



School of
Authority Evangelism

FORWARD

The School of Authority Evangelism manual was prepared for those remote missionaries, evangelist, pastors, and disciples who cannot take technology to the majority of the undeveloped world. I discovered after several mission trips to remote and underdeveloped villages, towns, and cities that most labors of the kingdom do not have the technology support such as electricity, generators, or computer and projector screens as most modernized church facilities have available for training or for presenting the gospel and making disciples.

This manual is designed for those laborers who want to take The School of Authority Evangelism with them to train others or to just practice as opportunities develop. If you will follow this manual and do **exactly** what Jesus did, you will find your labors more fruitful and effective with the use of “**commanding orders**” to demons, infirmities, and sickness.

When people see the power of Jesus working and manifesting through you when people are healed, raised from the dead, and delivered from unclean spirit demons, their heart will be soften and condition to receive the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Messiah, the Son of God.

After training in the field, I have received countless testimonies from various pastors performing miracles in the name of Jesus to gospel resistant people that resulted in some cases entire villages following Jesus when they witness miracles. This manual will equip you to lead many to Jesus as signs and miracles happen. Your ministry will prosper and grow once you learn to do **exactly** what Jesus did and how he did it.

I ask God’s hand upon you as you take the instructions of this manual and exercise the authority and power of Jesus. I pray you will make and duplicate disciples by training them with this manual so that they may be fruitful and effective when sharing the gospel. I want you and the disciples that you make to minister **exactly** as Jesus and the disciples did. Do not be afraid and do not doubt. Believe that you will do the works that Jesus did because of Him in you and just do it! No fear! No doubt!

I give all credit to two wonderful missionaries Pastors William and Lucile Lau of The Elijah Challenge. It was Pastor Lau who I heard on the radio teaching that revealed my calling and purpose in the Kingdom. The School of Authority Evangelism is The Elijah Challenge training created by Pastor Lau after he spent many years taking the gospel to the gospel resistant people. I give God the glory in all things and my appreciation to the Lau’s for training and equipping me for the kingdom.

Session 1

The Great Commission

In this training, you are being trained to take on the great responsibility of the Great Commission, and to train others in the body of Christ to fulfill the same purpose. This training is for those who want to do what Jesus did in the Kingdom of God...

Matthew 28:19-20

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We received the Great Commission over 2,000 years ago. Look at what is happening in the world today. Does it appear we are close to making disciples of all nations? No. Just look at the increase of Islam spreading across the world. There are those who present statistics and make a case that Christianity is losing ground. So what is the body of Christ doing wrong?

Let's look at some reasons for failure of the body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission after 2,000 years of having the good news.

To make disciples, we must first preach the gospel to the lost. We must do it just as Jesus did and as he taught and commanded his disciples.

Mark 16:15-18

He said to them, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.
...And these signs will accompany those who believe:
In my name they will drive out demons;
...they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

Because of the many miracles that accompanied the preaching Jesus and the disciples, the gospel spread rapidly through the known world. Miracles help people believe and build faith in God. Do we usually see miracles taking place when we preach the gospel? Do we see miracles happening in churches? Do we see prayers answered frequently in church? No.

When we minister healing to the sick or cast out demons when sharing the gospel to the lost, do not see the sick miraculously healed or people set free as in the New Testament? No we don't. I attended church for many years and never saw a miracle in church. Rarely saw prayers answered. Actually, many Christians usually do not try to do miracles. Why is that?

When the sick were not healed, some typically give excuses "It's not the will of God." or "The sick person lacks faith." I have heard pastors say, "I don't have the gift of healing." Did Jesus make excuses? No! The sick were healed, and no excuses were given. So where is the problem?

Remember, according to John 14:12, we will do the works that Jesus did. Many believers are not doing any or only few of the works that Jesus did.

John 14:12

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing..."

If we are believers or followers of Jesus why are we not doing the work of Jesus?

So, what works did Jesus do? Primarily, he **preached** the gospel **and** He **healed** the sick. He cast out demons and made disciples. Don't you think that John 14:12 also means that we should do the works in the **exactly** same way that Jesus did them? YES!

For example, when we learn an important skill from an expert instructor like using a deadly weapon or driving a car. Should we do it anyway we want? Or, should we do it exactly the way that our instructor does it and taught us?

Why did Jesus minister healing to the sick? He healed the sick for the purpose of proving to the lost that He was the Messiah Christ, the Son of God. Remember many did not believe Jesus was the Messiah until he performed miracles. We should minister healing the same way as Jesus did when ministering healing to the lost.

Let's look at how some usually minister to the sick:

- Some give a prayer to God
- Some may include worship "Hallelujah, thank you Jesus" when ministering healing
- Some may speaking in tongues to heal the sick
- Some may pray, "Father, in the name of Jesus, we rebuke this infirmity and command healing."

These are some new prayer techniques I have recently witnessed in church:

- "I speak to...."
- "I declare...."
- Breath in the Spirit of God or the Holy Spirit for your healing
- "I come against...", "I stand against..."
- "I plead the blood."

Do we ever find any evidence of Jesus or the disciples healing the sick with these types of prayers in the Bible? No!

First, we must understanding the 3 Offices of the Body of Christ to understand how Jesus and the disciples healed and cast out demons. Jesus holds the highest offices of these 3 offices:

- Priest – Priestly Office – Jesus is the High Priest in the Kingdom
- Prophet – Prophetic Office – Jesus is the High Prophet in the Kingdom
- King – Kingly Office – Jesus is the King in the kingdom

Jesus was prophet, priest and king in the order of Melchizedek. We are also of this order and use all three positions of the three office of the kingdom.

