A GIFT OF HEALING

“RECEIVE YOUR HEALING AS A SEED”

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Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Exodus 23:25-26
If you have faith as a seed; it is growing even if you cannot see it growing! Something is happening under the surface.

Maybe something has happened and you are not aware that there has been a change.

God may have done something while you were sleeping or reading this book.

Your healing or financial or relational miracle could be happening out of sight.

When your faith is ignited, resurrection life gets released.

Is your faith switched on? Why not turn it on now. Turn your faith into a seed by making an action.

Decide to do something differently today so when you wake up tomorrow there will be no doubt that you have changed.

Because you will remember what your faith action was and no one can deny that you did it.

All that action will do is release your faith by doing something differently.
You should ask God for an idea from heaven, if the normal ideas are not working.

In scripture the Lord likens the kingdom of God to the planting of a grain of mustard seed, which grew and became a tree.

On another occasion he describes the growth in a slightly different way and says,

“first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.”

The nature of the kingdom is to grow from being small to being fully developed.
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Chapters 1-9 from the book of Matthew to get you ready for your miracle.

Followed by some more chapters to activate your faith for healing.

Get ready to receive....

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Hello from Tony and Lorna:
We are Christians and encourage you to believe God for your healing and financial restoration. We have designed this devotional to help build your faith. We believe God that you will be restored, renewed, and revived.
Chapter 1

Mary became pregnant and gave birth to the most successful person who ever lived on this planet. This came about by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is able to conceive ideas, plans and projects in us. God is the initiator of things that are impossible for us but become possible because they are conceived by the Holy Spirit. Angels were involved in directing Joseph.

He started going in the wrong direction because he had limited understanding. The angel appeared to him in a dream and showed him the right way and the right action. All this happened by the angel opening up Joseph’s understanding. He was a small picture guy from a small town. Now he was able to see the bigger plan. God opened up his eyes to see things he could not see before. To see Mary in a way he had not seen her before. She was playing a part that was far larger and more important than either of them could comprehend.
Acts 3:4

*Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

Expect to receive something from heaven this week. God can conceive an idea, plan or project in you that can turn your life around. He can open up your understanding in a way that enlarges your world. That changes how you see yourself and those around you.

If you are going the wrong way God can send His angel to show you the right way; His way. Success can be birthed in your life and circumstances this week. Believe for that success to be yours. Believe for the intervention of God’s kingdom on earth and in your situation. Expect it to happen!

Let faith be birthed in your heart and imagination. When you manifest faith, everyone and everything changes from resisting you to assisting you. If you can believe you can receive. The hope of heaven can inflate your spirit and enable you to fly above the circumstances of life.
The breath of God’s word can revive us in ways that are beyond our understanding.
Take a deep breath and believe for a way out into a better and larger experience.
An experience that only God can give.

We ask Father God for this to happen Today.
We ask for the activation of the Holy Spirit.
And we thank you in anticipation.
Chapter 2

The bible calls Jesus:
“the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”
[Ephesians 1:23]

Mary and Joseph are staying in a town that is not their town. Accommodation is hard to find. There are no medical facilities. Mary gives birth at a very inconvenient time. If they had enough money the pressure would lift off. It would be very helpful if some funds appeared. Suddenly there is a knock at the door. Joseph opens the door and stares at some strange men that he has never seen before. These men ask to come in and when they see the child with his mother, they bow down and worship him. Then they open their treasures and present him with gifts. One of the gifts is gold. Now Joseph’s financial situation has changed for the better. As soon as Jesus was born his influence was felt in that home.
We saw a story on television about a teenager who came up with an idea for an early detection test for a certain medical condition. At the time there was no other test available. An idea was birthed in him that changed his life and the lives of those around him. God can give us an idea that releases the fullness of Jesus into our situation.

