- VIII. To glorify himself and his Son
  - A. "When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified'" (John 11:4).
  - B. "When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made

this man walk? The God Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God our father, has glorified his servant Jesus...” (Acts 3:12-13).

- IX. To show mercy and compassion to the hurting
  - A. “When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick” (Mt. 14:13-15).
  - B. Mt. 17:15