1. We are priest when we do things like pray, worship, teach and preach the Word of God. We are also priest when we do communion, take care of the poor, orphans and widows.
2. We are a prophet each time we share Jesus. Revelation 19:10 ... "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Not to get into too much detail but this could also be how we live our life. Is our life a testimony of Jesus?
3. We are a king and function as king when we invoke the rules of the kingdom that is place under our authority. We have delegated authority to issue commands and take action against things that come against the kingdom.

For the purpose of this training manual we will focus on how we function as priest and king.

What is the kingly office and function to the Church?

The kingly office uses **authority** for the purpose of enforcing the rule of the king and kingdom. Some characteristics of the kingly office:

- Kings exercise their legal authority to give orders and command
- Kings do not ask or beg
- Kings are bold and have no fear because of the strength of the kingdom
- Kings have power to destroy the enemy
- Kings destroy the works of the enemy that come against the kingdom

Let's take a look at how Jesus used his kingly authority and power to deal with a physical infirmity.

Matthew 8:1 / Mark 1:40 / Luke 5:12

When he came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

Matthew 8:2 - 3

And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "I am willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

What might a believer do when encountering a leper?

- Get up and run?
- Pray to God?
- Pray in tongues?
- Some may pray, "Father, in the name of Jesus we command this leprosy to go."

What might a scripturally well-trained believer do? The scripturally well-trained believer would do exactly what Jesus did. Let's examine at what Jesus did and did not do to heal the sick.

- Did Jesus pray earnestly for him like a priest or intercessor like this..."Father, we command this sickness to go and this man to be healed"? (Very Priestly and Spiritual sounding)
- Do you think Jesus closed his eyes when he said to be clean to the leper?
- Was there any praise, thanksgiving, or "hallelujahs" directed to the Father? (Acting very spiritual and priestly)

No! We have no evidence of Jesus doing any of those things.

So there was no priestly and spiritual action up to Father God! How did Jesus do this miracle? Jesus did the miracle by exercising the authority given to him by his Father. Jesus simply state the action verb be clean using his authority like a kingly and did not act spiritual or priestly.

Authority ("exousia" in Greek) is not exercised by praying, but rather by issuing a command like a king using His delegated authority from God. (Kingly operations)

Because Jesus was given authority over sickness by his Father, He did not need to pray and ask the Father to heal the leprosy. He simply gave command(s) ordering the sickness to leave. Jesus exercised his kingly authority. Authority of the kingly office is **not** exercised by praying to God acting priestly or spiritual, but rather by issuing commands to what is under one's authority.

How would you make your child behave?

Do you ask the child to eat their food? Or, do you tell them to eat their food? Do they usually obey after you command them to eat their food? Yes!

Do you usually ask your child to clean their room? Or, do you tell them to clean their room? Which do they usually obey? When you ask or when you tell them? Usually and often children obey after you tell them to do something. They usually obey the order and not when they are asked.

Examples of Commanding a Child:

- Eat your food!
- Clean your room!
- Do your homework!
- Stop fighting!
- Take your bath!
- Do not do that!

Do you ask your child to stop fighting with their sibling? Or, do you order them to stop fighting? Which do they usually obey? Do they obey when you ask them or when you tell them? They usually obey after they have been ordered and see that you are serious about what you order them to do.

We are not saying that Jesus never prayed as His right to be priestly. He prayed often and frequently. There were occasions when Jesus did not pray, but rather commanded using His kingly legal authority. If we are going to do the works Jesus did, we must learn when to command as a king, and know when to pray as a priest. But, many have been taught if someone has a physical infirmity, we can only pray for him and trust God to heal him. Is this what you were taught? Yes!

Let's see how Jesus dealt with physical infirmities...

Luke 4:38-39

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her.

- Did Jesus pray gently for her?
- Did Jesus say, "Father, we rebuke this fever."?
- Did Jesus say "I come against this fever."?
- Did Jesus say, "I plea the blood over the fever."?
- Did Jesus say, "I speak to this fever."?
- Did Jesus close his eyes?
- Was there any praise, thanksgiving, or dancing directed to the Father?
- So no priestly action up to the Father!
- Is Jesus using "the gift of healing"?

We see that Jesus rebuked the fever with authority and power using his legal kingly authority given to Him by his Father. **Kingly Office of Authority**

Therefore, Jesus was not using the gift of healing here, but rather authority and power over physical infirmities to heal Peter's mother-in-law. **Kingly Office**

Actually where is the “gift of healing” mentioned in the New Testament? Most people do not know this answer when I ask. However, on occasions I find some smart ones. You will find it in I Corinthians 12:10

When was the gift of healing first available on earth? Again, many do not this answer, especially if they do not believe in the gifts of the Holy Ghost. The gift of healing was first available after the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost in Act Chapter 2.

Which came first... the gift of healing or authority and power over infirmities? Commanding with authority and power came first and was always used by Jesus.

Therefore “**Authority & Power**” is different from “The Gift of Healing”. The Father God gave Jesus authority over both demons and physical infirmities. This is why He issued commands exercising His kingly function in the kingdom of God to heal the sick and to cast out demons. **Kingly Office**

Luke 4:40

When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

Why did Jesus often touch and lay hands on the sick to heal them?

Luke 6:19

...and the people all tried to touch him, because power (“dunamis”) was coming from him and healing them all.

Jesus received power (“dunamis”) to heal from His Father. That power to heal was within Him. When He laid hands on the infirm, the healing power flowed into them and healed them.

Jesus lives in those by the Holy Spirit who believe and follow Him and are born again. This is why we also lay hands on the sick to heal according to John 14:12. Because we believe in Jesus, He lives in us and His power works through us. Therefore, we can do what Jesus did. Often Jesus placed His hands precisely on or over the physical infirmity transferring the healing power to the infirm person as in Mark 7 & 8. There was no:

- Massaging or squeezing or rubbing
- Shaking or slapping or tapping or waving
- Pushing or blowing when he healed.

