

My Dear Friend,

I have felt so led to sit down and write this letter, to share with you the amazing things I have been learning about who God is, and how He still reaches across time and space to perform real miracles of healing today.

I am not sure where you stand on the idea of miracles today. I know that many solid, born again Christians feel that they were designed for the use of Christ and the Apostles alone, just to get the word out for the early church. I felt that way myself until about five years ago. I would like to share with you what I have learned, and how it has completely changed my life, my perspective on who God is, and how He operates here and now.

We start from a firm foundation, since “*All Scripture is God-breathed.*”¹

But the world, and even some Christian denominations, have chipped away at that foundation, opening cracks of skepticism and doubt. I grew up in a Christian tradition that would pick and choose which parts of scripture we could depend on today. For example, we could believe Jesus’ words about “In my Father’s house there are many mansions.”

But Jesus also said, “*Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing.*”² The tradition I came from basically brushed those words aside, saying they were intended for the apostles alone, and not for us today. I can remember reading that verse, and feeling a little miffed, that Jesus somehow loved people back then

¹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (2 Ti 3:16–17). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

² *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 14:12–14). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

more. It seemed that we were left with only a fading glory, stale crumbs to pick up from under the table.

Sure, sometimes I would see miracles come along, and I would rejoice and praise God. But it all seemed kind of arbitrary. I was taught that sometimes God acts, and sometimes He doesn't. There is no way of knowing whether or not He will intervene, because sometimes He wants to teach us through suffering.

My mother had multiple sclerosis for over thirty years. She was a perfect model of being brought closer to God through suffering, and remaining patient and secure in His presence through all kinds of awfulness. Even at the end, completely bedridden and unable to feed herself, she said, "Never turn from God."

But I will tell you honestly, I was petrified of getting MS, especially when I heard that there was a family connection, and three of my cousins also had it. I used to lie in bed at night and beg God not to let it happen to my children or me. Once, while in the throes of those fears, I picked up my Bible and said, "Lord, direct me to a verse that will calm me down!" Then I flipped it open and let my eyes fall on the page. You know where they landed?

"What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me!"³

We both know many good, Godly people who suffered greatly with physical ailments, and died premature deaths. The tradition I came from basically said that this was the Lord's sovereign will, and we were not to question it. It was our job to bear our trials and keep our eyes on Jesus. Everything will be explained when we get to heaven. Some of us just get there sooner than others, right?

³ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Job 3:25). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

But what if Jesus never meant for his followers to slog along with pain, and suffer agonizing deaths brought about by sickness? There was nothing arbitrary about how Jesus healed people on earth. Matthew writes, “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and *healing every disease and sickness* among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.”⁴ It’s pretty clear that Jesus didn’t glance through the crowd and say, “You, I’ll heal, but not you. You need to suffer awhile.”

The very thought is obnoxious, isn’t it? The Word says in Hebrews, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*”⁵ Really grasping that little verse in my soul was the first life-changing truth that opened my heart to seeing the scriptures in a whole new light.

We agree that “All Scripture is God-breathed.”⁶ What if God really intended us to take Him *completely* at His word? *All* of His word?

We agree that Jesus never lied, or misled anyone with his words. Luke records that Jesus appointed **seventy-two** followers and sent them out. He said, “Heal the sick and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’... The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”⁷

⁴ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mt 4:23–24). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

⁵ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Heb 13:8). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

⁶ *The New International Version*. 2011 (2 Ti 3:16). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

⁷ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Lk 10:17–20). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Notice that He sent out *seventy-two* here—much more than the original twelve. Who were these other appointed followers? How did *they* get into the inner circle? I love this little exchange from the book of Luke: “Now Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”⁸ He says again in John, “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”⁹

You know, I think the seventy-two aren’t named for a reason. Scripture has no problem giving lists of names in other places—have you ever slogged through the lists of tribal leaders in the Old Testament? I think the seventy-two are unnamed so we can *see for ourselves* that Jesus gave His authority to *ordinary believers*, without distinction, far above and beyond the original twelve.

