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Healing Is For All

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Today, one of the greatest challenges in my life is to practice what I preach. I know you have heard that old saying. After hours of tremendous pain and agony because of a back injury, I am face to face with those four powerful words. Practice what you preach!

I have been teaching divine healing for nearly forty years. The first time I was asked to teach healing I was completely ignorant of God's will, but now I know with certainty that it is the will of God to heal the human body. I also understand the way of healing – the path of faith that activates healing power in our body. I can further identify many of the obstacles that stand in our way, preventing the operation of God's Word and His Spirit in our mortal flesh. Yet, there is always more to learn. There is forever an unanswered question or two that causes us to cry out to our great and mighty God for wisdom.

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

As we cry out to God, seeking His wisdom, He teaches us and exposes any obstacles that would

hinder His healing power from working in us. The first obstacle that roadblocks our healing is, of course, ignorance. The prophet Isaiah said, "My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge."¹ Knowledge is important because it fills our heart with faith.

In Matthew 8, a leper came to Jesus saying, "Lord if you are willing, you can heal me."² Instantly we see that the leper was hindered because he did not understand God's will. He came boldly to Jesus,

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but his heart did not say, "He will heal me." It said, "Maybe He'll heal me." Jesus quickly responded, "I am willing."³ This is the first key to success. We must know that God wants us to be well. Healing is His will!

Some voice their objection saying, "We know God wanted to heal the leper, but maybe He doesn't want to heal me." In response, we remind ourselves that the finished work of God through Jesus Christ was for everyone, for whosoever. Because God is not a respecter of persons, Jesus'

death was for all men and His healing power is also for all. Everyone can be healed by faith in the risen Lord.

Therefore, we school ourselves in the Scripture. We must know with great certainty the will of God. We must read, meditate, and learn the powerful truths of God's Word. As we learn our faith grows. The apostle Paul commended the church at Thessalonica for their "exceeding growing faith."⁴ We too can grow stronger in faith. We can grow in the knowledge of God's will. Faith accompanies knowledge.

FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

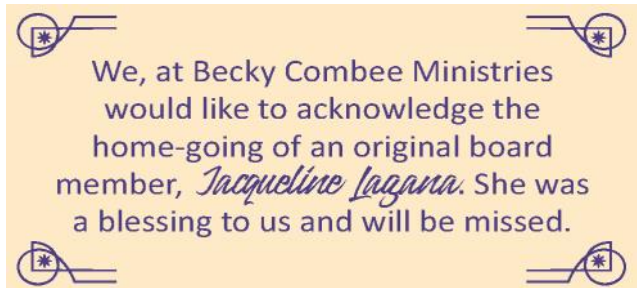
Sometimes, however, we can experience a faith failure – a breakdown that renders the Word of God inoperative. One of the primary culprits of these breakdowns is our failure to be dominated by the love of God. In Galatians 5:6, we read that faith works by love. This means that God's love must be active in our lives – the love of God must rule us – before faith can operate.

I was a legal secretary for a brief time, and one day, I could not get my electric typewriter to work. I called the company maintenance department, but no one there could get the typewriter to work. Eventually, the typewriter specialist arrived, crawled under the desk, and plugged it in. I should have been mortified and embarrassed by my oversight, but I was too busy laughing.

Failure to walk in love is a major roadblock to faith. God's love must guide and control our lives. If bitterness, anger and revenge rule us, our faith is unplugged. When harsh ungodly communication leads the way, our faith is inoperative. Love is the foundation of faith, and faith is ineffective when love does not dominate our behavior. Love is as essential to faith as gas is to a car.

For that reason, we judge ourselves. We look at our behavior through the eyes of God, repenting

quickly of every sin. Sin is more than murder, theft, and adultery. It includes things we might consider insignificant such as worry and fear. We can eliminate these formidable foes if we sincerely approach God's throne of grace and mercy in repentance. When we confess our sin, He is faithful to forgive us. Sin is no longer an obstacle in the pathway of faith.



FAITH STANDS

Faith continually comes to us through the Word of God, and it works effectively because our love is operative. But, there are two other enemies that disengage our faith. – time and pain. In spite of their overwhelming influence, our faith must not waver. It must stand still, hold stead, and be immovable. These two factors pressure our faith. But, if we turn loose of our faith, we have no answer. We are back at square one – back to the starting point where disease ran our lives.

It is by the strength of the Holy Spirit that we continue to stand. In Psalm 27:1 we read, "The Lord is the strength of my life." His strength is far beyond will power or bulldog tenacity. He carries us through the difficult times! He enables us to stand! Because of Him, we live and move and have our being.⁵

So, don't give up! Trust God! Lean on Him and refuse to quit! By His Word and by His Spirit, you will overcome, and this weapon formed against you will not prosper. God said so! AMEN!

¹Is 5:13 ²Mt 8:2 NLT ³Mt 8:3 NLT ⁴Th 1:3 ⁵Act 17:28