Note: I have seen in the missionary field other religious practices being incorporated into healing the sick. I have seen people waving as if waving spirits off the infirm. I have seen people tap excessively over the infirmed location of the body. These practices are not Biblical and should not be allowed or incorporated during the training. Be sure to explain that Jesus nor the disciples never practice such religious habits. You must stop anything other than placing of the hand and commanding it to go or commanding to be healed. Many people will put their faith in the actions of the religious practices or spiritual traditions rather than the authority of the spoken commands and the power coming forth by placing of the hand(s).

Matthew 12:9-10 & 13

Going on from that place, He went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other.

- Was there a loving prayer to the Father? “
- Did He say, “Father, we command this man to stretch out his hand”?
- Do think Jesus close his eyes when he commanded?
- Did Jesus do or perform any priestly action up to the Father?
- Is Jesus using “the gift of healing”?

We see function and operation of “Authority and Power” over disease is **very different** from the “Gift of Healing”. Authority and power is the function and operation of the kingly office and the gift of healing is of the priestly office. - **Kingly vs. Priestly**

The Authority and Power to heal was given before the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples.

What is the primarily purpose of Authority and Power over disease and demons? Authority and Power is for demonstrating to the lost through the miraculous that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

The mission of **Seedtime Harvest Ministries** is to train disciples in **The School of Authority Evangelism** so that disciples may minister healing while **proclaiming the gospel to the lost**.

The School of Authority Evangelism trains you the exactly same way that Jesus trained His disciples.

We want you to fulfill the Great Commission by sharing the gospel, healing the infirmed, casting out demons, and making disciples.

Effective operations of the Priestly and Kingly Office

John 14:12

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing...

Therefore, we should minister to the sick and demonized exactly as Jesus and His disciples did.

In the Bible, Jesus instructs his disciples with the demonstration of Power and Authority to heal the sick and cast out demons when He sent them out to preach the gospel.

The **Office of the Prophet** is preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy according to Revelation 19:10. Getting people to believe in Christ, repent and forgive others is the operation of the **priestly office**. Pastors must use each function and operations of the offices to minister effectively and fruitfully. Authority and power is from the operation of the **kingly office** to heal the infirmed and to cast out devils. **Prophet Priest and King** in the order of Melchizedek.

Luke 9:1 - 2

*When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, (Kingly) **2** ...and he sent them out **to preach** the kingdom of God and to **heal the sick**. (Priestly and Kingly)*

Jesus did not command his disciples to pray for the sick when He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God because praying is a priestly function. Rather, He commanded them to heal the sick as he did with authority and power because commanding is a kingly function.

Why is it that most believers today would rather pray for the sick? Perhaps it is to appear to others who may be watching spiritual, or we have religion, or to appear priestly and religious.

What is the difference between praying for the sick and healing the sick? Which is “easier” to the person ministering healing? Praying is easier because many people do not take ownership for the healing or miracle not occurring. We pray and put the responsibility of healing on God to heal the individual. Or, we put the ownership of healing on the infirm based on their faith. Many will pray for a person who may be infirmed and say, “Well, I did my part in prayer; now it is up to God to do His part.” And, I have heard people say, “Well, I did my part in prayer; you must not have enough faith or perhaps you have sin.” Please never do this and blame the infirmed person. I have heard people say when there is no healing, “I know God can heal you. Just claim your “prosperity” healing and you will be healed.” They continue and say, “God will heal you at His timing if you just claim your healing.” Don’t be a spiritual loser and religious copout. Take ownership of and responsibility for the healing not occurring.

Few servants of God and believers today actually heal the sick as Jesus commanded His disciples.

Why?

Note: I have learned to take ownership of the results of ministering healing. On occasions there is no healing of a “believer”. I tell the person it is not them but it is me. I tell them that I need to seek Jesus regarding this and I will get back with you. I schedule another appointment with them and I return to my prayer closet seeking Jesus regarding my own heart, build my faith, and to hear from Him why the healing is not taking place. The results of seeking Jesus in private prayer time often produces different answers. For example: The Holy Spirit may show me the individual needs deliverance for various things like bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, and sometime hidden sin like adultery or fornication. Sometimes the Holy Spirit shows me that the infirmity is allowed much like what Job experienced. And, sometimes I just needed a little more faith and heart cleaning for my own spiritual cleansing or faith building. I never tell the person that the Lord will heal them at His timing or they will receive their healing in a future date. Telling a person that Jesus will heal them at a future date is a false doctrine. Never tell a person to trust in the Lord because He will heal at future date. I have never seen this happen to anyone who was told that. However, I have seen on several occasions, when a person is not healed, that they find a secret place with the Lord by prayer, devotion, and sometime worship. The Lord has healed them when they find their secret place with God and abide under His shadow. When ministering healing to the “lost”, healing comes quickly and is very easy to do.

Luke 9:6

*So they set out and went from village to village, **preaching the gospel and healing people** everywhere.
(Priestly and Kingly Operations)*

Preaching (Priestly) the gospel and healing the sick (Kingly) are a single package because miraculous healings can open up the heart of the lost to the gospel and bring the backslidden back to the Lord. So, we must be both **Priestly** and **Kingly** when ministering to the lost to be fruitful and effective.

What about disciples who are not apostles?

Luke 10:1

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where he was about to go.

Did Jesus give the seventy disciples power and authority to heal and cast out demons when He sent them out?

Luke 10:9

“Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’”

We see Jesus instructs the seventy to operate in both the kingly and priestly functions to win the lost.

Authority over diseases was also given to the seventy disciples who were not apostles when they were sent out to proclaim the Kingdom of God. They were operating in both the Priestly and Kingly operations to win the lost.

