

SERIES: WHEN HEAVEN COLLIDES
SERMON: HEALING ENCOUNTERS
5-30-21

OPENER:

(My personal testimony- experiencing 2 miracles)

Jeremiah 32:17 says....“Lord GOD! You made heavens and earth by Your great power. Nothing is too difficult for You!”

**NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR GOD.
THE SAME GOD OF CREATION IS THE SAME GOD WHO SAYS
“I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD WHO HEALS YOU!”
(EXODUS 15:26)**

**GOD HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE HE MADE THIS STATEMENT.
HIS WORD WILL NEVER CHANGE
HE IS ETERNAL - HIS WORD IS ETERNAL - HIS POWER IS ETERNAL - HIS
HEALING POWER IS ETERNAL.**

SIX THINGS ABOUT GOD’S HEALING POWER:

1. IT IS GOD’S WILL TO HEAL

Matthew 9:35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

John 14:12-14 I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

IT IS GOD’S WILL TO HEAL US!

2.GOD WILL HEAL OTHERS WITH YOUR FAITH

Mark 2:1-12 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat

the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Paraphrase).....

⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

SOMETIMES OTHERS DO NOT HAVE THE FAITH TO BELIEVE - BUT YOUR FAITH CAN HELP THEM REACH GOD.

GOD'S HEALING POWER REMINDS US OF HIS FORGIVING POWER.

3. GOD SOMETIMES REQUIRES STEPS OF FAITH FOR OUR HEALING

Blind Man at Siloam Pool

John 9:1-7 After Jesus said this, he spit on the ground. He made some mud and smeared it on the man's eyes. Then he said, 'Go and wash off the mud in Siloam Pool.' The man went and washed in Siloam, which means 'One Who Is Sent.' When he had washed off the mud, he could see."

GOD SOMETIMES ASKS US TO ACT IN FAITH BEFORE WE SEE THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR HEALING.

4. GOD SOMETIMES HEALS IN STAGES

Mark 8:22-25 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. ²³ Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?"

²⁴ The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around."

²⁵ Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly.

WE ASK ONCE AND IF GOD DOESN'T DO IT THEN WE DON'T ASK AGAIN.

WE FEEL EMBARRASSED TO ASK OTHERS TO PRAY FOR US MORE THAN ONCE.

SOMETIMES WE EXPERIENCE A MIRACLE AND SOMETIMES WE GET BETTER AND BETTER.

SOMETIMES HEALING IS A PROCESS.

5. GOD HEALS THOSE WHO ARE OUTCAST AND ASHAMED

10 Lepers Are Healed

Luke 17:11-14 *As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.*

SOMETIMES OUR OWN SELF-CONDEMNATION WILL BLOCK OUR FAITH FOR HEALING

**WE CAN FEEL LIKE WE DON'T DESERVE HIS HEALING.
BUT OUR FAITH FOR HEALING COMES FROM BELIEVING IN GOD'S MERCY**

6. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR GOD'S HEALING

Matthew 9:19-22 *So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. ²⁰ Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, ²¹ for she thought, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” ²² Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, “Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.” And the woman was healed at that moment.*

Jesus said.....“*Your faith has made you well.*”
How do you have faith after 12 years of constant illness?
“For she said, ‘*If I can just touch Him.*’

FAITH IS EASY SHORT TERM BUT HARDER LONG TERM.

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW TO HELP YOU TO CONTINUE TO BELIEVE:

1) We don't have to know the end of the story to walk in faith.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 *says, This is what the Lord says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

**GOD SAYS WE HAVE A FUTURE, NO MATTER WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE WHERE WE ARE NOW.**

**OUR CERTAINTY IS THAT GOD HOLDS OUR FUTURE AND THAT HE IS NOT
LIMITED BY TIME.**

2) Hope isn't dependent on a diagnosis.

Psalms 138:8 *The Lord will work out his plans for my life— for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.*

WE CAN HAVE HOPE IN GOD'S PROMISED REGARDLESS

OF THE DIAGNOSIS.

3) Our tests aren't just for us.

Our tests aren't just for us, but for those around us that may come to know God through watching our journey. How we walk through our trials is so important.

EXAMPLE:

Job:

He had no idea how long he would be in his situation, nor was he aware that he was a cosmic representation of what it truly means to face long-term illness with faith and hope. Not only did his friends get to witness Job's faithfulness, but we also, thousands of years later, can reap the spiritual reward of his steadfastness.

4) No part of our stories are wasted with God.

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Although suffering and illness were not God's original design for our lives, He wastes not one part of our story and is always working.

5) We can trust the heart of God.

Isaiah 42:16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

WHENEVER MY HEART SEEKS TO UNDERSTAND THE MIND OF GOD
(which I cannot) I REMIND MYSELF TO
TRUST THE HEART OF GOD.

WE DON'T HAVE TO SEE THE ENTIRE STAIRCASE BEFORE TAKING THE NEXT
STEP.

(TESTIMONIES)

CLOSING:

Mark 16:18 They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."