When Jesus was born his star was so bright that people from other nations could see it and find him. Important people provided assistance and they did it in a way that was honouring. If you hold firmly to the word of life; important people will be able to find you. The finance you need will get through to you. Wise men from the east travelled to find this family and fund their travel arrangements. The town of Bethlehem was promoted to a prominent position that it still retains to this day. Honour came upon that town that has never lifted off. No other town in the world can claim that the King of the Universe was born there. On that very special night there was an atmosphere of worship. That is when the gifts of the Holy Spirit appear.
These are some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Gifts of knowledge that give us ideas we would not normally think of.
Gifts of wisdom that give us a way of doing something that is different to the normal way.
We can receive a gift of faith to help us believe in situations that appear impossible.
God can release gifts of healing.
Perhaps He will do that today for you.
Then there is the gift of miracles.
The bible tells us that God confirms his word with signs and wonders.
When the wise men left, angels appeared in a dream and gave Joseph information about a new direction for his life and the life of his family.

*God determines the times for them and the exact places where they should live.*
*Acts 17:26*
At the end of chapter 2, Matthew sums up the events he has written about by saying;
“So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets.”

You can also be filled to the full... by the fullness of Him
who fills everything in every way!!

Do not stop believing.
Remember faith and actions work together.
Receive your gift/idea from God as a seed.
Believe you have it planted in your spirit.
Water it.
Fertilize it.
Protect it from the weeds of unbelief and doubt.
Practise being thankful.
John the Baptist was preaching that heaven was near. Then heaven was here! May that be your experience as you read these words. Believe for heaven to manifest now. Let it happen today. Jesus arrived at the Jordan to be baptised by John. After John baptised him, heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and the Heavenly Father spoke. What a big day for John! Everything he had been preaching about happened. One experience with heaven can make your whole life worthwhile. So many people have heard great preaching. Is it time for those wonderful words to manifest as an experience?

Because John was preaching in the desert, the crowds who came to listen had to leave their houses, shops, towns and villages to walk out to where he ministered. As they walked they would have been talking to each other about all the things they had been hearing.
Some of the people would have adjusted their heart attitude and prepared themselves for baptism.

Others probably did the opposite.

“We have spoken freely to you, and opened wide our hearts to you.
We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us.
As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.”
[2 Corinthians 6:11-13]

When they heard John, their hearts were responding to his message.
They proved that...by getting baptised in water.
The theme of this chapter is...
“the old way of doing things was being replaced by the new.”
John was the last of the old prophets.
Jesus was the newest of the new.
He baptises us in the Holy Spirit and with fire.
When Jesus arrives your experience arrives.
Jesus never refused to heal or deliver anyone that asked!
He provided healing for the sick, food for the hungry and money for Peter to pay his tax.
When the fishermen had empty boats he filled them to
overflowing because Jesus is the one, “who fills everything in every way.”
Jesus did not just preach the good news he manifested a real result.
He provided evidence.
People did not just hear about heaven they experienced heaven.
Their hearts went out to Jesus because of the surpassing grace God had given him.
We can activate the grace of God by opening our hearts. Then we can prove our hearts are open by being generous.
When we give generously we will reap generously. God is able to make all grace abound so that you will have all your needs met.
Your healing needs, financial needs, relational needs and your need of success.
Do not just hear about God’s grace, release your faith by an action that God puts on your heart.
Let Jesus motivate you.
He is able to fire up your faith.
Do it all with his energy that so powerfully works within you.
Fan your gift into flame or fan yourself into flame by giving a gift.
God loves a cheerful giver!
He loves you and is well pleased with you. 
Be proud of your Father and be proud of the fact that you are a son or daughter of the living God. 
One experience from heaven can make everything brand new. 
The bible says you are a new creation. 
“God is making everything new.”
[Revelation 21:5]
Chapter 4

As Jesus was coming out of a season of prayer and fasting, he spoke a fresh word of faith.

“We are not sustained by earthly things like bread, but by spiritual words that come from the mouth of God.”
[Matthew 4:4]

Because Jesus was able to quote scripture accurately; the devil left him and angels came and attended him. He came out of the desert a changed man and operated in a new level of success and blessing. He then moved from Nazareth where there was a lack of faith, to Capernaum where the people’s faith was greater.

There was a better atmosphere; and in this new environment he was able to launch a very successful career as a preacher, teacher and healer. Jesus entered into his calling and his anointing.