Luke 10:17

*The seventy returned with joy and said, “Lord, **even the demons submit to us in your name.**”*

What conclusion do we draw?

- The Twelve were given power and authority over disease and demons when Jesus sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- The Seventy were also given a measure of this power and authority when they were sent out.

When disciples are sent out to the world as a witness of Jesus Christ a measure of authority over disease and demons is given to whomever the Lord sends out to proclaim to the lost the Kingdom of God. He makes us both Priests and Kings. Every disciple is given a measure of supernatural authority and power over disease and demons for sharing the gospel with the lost. The priestly function is to win the lost and the kingly function is to demonstrate the truth of Jesus in the Messiah.

So, why does nothing happen when we minister to the sick? What are we doing wrong?

Often we blame the sick person for lacking faith. We tell the sick person to “claim their healing” by faith and to trust God. Did Jesus ever tell the infirm people to “claim their healing” and later receive their healing? NO! He actually performed the healing.

Scripture when only few are healed...

Mark 6:4-6

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”

Jesus could not do many miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. But note, people in his hometown lacked faith. Jesus was able to heal a few sick people.

There are four reasons believers give to explain why the sick are not healed:

- It’s not God’s will
- It’s not God’s time
- The sick person has sin
- The sick person lacks faith

Some of these reasons might apply, for example, when it’s time for the person to go home to the Father, or a believer fails to confess sin. We will discuss how sin can prevent healing later.

However.....

1. It's not God's will
2. It's not God's time

We are essentially "blaming" God

1. The sick person has sin
2. The sick person lacks faith

We are essentially "blaming" the sick person

How convenient and irresponsible for the disciple! We rarely blame ourselves when the miracle does not take place.

Who did Jesus blame when the disciples could not heal a demonized boy? What reason did Jesus give to explain why the miracle did not take place?

Matthew 17:20

*He replied, "Because you have so little faith. (NIV)
"Because of your unbelief" (KJV)*

Whose "fault" was it that the miracle did not take place?

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith.

What kind of faith did they lack? *I tell you the truth, if you have faith as a mustard seed, **not** "faith as small as a mustard seed" as in the NIV.*

The Greek does **not** say "*faith as small as a mustard seed*" as rendered in the NIV. I agree a mustard seed is very little. Jesus just rebuked his disciples for having little faith. He is not focusing on the size of a mustard seed, but rather on another **attribute of the seed**.

The King James has it right in translation... "*If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed...*"

Note: If your faith is as small as a mustard seed, please, do not pray for me! If you confess your faith is the size and is as small as a mustard seed you have no faith. Do you really believe you can move a mountain with faith as tiny as a mustard seed? If you profess your faith is as small as a mustard seed, you need to remove yourself from ministry and re-evaluate your salvation. If your faith is as small as a mustard seed, you have no faith. But,... if your faith is as the nature, the character, the potential of a mustard seed, then you can move mountains and pray for me.

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

The disciples failed because they did not have faith as a mustard seed or "mountain-moving faith". Mustard seed faith can move mountains.

The Greek text simply says "*faith as a mustard seed*." The literal translations and the KJV render the correct translation "*faith as a grain of mustard seed*." The focus here is not the size of a mustard seed, but rather its nature, the character, and potential. Faith as "the nature", "the character", and "the potential" of a mustard seed can result in mountains being moved.

Matthew 17:21

But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

We conclude that prayer and fasting **increases** mountain-moving faith in order to cast out demons successfully.

Note: Prayer and fasting is not the payment of sacrifice for exchange for something from God. Prayer and fasting is to build one's faith to do the will and purpose of God. Many tell me they are fasting for a miracle. They believe the religious act of fasting will result in a spiritual exchange with God for a result they desire and want. Fasting does not work that way. Fasting is to hear from God for His will to be manifested and for us to build our faith in order to do the will and purpose of God. Please, let's not fast as an act of religion but for discipline for obedience in God's will.

Demonstration of Healing

At this time ask for someone who has an infirmity. Because we are only in the first session of training, ask for someone who may have back, shoulder, knee, or arm pain. Ask for a man and woman and match them up with two or three people of the same sex. We want to start with small infirmities and build up to the greater infirmities. You can take the more difficult sickness after you have success with the smaller ones.

Ask the person, "What is the problem?"

Ask for the pain severity level from 1 to 10 with 10 being the most painful.

Ask two or three people to volunteer to minister healing. Have them place their hand on and over the infirmed area.

Have them repeat after you these following commands and orders.

Say the following:

"In the name of Jesus (name the infirmity) go!"

"In the name of Jesus, pain in the (name the infirmed area like knee, back, arm) go!"

"In the name of Jesus, (name the infirmed area like knee, foot, hand) be healed!"

"In the name of Jesus all pain go!"

"In the name of Jesus, all spirits of infirmity go!"

"In the name of Jesus, pain go and do not come back!"

"Be healed in the name of Jesus!"

Ask the person what happened. There is a chance that there may be some pain remaining. Ask again, what is the pain severity from 1 to 10

with 10 being the most painful and see if there is improvement. It is okay if there is no improvement. Make sure the person is telling you the truth and not caught up in the sensation of people pleasing and excitement of anticipation of a miracle.

If pain remains, start over from the beginning repeating the above steps. Do not stop until there is complete healing.

Session 2

The Consequence of Doubting

Peter walking on the water

Matthew 14:27 - 29

Peter was in the boat on the Sea of Galilee when he saw Jesus walking on the water. 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and went toward Jesus.

Matthew 14:30 - 31

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?"

Jesus was displeased with Peter because He commanded Peter to walk on the water and expected Peter to successfully obey the command. Peter had to step out of the boat, and he had to walk on the water successfully.