In the garden, Jesus prayed for *all believers* when he said: “My prayer is not for [the disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that *the world may believe that you have sent me*. I have **given them** the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—**I in them and you in me**... Then the world will know that you *have loved them even as you have loved me*... I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order

⁸ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Lk 8:19–21). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

⁹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 14:21). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”¹⁰

It blows my mind to think that God has no favorites— He truly does love his people all the same. He gives us all, from Peter to Paul to you and me, the same righteousness in Christ. He gives us all, even Christ Himself, *the same Holy Spirit*.

You and I believe His words, and do our best to act on them. That makes *us* His disciples on this earth right now. That thought just thrills me. And when Jesus ascended into Heaven, he did not leave us bereft. Satan may have stolen our authority in the Garden of Eden, but Jesus bought it back, at great personal price. He gave the authority of His name to the original twelve, then to the seventy two, and now to us, as today’s believers—and ***He wants us to use it.***

Taking your authority in Christ means you will no longer allow suffering under the curse to direct the circumstances of your life, or the lives of those around you. When Jesus died, His atonement brought about not only forgiveness of sins, but also healing and restoration of the body. Isaiah says, “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”¹¹

Matthew re-states this truth when he writes, “When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to [Jesus], and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was

¹⁰ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 17:20–26). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

¹¹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Is 53:4–5). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and *bore our diseases*.”¹²

The important thing to remember about healing is, like salvation, it is already done. “[Jesus] has appeared *once for all* at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed *once* to take away the sins of many.”¹³

To be saved, we confess that Jesus is Lord. Paul writes in Romans, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”¹⁴

To be healed, we do exactly the same: *We believe in our heart* that God’s Word is true, and *we speak it with our mouth*. We stand firm on His promises. He takes care of all the rest.

It’s so simple, so glorious, and so true—when we speak the Word over the sick in Jesus’ name, take God’s promises and repeat them over the sick in the name of Jesus, they are healed. It is a done deal. I can testify to this, I have seen and heard it again and again.

Some are healed right away. That is a miracle. For most, healings happen over time. Things immediately stop getting worse, and every day, improvement is seen, until full healing manifests.

¹² *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mt 8:16–17). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

¹³ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Heb 9:26–28). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

¹⁴ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. 2001 (Ro 10:9–10). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

Psalm 90 promises, “As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years,”¹⁵ so as followers of Jesus, we can confidently expect *at least* that much time on earth, unless we are chosen to be martyred for the cause of Christ, which is a different thing entirely. And when our time does come, it doesn’t need to be painful or difficult, but just a gentle release, as Psalm 104 describes: “when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.”¹⁶

As Christ’s followers, His disciples today, it is our job to take a stand. To speak the Word over the sick, confident that it is *always* God’s will for people to get well. You may be wondering how I can say that, and say it confidently, since so much Biblical teaching speaks of suffering for God’s glory.

Yes, we may have to suffer physical beatings and persecutions from unbelievers for Christ. The news is full of atrocities happening to Christians today in Muslim countries. This is part of God’s plan of how things will progress towards the end times.

But God does not want his followers weak and lying on a sick bed. It is Satan who wants to keep us down and out of the fray—not our loving Heavenly Father! God wants us up and useful in His cause, showing the world His promises are true—yesterday, today, and forever!

Many people who are atheists come to that place because of this basic misunderstanding. They see people they love suffer or die, and the Christian community says some kind of pap like “It must have been God’s will.” No wonder some sensitive souls hate God!

¹⁵ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Ps 90:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ps 104:29). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Even Christians can get hung up on the idea of serving God from the perspective of weakness, because of Paul’s passage about his “thorn,” where he wrote: “In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.”¹⁷ But the thorn wasn’t a permanent physical disability—the text plainly states it was “a messenger of Satan,” or some sort of persecuting spirit, trying to limit or shut down his ministry.

Think about it—if Paul was nearly blind, as some commentators have suggested by jumping to conclusions about his “large” letters—which probably meant “long” letters—how would the crowds have trusted him to heal others?

If he was obviously in need of healing himself, why would the whole island of Malta have flocked to him to pray over their diseases? Why would the crowds have been so confident in his ability, that even a handkerchief he prayed over made people well?