Young people left what they were doing and helped to assist him because he had a plan and a purpose that was not from earth. It was from heaven.
His plan had God’s seal of approval and therefore he had God’s abundant provision of grace.

This grace enabled him to have all that he needed at all times and in every way, so he could abound in every good work.

Jesus was lifted up to a prominent position in the community that he loved and they loved him. He entered into a new realm of honour and became very productive in all that he did.

The people that were helping him were also lifted up in character and fruitfulness.

God the Father had ordained that they would be very fruitful and very successful.

The people living in darkness had seen a great light. It was a new day for them; they had located their call and position in God’s great plan for their life. Everyone was in a better place.

“A place of abundant grace.”
Chapter 5

If you were a lamp?
Would you be under the bed or on a stand providing light to those around you?
Would your glass be clean and your wick trimmed.
Would your oil be full or half-full?
Would your light have a purpose?
What are people seeing when they see you, are you shining brightly?
Do you dispel their dark clouds?
In this chapter of Matthew: Jesus is taking his disciples aside to give them a check-up.
He starts to mention different topics and watches their faces as they react to what he is mentioning.

It is easier to hide in the crowd than it is to be with him in a small group.
His words convict; and then bring a release as the burdens the disciples were bearing lift off their shoulders.
They thought they were the only ones with that particular problem!
Now that Jesus has brought it out into the light the
darkness can no longer hold them in bondage because whom the “Son sets free”, is free indeed!
As the disciples walk away after spending the afternoon with Jesus they have a wonderful sense of peace.

They realise that Jesus already knew what they were going through.
It’s such a relief not to be alone with your thoughts.
Light is an amazing thing, it takes such a little bit of light to get rid of a lot of darkness and reveal what is really going on in our situation.
God gives us revelation and we can see what we could not see.
And understand what we could not understand.
And accept what we could not accept.
If you can picture yourself as a lamp how would you see yourself after spending an afternoon with Jesus?
You would probably see your glass is clean and your wick trimmed.
Your oil would be full and not half-empty.
Your light would be so bright that everyone around you would start seeing you in a new way and see themselves in a new way.
Isn’t it amazing what Jesus can do without us being aware that he is doing it?
The disciples probably thought Jesus was talking about
someone else.
They might have been day-dreaming.

Peter taps them on the shoulder and says,
“it’s time to go.”
And the disciples suddenly realise they were not sitting
at the feet of a normal teacher.
Jesus had words with life and those words had the
power to change the person who was hearing them.
Or reading them!!
And now...you are a bright shining lamp who cannot
contain yourselves because God has given you His oil of
joy!!

“Arise and shine for your light has come and the Glory of
God has risen on you.”
[Isaiah 60]
Chapter 6

Imagine what your life would be like if all your prayers were answered.
Imagine what your life would be like if all the prayers that your family, friends and church people had prayed for you came to pass.
You would be healed in your finances, health and relationships.
You would be successful. You would be popular.
You would be generous because God would have blessed you with His overflowing blessing.
You would be truthful and honest because there would be no reason to lie. You would not have to hide.
You could live your life in the light.
You would be bold and confident.
Your face would glow with honour as you reflect God's glory.
Your prayer times would be enjoyable, because you would have that inner peace that comes from knowing that God has heard your prayer.
When you open the Bible, you would hear God talking to you.
You would be more conscious of angels than you would
be of the devil. 
Now imagine that you have two choices. 
The first choice is to believe your prayers are answered 
only after you can see the result. 
Your second choice is to believe your prayers are 
answered before you can see any evidence. 
It is not easy, is it? 
If you believe your prayers are answered before you see 
the evidence, how long can you do that before you 
doubt? 
Some people have been waiting for years for their 
answer and it has not happened. 
What do we say to those people? 
Do we accept that we may never see the answer or is 
there something we can do to get our faith going again? 
Have we given up on the inside while we keep going on 
the outside?

Imagine you are shipwrecked on an island.