Why did Peter sink? *"You of little faith," He said, "why did you DOUBT?"* Peter sank because he doubted. Peter sank beneath the waves because he lacked faith of God. Peter doubted he could walk on the water as Jesus had commanded. It is usually taught, and correctly so, that we should not doubt God. However...

- Is Peter doubting God here?
- Is Peter doubting Jesus?
- Is Peter doubting that Jesus can walk on water?
- What exactly is Peter doubting?

Peter is doubting he can walk on water as Jesus had commanded. One could say Peter lacked...Faith of God.

Exactly what is faith as a mustard seed or mountain-moving faith?

FAITH in GOD vs. FAITH of GOD

Mark 11:22 - 23 "Have faith of God.

I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Faith of God (mountain-moving):

- No doubt in your heart
- What I say must be done
- Because of God in us

“Faith in God” implies waiting on God to do something for us. Or to act on behalf of us. It implies to move the mountain for us, or perform the miracle.

“Faith of God” implies we take action by commanding the mountain without doubting because of the authority and power given us because of God in us. Why does the Church fail to understand Faith of God in this scripture verse Mark 11:22-23?

We were commanded to act and were given the authority to do so. We must not sit around waiting for God to act when we have the authority and power to take action. Actions by us involve commanding with faith of God because of God in us. “Faith of God” can be understood as mountain-moving faith. Jesus performed miracles by exercising his authority and commanding with faith of God or mountain-moving faith because of God in Him.

Faith as a Mustard Seed

Canola is from the mustard family. It is nearly invisible. Canola seed can result in a very visible and fruitful canola plant. The Canola is a strong-stemmed plant which grows from the infinitesimal size seed. The seeds contain 46% in weight in oil and there are approximately 30 seeds per seed pod. Canola requires 2-3kg of seed to plant one hectare where wheat requires 100kg.

Therefore, a canola seed is rich and packed with potential. It is extremely fruitful and productive. But a canola or mustard seed is nearly invisible and has little outward physical substance. Similarly, faith is invisible and has no physical substance.

Invisible, faith of God can reap a great harvest of visible fruit or results. Faith of God or faith like the character nature of a mustard seed can move mountains, infirmities, demons, yield great results in the spiritual and physical.

What is the nature of faith of God or faith as a mustard seed? **It has no doubt! Because of God in us.**

Understanding Faith in God and Faith of God

Faith in God is understanding, I know the Lord can do it. Or, the Lord is acting or doing it for me. A good example of faith in God is when we exercise our faith for the salvation of a lost family member or finances to build a church. Every disciple should have faith in God. ...“nothing is impossible for **GOD**”

Faith of God is understanding, I know I can do it because I have been commanded by the Lord to do it because He gave his authority to do it. Should we also have faith of God “*Him in us*” to obey His commands and to serve Him effectively? Yes, because... “nothing will be impossible for **you**”.

It is not enough just for us to step out of the boat. We must also walk on the water successfully. It is not enough just to try to heal the sick as Jesus commands, we must also heal the sick *successfully* to bring souls to Him.

How do we command a child to sit? We say, “**Sit!**” How do we tell a 5-year-old to eat his dinner? We say, “**Eat your dinner!**”

How do we cast out a demon? We tell it, "In the name of Jesus, **Demon, come out!**"

We see that authority alone by itself is sufficient for casting out demons. We command sickness and demon to go just like telling a child how to behave. We have authority over both sickness and demons and we must tell them what to do. It is that easy. I do it all the time.

We must exercise **mountain-moving faith** or **faith of God** working through us by commanding.

Authority - Exousia

Exousia is authority in you given by the Lord to heal or cast out demons.

Mountain-moving faith

Transforms the authority potential into miraculous healing.

When the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus, He received **authority** over disease and demons. This authority is used to heal the sick and cast out demons when we give commands with **faith of God** because of God living in us to act in His delegated authority. A measure of authority has been given to **every disciple of Christ** to act with the faith of God.

Praying for healing is unpredictable with little or no results and people might not be healed. But when authority is properly used by commanding, people can be healed instantly. It is easier to view healing the infirm as the process of "moving a mountain" by commanding the mountain to 'GO! Through yourself into the sea!' Rather than unpredictable prayer for healing.

However, even the use of authority is subject to the context and to God's purpose and God's will for the person to be healed. Therefore, the authority to heal should not be used when human behavior or sin the root cause, like smoking. **Quit the things that make you sick first** or **be delivered from the source** of the cause of the illness. If a person has an illness caused by smoking tobacco, they must give it up or be delivered from tobacco use first. Then, they can be healed from the illness caused by tobacco usage.

Note: I often asked to minister healing to those with Type II Diabetes. I ask them to lose 20 kg and come back to see me. And I asked them if they want deliverance from gluttony and addiction of food. Even deliverance from various forms of depression and self-esteem mental problems. Often they will decline because they like what they do. Much like a person addicted to smoking, drinking alcohol, and promiscuous sex lifestyles. Often a lifestyle change is required that will most likely require deliverance from various addictions, heaviness, depressions, and self-esteem issues based on rejections in various forms. Always offer deliverance first and then minister healing when behavior and lifestyles that are contrary to the Word of God.

Jesus and the disciples used healing primarily for the purpose for evangelism. Therefore, healing is effectively used to demonstrate to the lost that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father. When using authority to heal the sick, **do not mix** praying and commanding. It will not work mixing priestly and kingly operations. Separate praying and commanding. Pray first to hear from God or receive direction from the Holy Spirit. **STOP** Take a small moment after praying. After the pause from praying, then command and give orders.

Operating in the gift of healing is a priestly operation that may involve prayer.