If Paul was disabled, how come it isn’t mentioned more clearly somewhere else? Surely somebody would have noticed if the man couldn’t see? The New Testament records he was bitten by a deadly snake at Malta with no ill effects, stoned and left for dead at Antioch, but got up again when believers prayed over him, and suffered some kind of short-term illness in Galatia. Paul himself says that after he was blinded on the road to Damascus, his sight was restored by a believer in Jerusalem. There is absolutely *no proof* of any permanent physical disability.

The book of Job seems to paint God as allowing people to suffer, especially in passages like, “The LORD gave, and the LORD has

¹⁷ *The New International Version*. 2011 (2 Co 12:7–8). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.”¹⁸ But Job was living under the Old Covenant, bound by the curse, where Satan had stolen mankind’s authority on earth. Back in Job’s time, God’s people were *still waiting* for their deliverer to appear. They looked forward in hope to a promise that had not yet materialized. Even then, it wasn’t God who took things away from Job. It was Satan. God gladly brought about Job’s restoration.

Today, we have Jesus! We are under the New and better Covenant! Once and for all, Jesus crushed the curse forever under His heel. *Our Redeemer lives*, not only in heaven, *but in our hearts*. Through His Spirit and in His Word, He actively intervenes for us today.

It is awesome and liberating to wrap your head around the fact that Jesus has *already defeated* the power of the curse here on earth for those who believe. Paul wrote: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”¹⁹

Keep in mind that when Jesus broke the curse forever, He put us under God’s blessing instead. ***You are blessed, not cursed!*** Through Jesus, you are “blessed in the city and blessed in the country...blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.”²⁰

¹⁸ *The Holy Bible: King James Version*. 2009 (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version.) (Job 1:21). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹⁹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ga 3:13–14). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

²⁰ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Dt 28:3–6). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Now, today, this minute, when we stand in the authority of the risen Christ, the curse has no more power over us. Jesus took it all upon Himself on our behalf. The battle is already won. “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are *the children of God*. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship... The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—*heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ*.”²¹

Healing on earth *is* for us today. All that’s left for us to do is recognize it, and thank Him.

It’s a pet peeve of mine that people say things like, “Well, we will all be healed when we get to heaven.”

WE WON’T NEED HEALING IN HEAVEN! THERE IS NO CURSE OR DISEASE IN HEAVEN! There was no disease in Eden, either. Disease and suffering came with the fall, with the curse.

We need healing *now*, because this world is where the battleground lies. Here is where we face disease and pain! Jesus didn’t leave us to suffer! Before ascending back to heaven, He gave *us* all the authority we need to stand in His name. He wants us to take that stand, for ourselves and others, because **healing has always been His chief way of getting people’s attention.**

Unfortunately, Satan has done a pretty good job of making God’s healing promises look foolish in the eyes of the world.

Unbelievers derisively call it “faith healing,” and point to slick-talking televangelists, who will pray for you if you slip them a check in the mail.

²¹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ro 8:14–17). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

I'm here to tell you that the only person you need for healing is Jesus. Certainly, others may pray for you, but you don't *need* others to see your results manifest. ***Jesus is the healer, through His authority and in His Word.*** When you understand this, you already have all that's required.

Another way Satan has made healing promises look foolish is to make a big deal out of fringe groups who don't believe in doctors. Wacky people who deny their children medicine get headlines all over the news, and the media labels them "Fundamentalist Christians," or "faith healers."

Please understand that Doctors and Jesus are on the same side. Both *want* people to get well. God often uses human hands to accomplish His purposes. Doctors approach healing from the *physical* perspective, and Jesus from the spiritual. Certainly go to a doctor if you need to. The key is, don't put your *entire faith* in the doctor alone. Doctors can't always promise a good outcome. Medical science has its limits. There are many illnesses doctors can diagnose, but not cure. With MS or rheumatoid arthritis, for example, treatments may lessen symptoms, but don't stop the disorder. Only Jesus is the "Great Physician." Only Jesus can cure the inoperable cancer, the progressive disease. He said, "All things are possible for one who believes."²²

It's an interesting twist to think that Christians who deny healing today are the ones who shouldn't like doctors. If they think that God sends illness to teach them something, why would they want to see a doctor, get well, and thwart God's plan for their lives?