The first thing you want to do is build a fire to keep 
warm. 
But you have only ten dry matches. 
You carefully gather some wood and get the fire ready 
to light. 
You use nine matches but the fire does not burn. 
You have one match left.
When do you give up; before or after the last match? Well... you do not give up if there is a slight chance that the last match will work. You carefully strike that last match and hope that it will ignite. There are some people who would not give up even if the last match did not work. They would just say, “I will rub two sticks together and create a fire.” Everyone watching them would probably laugh. The people laughing have given up, but the person who is rubbing those sticks together, they have not given up. Suddenly the sticks start to burn and a small flame is produced. Now who is laughing? Why don’t you get some scriptures and mix them with the faith that you have in an attitude of praise. If you have any faith at all, that is enough to get your fire going again. Some people have given up on God and do not believe that He exists or that He rewards us. They have wandered away from the path of discovery. Remember all the old stories of prospectors who were one step away from discovering a new gold mine. Every gold mine that exists today was discovered by someone who kept going on the path of discovery.
The Bible tells us that we have treasure stored up for us in heaven. All that needs to happen is for that treasure to find its way down to earth and into our personal circumstances.

Matthew 6:9-10

"This, then, is how you should pray:"

*Our Father in heaven, blessed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

This is my version of that prayer.

"Dear father God, can you send my treasure down here, I need it now!"

How will the angels find you to deliver your treasure? They will probably look for that pathway of faith-filled praise that is going up from your house.

Jesus said, “you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending.”

[John 1:50-51]
Chapter 7

The crowds were amazed at the teaching of Jesus, because he taught as one who had authority. Words with authority carry the anointing of the Holy Spirit and have the power within them to bring to pass the message that they contain. When we need help; we go to someone who has authority because we believe they will be able to do something about our situation. Jesus told the people... if they hear his words and put them into practice they will be wise men and women because they are building on the rock. Earlier that day Jesus had told the people their Father in heaven would give them a good gift.... if they would ask him. If the normal teachers had told them this would happen, the people may not have received these words with as much faith. But they were not spoken by a normal man. These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Son of God. Our Father in heaven would have known that Jesus was going to tell everyone on earth... that God their father
would give them a good gift and all they had to do was ask!

Jesus must have had authority to make this promise. If we can accept this promise comes to us with the authority of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then we have to accept that we are standing on a rock. We may have woken up this morning standing in sand and experiencing all the instability that sand can produce.

The promises of God have the ability to deliver us from a place of instability to a much better place of rock-like stability. If a storm is raging; a promise from God can be our shelter.

Jesus had to plant the thought that God is; “a good God” into his discussion with these people. So that their old way of thinking, would not prevent them from a new way of expecting.

The old way of thinking says that even when things start out well they can end badly.
The new way of thinking says that even if things start out badly they can end up going well.
The scariest thing about a storm is that we do not know when it will end and how it will end.

But with complete authority Jesus speaks to the wind and the waves and commands them to be still.
We can ask the Father for the wisdom to operate with this new level of authority that commands the storm; and expects a change.
If Jesus has given us his peace as an unearned gift... all we have to decide is...when did we receive it?
Now is a good time to receive his gift of peace.
"We speak to the storm and command it to be still in Jesus name!"
Receive His supernatural peace as a gift and do not let your understanding get in the way.
Allow God to use his promise as a shelter.
Allow God to transfer you from the sand to the rock.
From instability to stability.
From a heart in turmoil to a heart at peace and at rest.
The potential of people goes up to a new level when they have an experience with Jesus and his powerful words.

He told the leper, “I am willing. Be clean.”
He said to the centurion, “Go. It will be done just as you believed it would.”
He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

What is he saying to you today?
Jesus may be waiting to hear what you are saying to him! He responds to your words.

The leper said, “Lord if you are willing you can make me clean.”
The centurion said, “Lord, just say the word, and my servant will be healed.”
The disciples said, “Lord save us! We are going to drown!”

All these needy people acknowledged Jesus as their Lord. They understood that the best way to get their problem fixed was to go to someone who had the
necessary authority to do something about their situation.

If they did not know it already... they were about to find out that their problem was not their boss. Our problems may act like a boss, telling us how to feel and what to believe. But they are not our boss. When these people called Jesus Lord...they were raising him up and casting their problem down. They may not have felt confident, but they did what a confident person would do. A confident person tells it like it is. And if Jesus is Lord...then they are going to say he is Lord.