It is not always necessary to raise one's voice when healing the sick. In certain settings it may not be appropriate to use a loud voice like when ministering in a hospital, office, shopping, school, etc. It is possible to exercise authority quietly yet powerfully. The power of authority is the same regardless

how loudly or quietly you issue the commands. For example: A military commander may issue commands in writing, over the phone, radio, or in person. The commander can use his command voice or can use his office voice. Regardless of how he chooses to issue the commands, the commands are obeyed by those who are subordinate to him because he has a legal right and has authority with the power of authority to govern and take action of that which is under his authority.

God

"Faith in God" the root and foundation of our salvation and faith

Disciples of Christ

Because of our faith in God we have **"faith of God"**
"Him in us" to act against disease, demons, and the flesh.

Forgiving Others

For our relationship with other people

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone forgive them so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

One condition for having mountain-moving faith and answers to prayer is forgiving others.

Specifically, one cannot have fear and function with faith of God.

Matthew 8:23 - 25

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

Was Jesus pleased with their fear of the storm? No! Typically the Church teaches when we ask the Lord to save us, He is pleased because we cry out to Him. When we cry out to Him, it means that we trust Him; and our cry pleases him? Is this always true? No! Jesus was upset that they woke Him up after a long day of ministry labors.

Matthew 8:26 - 27

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed ... "Even the winds and the waves obey Him!"

What kind of faith did they lack? What did Jesus expect them to do? Faith of God means that you have no doubt in your heart about matter or situation.

Mark 11:22 - 23

And answering Jesus said to them, "Have faith of God." (MKJV) 23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." (NIV)

When the disciples on the boat feared the wind and the waves they lacked **faith of God**. Jesus expected them to rebuke the winds and the waves. Several times the disciples disappointed Jesus. In

each case they failed to do something that He expected them to do. In each situation the reason for their failure is **they lacked “faith of God”**.

Jesus recognized those who came to Him in faith that He would heal them which is an example of **faith in God**. In contrast, Jesus would rebuke His disciples for failing to perform miracles because they lacked **faith of God**, because He was preparing them to take over the great responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission.

In this training, you are being trained to take on the great responsibility of the Great Commission, and to train others in the body of Christ to fulfill the same purpose. This is training for those who want to do what Jesus did in the Kingdom of God.

Where we have been given authority to do something, we should not be afraid but rather **take action** as we have been commanded. The “theology of helplessness” has paralyzed the Church for centuries. We all know that Jesus can heal the sick. The relevant question is, can you heal the sick in His name as He authorized and commanded us? Yes you can!

Luke 1:37

*“For **nothing is impossible** with God.”*

Do you agree with this Luke 1:37 for nothing is impossible with God?

Matthew 17:20

*...if you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. **Nothing will be impossible for you.**”*

Do you agree with Matthew 17:20 if you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to there and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you?

John 14:12

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me **will do the works I have been doing...***

The Lord can do the impossible through those who have mountain-moving faith what we are teaching as faith of God. If we have faith in Jesus, He will enable us to do the works that he did by our faith of God. If we have faith in Jesus, God can use us to do the impossible. He performs the impossible through us. After you complete this training manual from the word of God, will you obey it? Or will you allow the spirit of fear to continue to paralyze you and cause you to disobey the Lord’s command?

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Basis for the laying on of Hands & Spirits that cause Infirmities

We know Jesus often laid his hands on the sick as he healed them. Jesus received *dunamis* power when the Holy Spirit came upon Him at the Jordan River. The *dunamis* would go out from Him when He laid hands on the infirm. Where should we lay our hands on the infirm person? You should place your hand on the infirmed area.

A common practice today is to lay hands on the person's head. Sometimes this is followed by a vigorous push. Is this the example Jesus gave us in his ministry? No!

Mark 7:32 – 33

*There some people brought to him a man who was **deaf** and **could hardly talk**, and they begged him to **place his hand** on the man. 33 After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus **put his fingers into the man's ears**.*

Where did Jesus place his hands on him? Jesus placed his hands precisely on or over the physical infirmity to be efficient in transferring the healing power to the infirm person.

There was no:

- massaging or squeezing or rubbing
- shaking or slapping or tapping or waving
- pushing or blowing when he healed

*...Then he spit and **touched** the man's tongue.*

Mark 7:34

*He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" which means, "**Be opened!**".*

Jesus laid hands on the man precisely on the location of his infirmities. Jesus spit and touched the man's tongue. We do not encourage spitting for cultural reasons. But if the Lord tells you to spit, first ask permission from the person.

Mark 7:35

*At this, the man's **ears were opened**, his **tongue was loosened** and he began to speak plainly.*

Where did Jesus put his hands on a blind person? He touched the man's tongue.

Mark 8:22 – 24

*They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to **touch** him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and **put his hands on him**, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" Again, Jesus spit---this time on the man's eyes. Again, He placed his hands on the man---directly on his eyes. Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" Many do not ask the infirm person if they were healed after ministering healing because many do not believe or expect healing will happen. 24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."*

The man was only partially healed.

Did Jesus say, "God is teaching you patience."?

Did Jesus say, "You must have some unconfessed sin."?
Did Jesus say, "You must lack faith."?
No. Jesus simply laid hands on the man a second time.

When you minister healing, you may need to repeat several times to see the complete healing. Do not give up. Keep going until you see improvements and keep going until you see healing.

Mark 8:25

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

Jesus put his hands on the precise location of the infirmity.

We have seen that power (*dunamis*) can be transferred through the laying on of hands. However, sometimes, unconfessed sin in a Christian can block the healing. Often, unforgiveness and bitterness are obstacles that prevent healings of believers. When unforgiveness and bitterness are confessed, the believer can then be healed. When you have difficulty ministering healing to a believer, consider the possibility there may be unconfessed sin. Sometimes you will need to minister more than once for the complete healing. When healing does not occur continue giving the commands in authority until the person is completely healed. When laying hands on the infirmity, also focus your eyes on the infirmity. Because you are speaking directly to the infirmity and commanding it to go. Therefore, it is best to focus your eyes on the infirmity whenever possible. **Do not close your eyes** when commanding the sickness to go and commanding healing.