Don't ever be conned by Satan into thinking that you are unworthy of receiving God's gifts of salvation and

²² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version.* 2001 (Mk 9:23).
Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

healing. Your worthiness comes straight from Jesus. It is a precious gift directly to you from Him. It is freely given. You don't have to earn it in any way—you can't—earning it is impossible. Nothing is required of you but to take Him at His word. Praise God, we don't get what we deserve. *We get what we believe!*

I am praying that by now, you are getting to a place where you are ready to speak God's truth over your physical situation, and know for a fact that He will intervene on your behalf. It has nothing to do with how much self-confidence you have, or your measure of faith. **It has everything to do with the integrity of God Himself, and the promises He has *already made* in His word.**

God's promises are true, and if you believe them and stand firm, He *will* make them good. Remember, God is *not* a liar, and His integrity is behind His word.

Here are six foundational truths of receiving healing from God, and how to act on them:

- I. **Understand that God's Word is true, yesterday, today, forever.** God wants you to be totally convinced of this fact. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."²³ Jesus said, "Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is truth."²⁴

If you are thinking, "Well, I *hope* the Word is true, or it *might* be true," you are, in effect, calling Him a liar. Before Jesus healed the blind men, He asked, "Do you

²³ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 1:1–5). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

²⁴ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 17:17–18). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

believe that I am able to do this?”²⁵ He asks you that same question today. The answer is simply yes or no.

- II. **Understand that God doesn't want you sick and in pain.** He wants to pour out His blessings upon you! Yes, you can be a wonderful testimony from a sick bed, and God will meet you there. But you can have a *far greater impact* with your “seventy to eighty years” well lived for Jesus. When you stand in that truth and see God make His promises good, all fears vanish.

Remember my terror of MS? Now, when I think of it at all, I know that MS is part of the curse, and it can never harm me. My prayer is, “Thank you, Lord, that I live in your blessing!”

- III. **Understand how to take God's Word and act on it.** Scripture is full of God's healing promises. I love these from the Psalms: “They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his Word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.”²⁶ Here is another great verse that highlights the link between the forgiveness of sins and the healing of the body: “Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit.”²⁷

Jesus himself says, “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I

²⁵ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mt 9:28). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

²⁶ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ps 107:19–20). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

²⁷ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ps 103:2–4). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”²⁸ You *know* all of this is God’s word, so it has to be true.

You are sick. So, standing on the authority of Jesus’ words, you say: “In the Name of Jesus, sickness, leave my body.” You have the perfect right to do this, because Jesus has *already given you* His authority over demons and the curse. Say it out loud, so all the powers of darkness and light can hear you.

Don’t worry about how much faith you may or may not have, it’s all about the Name of Jesus. In that Name, sickness and pain are conquered foes. Their power is broken, and they have to slink back off into the pit, where they came from. But you have to take the stand, in the same way that you’ll sit in the dark until you reach up and flick on a light switch.

You see, God gave us authority in this world, but he will never over-ride our personal will. For him to intervene in our lives, we must take the first step, speaking out in faith. We must understand our place, and what Christ purchased for us. No begging is required—*begging only shows that we don’t really trust Him to follow through*. God is pleased when we take Him at His word and act on it.

Jesus set the example, saying, “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

²⁸ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 14:12–14). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”²⁹

*Remember how Jesus spoke to the storm? He didn't say, "Please, please go away." He said, "Quiet! Be still!"*³⁰

*How did Jesus speak to the demons infesting that poor tortured man who lived in a cemetery? Did he say, "Do me a favor and leave now, guys." NO! Jesus said, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"*³¹

God is delighted to give us the desires of our hearts! He wants us well and free and living for His glory! But we must take our authority and speak out boldly *in the way he designed for us to do it.*

In today's terms, think of it like this: You can sit on the sofa and beg the television to turn on. Nothing will happen. You can scream at it to turn on. Nothing will happen. You can throw your shoe or punch the wall. Nothing will happen. But if you pick up the remote and touch the power button, the screen comes alive. You have operated the device in the way it was designed to be used. *That's* when results happen.