Even if they are an unclean leper. Or an unworthy centurion. Or a scared disciple.

In the storm and in the crowd they called him “Lord” because that was who he was. They had big problems but they had a bigger “Lord.”

Authority has a way of sorting things out. When we say “Lord”, we are welcoming the full authority of God into our home, into the storm and into our bodies.
Now we have said who Jesus is; we open the Bible and wait for him to speak to us. Even then, we have to expect an answer, we cannot be passive.

1 Kings 19:11-13

“Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the Lord told him.

And as Elijah stood there the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain; it was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was the sound of a gentle whisper.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his scarf and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

And a voice said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

Get ready to hear the still small voice of God. You may not hear God’s voice in a loud way, but you can hear God speak!
In the next few chapters he is going to speak.
Or is he already speaking?

Open your heart now. Forgive everyone for everything.
Ask God to forgive you.
Now forgive yourself.
Confess unbelief as sin.
Confess fear as sin.
Confess doubt as sin.
Now ask God to help you prepare yourself to receive his healing gift.
To have a receiving attitude.
Read the next few chapters slowly.
Meditate quietly; allow the peace of Jesus to calm your mind.
Chapter 9

Healing is a gift and comes to us by the grace of God.
It is unearned and undeserved.
The people that received healing in Matthew chapter 9 all came with faith or because of the faith of their friends and family.
They were needy and their state of distress caused Jesus to respond as a doctor would to his patients.
In Matthew 9:12 Jesus said:
“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”

A doctor can sit in his office with his instruments and medicines...ready to bring healing.
But only when a patient comes through that door can the doctor begin the healing process.
Up till then everything is ready but dormant.
Grace can only flow when there is someone who is sick.
Healing will not flow towards a healthy person.
To receive healing from Jesus we need to be sick and we need to have faith.
Some people feel that being sick disqualifies them. Because they are a burden on their families and friends. Other people feel they are failing in faith.

The first story of healing in Matthew chapter 9 concerns a man who needed his friends to carry him. He was also dependant on their faith because the scripture says that Jesus saw their faith. After the initial contribution of this man’s friends; Jesus began to focus on the individual by forgiving his sins not those of the group.

He was now addressing the patient directly and commanding him to pick up his mat and go home. Now this man was independent, now he was healthy. The situation was now so different. He was in a position to help others. Before that day he was lying on a mat, and then after the healing touch of heaven he was picking up the mat and carrying it. He was experiencing a new level of grace and health.

Matthew 9:36 tells us that when Jesus saw the crowds, “he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless.”

If you are in a situation where there is harassment and you feel helpless to do anything about it...look up and
see the compassion of your doctor.  
The compassion of Jesus is but the beginning of the healing process.  
As soon as Jesus saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, “go away the girl is not dead but asleep.”  
And then he took her by the hand.  
That is an act of a compassionate person.  

Put out your hand and let the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ touch you in a way that begins and then completes the healing process.
Chapter 10

Faith and actions: not just words.
When our family give each other birthday cards we sometimes put some money in the card.
When the card is opened the money falls out and the person receiving the card gets very happy.
At other times the card contains only words.
Words provide encouragement but actions are even more encouraging.
The Bible tells us not to say “be warm and well fed” unless we are going to provide food and clothing.

A few years ago my daughter showed me how to send an email and include an attachment with the email. This was very helpful because I am in my own business. Before I knew how to do this I would have to put my invoices in a letter and post them to my customers.
I can also send photos with my emails to family members.
Before this my emails were just words; now they often contain an attachment.
This makes me a man of action not just words. God tells us not to love in word only but also in deeds. Last week I was talking to a pastor and his wife about their ministry in northern India. They work among the poor and homeless. The very next day the pastor was hit by a truck while he was riding on his motorbike. He had serious head and leg injuries. The hospital would not operate on him until a financial deposit was made. Up to this time the pastor and his wife were always requesting prayer, now they needed an action. There comes a time in everyone’s life where words and prayer and even prophecy are not meeting the need of the person. If you need healing... it is time for words to have something attached to them. If someone tells you that the Lord is going to meet your needs, let there be enough faith in the people around you so that you see something happen in the now, not in the future.

When Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”
He said the words, but they were not just words because there was an action contained in them. His blood was going to be poured out. This was a real pouring out. Jesus was subjected to all sorts of actions that caused his blood to flow. Finally he was hung on a cross, and then one of the soldiers pierced Jesus side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. Here is an important scripture.

*You were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

[1 Peter 1:18,19]

This is a scripture with an attachment.

Normally we might read this and think it is a wonderful thought. But now we have to read it and have faith to expect it to come to pass in our circumstances. If we are set free from an empty way of life then our lives should immediately reflect that. “Fullness should appear that is supernatural.”

If God is sending you emails in the form of words of encouragement; will he not send an attachment with the encouragement [email]?
If God says he will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing... so that you will not be able to contain it; we have to believe for that to happen as soon as God says it.
Not 3 months later or 3 years later.
Now, today, immediately.
When did Jesus tell people to come back tomorrow?
He did not say I will go to the cross next year or next week.
After he said,
“this is the new agreement in my blood,” he went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.
He entered into the process of bringing his words to pass.
He backed up his words with actions.
Jesus emptied himself out on the cross so that we might have his fullness in every area of our lives.
Fullness in our health, finances, relationships, and our purpose in life.
“The fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

The centurion replied, ‘Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.’
[Luke 7:6-7]
This man expected a healing to be attached to the words of Jesus.
He did not hope for some comforting words that contained good intentions.
He wanted a healing and he knew the words of Jesus were not empty words.
By Jesus shedding his blood on the cross; he set an example of words and action.
The centurion believed this and had faith for his email from Jesus to contain an attachment.
In that attachment was his servants healing miracle.
We also can expect...that we have been set free from a Christian life of empty words into a Christian experience of not just believing but also receiving.
That would make us people of great faith.
God will be pleased!
Chapter 11

This next story contains a scripture that I want you to mix your faith with. Believe that this scripture is for your situation. People have read this story and found faith rising in their hearts. Healing appears in two different forms. A word of faith came first and then someone had to pray in faith. In this story faith and action are mixed together to produce God's healing power. This story is based on a true story in 2 Kings 4:8. I am going to tell it as a modern parable.

Imagine you are a successful pastor visiting a wealthy couple who go to your church. The woman is barren, they have no children. They offer you a cup of coffee and as it is handed to you; the word of the Lord drops into your heart. You stand up and proclaim, “By this time next year you will give birth to a child.” After the coffee you drive off feeling a bit strange but at peace with what you said.
Next year the rich couple have a healthy baby boy.
Now you are a hero.
Everyone is coming to you for a word.
A few years later the boy becomes sick and is in hospital.
You are speaking at a conference when the mother rings to tell you the bad news.
You say, ”I will send my associate pastor to pray for the boy.”
He goes to the hospital to pray for the boy to be healed. But it doesn’t work.
The boy is dying.
The mother rings you again.
She wants you to get in your car, drive back to the city and get over to the hospital.
But you are about to go on stage and speak to a very large crowd.
This is your big speaking opportunity.
You hesitate, the mother is crying, the crowd is singing.
What do you do?
The mother believes you are the best person for the job.
She believes you are qualified.
The decision is easy, you remember what Elisha did.
You do not settle for second best.
You get in that car, drive to the hospital and pray for God’s healing power to come upon that boy.
That is the choice you and I would make.
It is how faith behaves.
Put aside every distracting thought and activity.
Get yourself together.
Stop worrying.
Start believing.
Why not use your faith right now to believe for God's healing power to come upon you or your loved one. And put your trust in the God who raises the dead and calls those things that are not as though they were.

The Lord will sustain you on your sickbed, and restore you from your bed of illness.
[Psalm 41:3]

Do not accept second best.
You have been qualified by Jesus himself.
How loud is the good news?
Loud enough for you to realise God may be speaking to you through all the noise and activity going on around you.

It’s time to turn off the bad news and tune into the “Good News,” radio station from Heaven.

Here is the six o’clock news.
“Someone was healed today, “says the announcer.

And that was you!