Remember, a non-follower of Christ has no faith and has sin. Jesus used healings and miracles to condition the hearts of people so they would believe He is the Messiah. Christians already have faith. A Christian may need to confess sins and forgive others they have transgressed against for them to be healed or to have prayers answered.

When opposite sexes are involved, exercise common sense in the laying on of hands and be beyond reproach.

Note: As we minister healing to an infirmed person especially of the opposite sex, we should minister with the upmost of integrity and above reproach. For example, a female with breast cancer. Have the infirmed woman place her hand on her breast. Have another woman place her hand over the woman's hand who has the cancer. You speak the commands and have them repeat after you. If there is no other women available have the woman with cancer place her hand on the cancer in the breast and have her repeat after you. The same will apply if a man has testicular cancer or urinary infections. Men should never minister to women alone without witnesses.

Jesus **did not** lay hands on the demonized when driving out demons. *Dunamis* using the laying on of hands plus authority is generally for healing physical infirmities, while demons are to be driven out only with **authority** alone.

The relationship between authority and power for healing

- **Authority ("exousia") is used for healing at a distance**
- **Power ("dunamis") is used in the laying on of hands**

Note: I often minister healing over the phone or over the internet with successful use of authority. Many times I have cast out demons the same way. Authority is effective when ministering at a distance.

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The Faith of the Infirm Person

Let's look at the faith of the infirmed person to be healed. Until now we have focused on the faith of the one ministering the healing. But the faith of the one being healed is also important.

Mark 5:24 - 30

*A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and **touched his cloak**, because she thought, "if I just **touch** His clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him.*

Healing power flowed from Jesus to the woman as she made physical contact with Him by touching His cloak. This is an example of the dunamis power that flows in touching. Also, we see the woman's faith caused the power of healing to flow to her as compared to all the other people who were touching Jesus. Her faith active the power of Jesus.

Now, let's try the power of Jesus that is in us and exercise our faith to be healed. Let's see if the combined faith with authority will heal illnesses.

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Spirits that cause Infirmities

Some infirmities are purely physical in nature and are without demonic cause. However, according to Scripture, some infirmities can be caused by demonic spirits.

Luke 13:10-11

*On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been **crippled by a spirit** for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.*

The spirit had crippled her and caused permanent physical change to her back, leaving her with a physical infirmity.

Luke 13:12-13

*But when Jesus saw her, He called her forward and **said** to her, "Woman, **you are set free** from your infirmity." Then He **put his hands on her**, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.*

Because she had a physical infirmity caused by a spirit she needed physical healing. That is why Jesus put his hands on her to heal her. When Jesus drove out spirits, He did not lay his hands on people. Even though there are people out there, especially on TV who place their hands on the demonized, do not do it because we have no example of Jesus doing it. Remember we must minister exactly the way Jesus did it. Those who want to deviate from the way Jesus taught and add to the way Jesus ministered will have to own up to the consequences of ministering differently.

Luke 11:14

*Jesus was driving out a **demon that was mute**. When **the demon left**, the man who had been mute **spoke**, and the crowd was amazed.*

Demons can cause dumbness. This man did not need physical healing, but rather deliverance from the mute demon. After Jesus drove the demon out, the man was immediately healed.

Mark 9:25

*When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, **he rebuked the evil spirit**. "You **deaf and mute spirit**," He said, "I command you, come out of him and **never enter him again**." **Spirits can cause deafness***

When ministering to the deaf and dumb, we may on occasion rebuke deaf and dumb spirits. **Sternly and forcefully** command the deaf ears "to be opened" in Jesus' name. It is scriptural to command spirits not to come back to enter the person again. I often practice saying, "In the name of Jesus, Spirit of Infirmity come out and do not come back." I do this in case the sickness is caused by a demonic spirit.

Matthew 12:22 T

*Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was **blind and mute**, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.*

Demons can cause blindness. The English expression "demon-possessed" is actually not found in the original Greek. Therefore the question of demon-possession for a believer is not relevant. The Greek

terms are better translated “to have a demon” or “to be demonized.” The man simply had a demon (or demons) which made him blind and mute.

Note: I cast more demons off Christians than nonbelievers. The theology of a believer cannot be demonized is a lie and a false doctrine. I am often challenged by many denominational religious theology people. First, I ask them if they ever cast out a demon. No, is the answer I usually receive because they rarely do all the works that Jesus did. Then I ask them when was the last time they read their Bible to get their attention. I ask them if Job was a righteous man before God. I remind them that Satan went to God directly and got permission to afflict Job. If Job is so righteous, how could he have a demon? Then I say, let's go to the New Testament. Do you agree Paul was a righteous man? Do you agree Paul wrote 13 books of the New Testament? Why did Paul say he had a thorn in his side and it is a messenger from Satan? Paul was demonized. What about Judas Iscariot? Do you agree he was a follower and believer of Jesus? Do you believe Judas Iscariot also healed the sick and cast out demons as Jesus instructed the disciples to do? Do you believe Jesus selected Judas Iscariot to be a disciple? Why does the scripture say during the Passover, Satan entered him? We have evidence of righteous people who believed in God and Jesus were afflicted with a demon. One sinned and two remained faithful. Many believers and Christians are demonized. Just look at all the drama in many churches today. Look at all the hurt in the church today. Do you really think the Lord was behind the drama or something dark at the root of the heart and soul?

Note: If you minister healing like Jesus did, there is a very high probability you will encounter someone who needs freedom for spirit oppression. You treat the demon like the sickness. You tell it to go, come out, and leave in the name of Jesus. And, tell it to never return.

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Healing at a Distance because of Faith

Luke 7:2 – 3

There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant...