- IV. **Keep in mind that all your symptoms may not disappear the moment you speak out in Jesus' Name.** You may get immediate results. That is a

²⁹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mk 11:23–24). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

³⁰ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mk 4:39). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

³¹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mk 5:8). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

miracle. If it happens, praise God for it! But for most, healings happen over time.

When you took your authority in Christ, the grip of the illness was immediately broken. As the days pass, this will become more and more apparent. Symptoms will subside, test results will improve. *Do not get discouraged and give up during this journey!*

Continue to praise and thank God that His word is true, and He has heard your prayer. Thank Him for each daily victory. Speak to the mountain again, if you need to. Hold to a favorite verse, and keep it strong in your heart. “Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world!”³²

This process happened in reverse when Jesus cursed the fig tree. He said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.”³³ At first, the tree looked exactly the same. It seemed from the outside like nothing had changed. But the next day, when the disciples passed by again, they saw the tree withered to the roots.

As you wait for your full healing to manifest, read Psalm 91, knowing those promises are *yours*: “Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge”³⁴ That Psalm is such a treasure trove of God’s truth. Read it out loud and let it soak into your soul. Listen to its concluding

³² *The New International Version*. 2011 (1 Jn 4:4). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

³³ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mk 11:14). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

³⁴ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ps 91:3–4). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

verses: “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”³⁵ This is the blessing that Christ purchased for you, and for every believer. Do not let go of what He suffered and died to give you. Speak it out again and again.

- V. **Stand firm in the truth of His word, no matter what circumstances look like at the moment,** and no matter what other people say—“Let God be true, and every human being a liar.”³⁶ Keep your eyes on Jesus and never look back. Don’t dwell on symptoms. They *will* let go. The doctors’ reports *will* change, much to their surprise and amazement. Rest on the truth of God’s Word. When it comes to trusting God for healing, “The first report is never the last.”

For example, when a wave of pain comes along, lay your hand on the spot and tell the pain to leave in Jesus’ Name. Then say something like, “By Jesus’ stripes I am healed! Thank you, Lord.” The pain may leave immediately, and be gone. Hallelujah! But if the pain comes back, hit it again. Every time it tries to sneak back, tell it to leave, and speak God’s truth over it.

You now know that God sent down His Word to heal you, and sickness and pain have no more authority in your life. Tell it to go in the power of the Name! Be firm about it, like you’d tell a pesky dog to go away.

³⁵ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ps 91:14–16). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

³⁶ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Ro 3:4). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Now, don't dwell on your symptoms. Get up and focus your attention on something else.

Satan may roar like a lion, but Jesus has made him toothless. All Satan has left is a game of chicken. *Hold your ground.* If you keep speaking God's truth over whatever hurts, Satan has to leave and take his curse with him. Soon, you will find that the waves of pain get duller and shorter, and before you know it, they stop coming at all.

- VI. **There are different methods of healing.** Some pray for it on their own. I encourage you to do that. This way, you are standing in your own walk with Jesus, taking His authority for yourself, and not relying on the faith of others. Some people, newer to their understanding of how God works in healing, may want a more confident believer to lay hands and pray over them, or to be anointed with oil. That works, too. The important thing to remember is the only bridge to healing is between the sufferer and Jesus.

As a believer in this time and place, it is imperative that you open your eyes to the full heritage of the atonement that Jesus purchased for us. “They triumphed over [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”³⁷ All things are possible to those who believe!

How can we remain helpless on the sidelines when Jesus said: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my

³⁷ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Re 12:11). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."³⁸

Recognize that the wonderful, life giving sap of the vine flows directly from Christ through you. In Jesus, we are the branches of the vine; we are the tree planted by the water:

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”³⁹

So don't let Satan blind your eyes another minute. Send your roots down deeply into the life-giving flow. As Jesus told the woman in agony for twelve long years, “Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”⁴⁰

Your sister in Christ,

Adele

P.S. Other resources you may find helpful:

Jesus the Healer, by E.W. Kenyon

Healing the Sick: A Living Classic, by T.L. Osborn

³⁸ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Jn 15:5–8). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

³⁹ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Je 17:7–8). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

⁴⁰ *The New International Version*. 2011 (Mk 5:34). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

God Wants You Well, by Andrew Wommack