

## **Who needs to have faith for my healing? Me or someone else?**

*The will of God concerning physical healing is made plain in God's word:*

Ps 103:2-3 **Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

Mark 1:40-41 **Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." (No partiality with God– Rom 2:11)**

Jam 5:14 **Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church...**

### ***Examples of the faith of the sick resulting in their own healing – the standard way***

#### The faith of the woman with an issue of blood – healed her

Mark 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

#### The faith of two blind men heals their blindness

Matt 9:28-29 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

#### The faith of blind Bartimaeus heals his eyes

Mark 10:51-52 So Jesus answered and said to him (Bartimaeus), "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

### ***Examples of the faith of one resulting in the healing of another – the exceptions:***

#### Jairus – His faith (inspired by Jesus' words) restored his dead daughter to life

Mark 5:35-36 Some came from the ruler of the synagogue's (Jairus') house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" As soon as Jesus heard this word...He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

#### The centurion's faith healed his sick boy servant

Matt 8:5-13 ...A centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant (boy – Amp.) is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

(after the centurion further proved his faith)...Then Jesus said to the centurion , "Go your

way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

### The faith of a Canaanite woman heals her demon possessed daughter

Matt 15:22-28 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.".... (after a dialog in which the woman's faith was revealed)...Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

*Why is it these examples of the faith of one (parent or guardian) resulting in the healing of another are limited to young children – that is, to those who are under the full authority of the one exercising the faith and who are not yet deemed responsible for themselves?*

### But what about the faith of the four friends who brought a person to Jesus on a stretcher?

Matt 9:2-6 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."... Then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

*Was the paralytic awake and alert? Was he consenting to being brought to Jesus? Did "their faith" include the paralytic's faith? To whom was the word of healing spoken?*

### **Examples of unbelief that prevented either a healing or mighty works being done**

#### Jesus cures a man's epileptic son who His disciples couldn't because of their unbelief

Matt 17:15-18 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him....And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19-20 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief..."

*Again the epileptic was a man's son – clearly the man had some faith in bringing his son to the disciples but their faith, to combine with the man's, in this case was lacking.*

#### In Nazareth Jesus could not do any mighty works because of their unbelief

Mark 6:4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

5-6 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief...

*Clearly the lack of faith in Jesus by the people of Nazareth – because they reasoned that they had seen him grow up as the carpenter's son – was the direct cause for Jesus not being able to do any mighty works there (and not because He was unwilling to).*

### **Examples of the faith of the Apostles but also of a deacon, resulting in healing**

### A paralyzed man is healed by the faith and word of Peter

Acts 3:6-7 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

*Did the very words Peter first spoke to the paralyzed man impart faith to him?*

### A very similar case with Paul – but he perceived the crippled man had faith to be healed

Acts 14:8-10 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet..The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed. Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet. And he leaped and walked. KJV

*Was it his first hearing Paul's faith filled words that gave the cripple the faith to be healed*

### A leader's father on the island of Malta and many others are healed by the faith of Paul

Acts 28:6 ...They were expecting that he (Paul, after being bitten by a snake) would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7-9 ...The leading citizen of the island (Malta), whose name was Publius...received us for three days... The father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

*Before any of the healings took place Paul was seen by the people as a god – he then spent 3 days in the household of Publius who would have heard Paul's faith filled words.*

### The deacon Philip preaches God's word in Samaria – They hear him & many are healed

Acts 8:5-7 Then Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ to them...the multitudes... heeded the things spoken by Philip...and many paralyzed and lame were healed.

### ***Linkage between preaching and hearing the word of God and the power to heal***

#### The multitudes gather to both hear Christ's words and to be healed

Luke 5:15 However, the report went around concerning Him (Jesus) all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

#### Jesus sends the 12 disciples out to preach the kingdom of God with the power to heal

Luke 9:1-2 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Ro 10:17 **So then (healing) faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**