Start praising God that a gift of healing just dropped into you.
When someone gives you a gift; you thank them for the gift.
Activate your faith by praise.
The gift is real.
Let the joy of the Lord strengthen your heart, right now.
And all the people said.
Amen.

*The Lord sent his word and healed them; psalm 107:20*

Receive your gift from God as a seed.
Believe you have it planted in your spirit.
Water it.
Fertilize it.
Protect it from the weeds of unbelief and doubt.
Practise being thankful.

If you have faith as a seed; it is growing even if you cannot see it growing!
Something is happening under the surface.
Maybe something has happened and you are not aware that there has been a change. God may have done something while you were reading this story. Your healing or financial or relational miracle could be happening out of sight. When your faith is ignited, resurrection life gets released.

Is your faith switched on? Why not turn it on now. Turn your faith into a seed by making an action. Decide to do something differently today so when you wake up tomorrow there will be no doubt that you have changed. Because you will remember what your faith action was and no one can deny that you did it. You should ask God for an idea from heaven, if the normal ideas are not working.
Chapter 12

Healing grows like a plant.
In scripture the Lord likens the kingdom of God to the planting of a grain of mustard seed, which grew and became a tree.

On another occasion he describes the growth in a slightly different way and says, “first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.”
The nature of the kingdom is to grow from being small to being fully developed.
Divine healing is a part of the kingdom of God.
That is what Jesus meant when he said, “Heal the sick and say, the kingdom of God has come near to you.”
This means that because the character of the kingdom is to grow, the character of healing is to grow as well.
Where there is faith the essential nature of divine healing is to increase.
When we pray the prayer of faith, and our faith is equal to the mountain to be moved, whether it is for healing or for anything else, then we can expect to see the
answer at once – or at least very soon.
But when we think of all the barriers there can be of un-
forgiveness or fear, we begin to see why the answers to
our prayers usually come in a more progressive way.
“According to your faith,” meaning in proportion to your
faith.
Believe that your miracle is planted in you.
Believe that it is growing.
Accept that your faith is increasing.
Expect a result; keep your eyes open for a change for
the better.
We need to keep in mind – that the nature of the
kingdom of God, which includes healing, is to grow.
Our role is that of a gardener; by faith we plant the seed
and then watch it come up.
In Colossians 4:2 we are told to “continue steadfastly in
prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

This means that we are on the watch for signs of
growth... “First the blade, then the ear...,” and we are
thankful to God for the growth as it takes place.
Suppose we plant a seed in the ground.
For a while afterwards we see nothing at all.
There is no sign of what we have planted, and we might
be tempted to think nothing is happening.
We find, as time goes by, a slip of green poking its way
up through the soil.
We are glad – even thrilled to see it.
And, as we go on watching it each day, tending it as best we can, it continues to grow and in due time reaches its full size.
And so it is when we pray the prayer of faith for healing. God says that his blessing will grow like a plant.
We plant the seed by accepting healing in the same way as we accept Christ for salvation.
At first we may not see any result at all.
Even so we believe something is happening, and sooner or later we will see the first sign of healing appear.
Our part is to be on the lookout for this improvement, however slight, and to return thanks to God.
Chapter 13

A healing story.
When Graham was small he seemed to be a little round shouldered, but as he grew it became apparent that he had a more serious problem.
The local medical practitioner prescribed back exercises; but in spite of this the condition slowly became worse, and a pronounced lump appeared at the upper part of his back.
Eventually the advice of a specialist was sought, and the parents were told that the deformity was due to the collapse of several adjacent vertebrae.
This was compressing his chest, and his heart was consequently being affected.
Little could be done for the lad, as he was already a “hunchback”.

His future seemed hopeless.
The boy’s parents were intelligent Christians, and they realised that if their boy was to be helped in any way, that assistance would have to come from beyond any human resource.
This led them to read the bible with a new interest, and
they found in James chapter 5 a remarkable statement; “the prayer of faith would raise up the one who was sick.”

They realised that if they as parents, were prepared to keep their promises to their own children, how much more would God, their heavenly Father, keep his promises.

They became convinced that there was a promise of God for them to claim for their boy, and they were not prepared to take “no” for an answer.

Mark and Dorothy looked at Graham, now almost a teenager, and saw him bent over, distressed and distressing. They had never exercised faith for a mountain that was as big as this – it could scarcely have been bigger – and by comparison their faith seemed so small! But they believed what they had read, and they said to themselves; “God has promised and we are calling on him. We are praying the prayer of faith, and if healing does not come straight away, it will come gradually.”

They brought these convictions together in an informed and whole-hearted way, so that they truly believed that God was willing and able to heal their son.
At first nothing seemed to happen. Yet they were not discouraged – they just went on believing. After some time they thought that there could be some marginal improvement, and after more time they were sure that there was a small change for the better; “first the blade…” As small change was added to small change, the improvement became more obvious. And so they continued for three whole years, believing for healing and returning thanks to God for the on-going improvement. It is wonderful to be able to say… that by the end of that time their boy had grown completely straight! His chest and heart were normal, and the hump was gone! He subsequently finished his education and trained as a motor mechanic. He has since married, and he and his wife have their own children. And anybody meeting him today would never know that he had once been grossly deformed.
Chapter 14

This is a faith confession adapted from Romans chapters 5 and 6

If there is sickness... Grace will increase even more.
Well then, should we keep on being sick?
Of course not! Since we have died to sickness, how can we continue to live in it any longer?
Or have you forgotten that we have been raised up and set free from disease by the glorious power of the Father, so now we can live new healthy lives.
Since we have been set free from sickness, and been raised to a new level of health.
We know that our old sick selves were crucified with Christ so that sickness might lose its power in our lives.
We are no longer under the influence of sickness.
For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sickness.
And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live in health with him.
We are sure of this...because we were delivered from the death that sickness brings and we never have to be sick again.
Sickness no longer has any power over us. God has broken the power of sickness and now we live in victory by the glorious healing power of God. As examples of his healing gifts and kindness. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sickness and alive to God’s gift of health. Do not let sickness control the way you live; do not give in to physical weakness. Do not let any part of your mind become affected by thoughts of sickness. Instead, give yourselves completely over to Jesus and his healing anointing, for you may have been sick, but now you have new life and new health.

So use your healthy body as a gift from God to do what is right for the glory of God. Sickness is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. The demands of the law want you to be punished by physical weakness. But you are not under the harsh rules of the law! You live under the freedom of God’s grace that promotes health. He has forgiven all our sins and healed all our diseases. Well then, since God’s grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we continue to be sick? No it doesn’t!
Don’t you realize that you are affected by the result of whatever you choose to believe? You can believe what the symptoms of sickness are telling you, which leads downhill fast, or you can choose to believe what God’s Word is saying, which leads to health and abundant energy. Because of his abundant grace. Thank God!

Once you may have believed in the symptoms of sickness, but now you wholeheartedly believe this teaching of faith. Now you are free from the torment of believing in what the sickness is saying, and you have become believers in righteous and healthy living. Because of our human nature, it is hard to understand all this. Previously, you were under the influence of sickness and disease, which led ever deeper into depression. Now you can be under the influence of healthy and righteous living so that you will become the person you have always wanted to be. When you were under the influence of sickness, you could not do all the wonderful activities of a healthy person. But now you are free from the power of sickness and have become healthy sons and daughters of God.
Now you can do those things that lead to wholeness and also enjoy a happy life. For the result of sickness is depression, but the free gift of God is a healthy, whole and complete life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

If there is sickness...Grace will increase even more. God will increase his healing grace so that there will always be an abundance. If you have one portion of sickness, God will give you two portions of his healing Grace.

You cannot lose! This is God’s plan for success. This is God’s plan for your life. This is God’s plan for your healing.

**But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.**

*Romans 5:20*

Thank you for reading.

Tony and Lorna
We have set up a prayer video on our website that you may find helpful at:  
WWW.FAITHBIBLEWORDS.COM

If you would like to share with us; please leave a message. God Bless from Tony and Lorna

If you have time to write a comment that would be great.

Also if you would like Lorna to speak at your church or ladies meeting please message us.

We will continue to believe with you for your healing gift to grow and increase.

God Bless from Tony and Lorna.

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