Luke 7:6 - 7

*So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 But **SAY THE WORD**, and my servant will be healed.*

Did the centurion ask Jesus to pray for His servant? Say **what** word? Let's see what kind of understanding this centurion had

Luke 7:8

*For I myself am a man under authority, **with soldiers under me**. This man had authority over his soldiers. The military operates by authority.*

Luke 7:8 continued...

*I tell this one, '**Go, and he goes**;' and that one, '**Come, and he comes**'. I say to my servant, '**Do this, and he does it**.'*

Did this man have **ANY DOUBT** that men under his authority would obey his commands?

The centurion understood exactly the nature of authority. Look at Jesus' reaction to the centurion's words...

Luke 7:9

*When Jesus heard this, **he was amazed at him**, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found **such great faith** even in Israel."*

What kind of **great faith** did this man have that Jesus did not see even in Israel? Of course he had faith that Jesus could heal his servant; he had **faith in Jesus**. That much is clear.

There was another dimension to the faith of the centurion: Because he understood authority, he knew exactly HOW Jesus could heal his servant at a distance: Jesus could simply **SAY THE WORD**, issue a command at a distance, and the infirmity would have to obey and leave.

When Jesus issued the command to the infirmity, he had **no doubt** that it would obey him--- Just like the centurion had **no doubt** that men under his authority would obey his commands. The person who truly understands authority **will have no doubt** that those things under our authority must and will obey our commands. Jesus equated this unusual understanding of authority **with great faith**. This is "**faith without a doubt**."

Luke 7:10

Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

In the same way, disciples have **authority** over disease and demons. Therefore, we have **no doubt** that they will obey our commands to go, especially when sharing the gospel. That is **mountain-moving faith**, or faith as a mustard seed. Now we understand the basis for our traditional way of ministering healing which often involves:

- Prayer to God
- “Hallelujah, thank you Jesus”
- Speaking in tongues
- “Father, in Jesus’ name, we rebuke this infirmity and command healing”

These are all spiritual and Priestly actions. No Kingly actions listed above and no healing occurs. We minister this way because of **doubting** that we can heal the sick as Jesus commands us. Rarely do we see ministering to the sick or demonized the way Jesus did in the body of Christ. But when we truly understand **the nature of authority**, *Operations of the Kingly Office and Functions*, we will no longer doubt that we can make infirmities and demons submit to us in the name of Jesus!

Luke 9:1 -2

*When Jesus had called the Twelve together, **he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases**, and He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

Priestly and Kingly operations to win the lost!

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The Book of Acts and Gift of Healing

Let's examine how Peter and Paul ministered healing to the sick in the book of Acts *after the Day of Pentecost*.

When was the gift of healing available? 1 Corinthians 12. The gift of healing is one of the nine gifts that may be given when we receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Is there any record in the Bible of disciples speaking in tongues when they healed the sick? No!

Every disciple needs to learn to command healing with the authority in the name of Jesus because the authority to heal was given prior to the gift of healing. The authority to heal is used to win the lost and is developed as we are developed as disciples. Commanding with authority will work when ministering healing to the Body of Christ and the lost. However, the Gift of Healing is for the Body of Christ and is the operation of the priestly office and there is no evidence of the Gift of Healing being used to heal the lost.

According to **1 Corinthians 12**, the "gift of healing" is **for ministry to the Church and sick believers....** (Priestly) while "Authority & Power" over sickness and demons was used **to win the unbeliever**. (Kingly) However, "Authority and Power" can be used in ministering deliverance and healing to believers as well. Every believer was given the same measure of authority according to John 14:12, while not every believer may be given the gift of healing. According to 1 Corinthians 12:30 Do we all have gifts of healing? No.

Let's look at "the gift of healing"

1 Corinthians 12:4

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

The gift of healing is for the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:8 – 9

To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit

Therefore the gift of healing is primarily for ministering to infirmed believers and building up the Body. (Priestly Operations, Office, and Functions)

1 Corinthians 14:12

So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

Therefore it's clear, the gift of healing is primarily for ministering healing to sick believers and is a Priestly Operation and Function. As you can see... "Authority & Power" are different in function and purpose to the "Gift of Healing"

"Authority & Power" is different from the "Gift of Healing"

Luke 9:1 – 2

*When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he **gave them power and authority** to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, (Kingly Operation and Function) and he sent them out **to preach the kingdom of God** and to heal the sick. (Preaching is Priestly and healing by commanding is Kingly)*

Do we speak in Tongues "A Gift of the Spirit" when praying for the sick? Let's examine this...

The following may be relevant for Charismatic or Pentecostal believers

The Book of Acts tells us specifically when the disciples spoke in tongues:

- Acts 2:4 in the Upper Room
- Acts 10:46 with Cornelius
- Acts 19:6 at Ephesus

In Acts did they speak in tongues when ministering to the sick? No!

Acts 3:1 – 2

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple **at the time of prayer—at three** in the afternoon. Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put **every day** to beg from those going into the temple courts.*

Acts 3:3 – 4

*When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter **looked straight at him**, as did John. Then Peter **said, "Look at us!"***

Were Peter's eyes open or closed as he healed the beggar? It appears they were open by the way he communicated to the crippled beggar.

Acts 3:5 – 6

So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Is this the gift of healing or, the use of authority? Peter did not have silver or gold, but what did he have? **AUTHORITY to Heal!**

Did Peter say:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, we command this man to walk?"

Did Peter speak in tongues?

Did Peter say, "I 'declare' healing to this disease!" ?

Did he direct anything at all to God?

However, with the gift of healing, there can be action directed to God. Peter continued to use authority to heal. Why? We can only speculate that he knew the use of authority works.

Examine the context of the event.

Peter did not combine prayer and commanding.

Acts 3:7 – 8

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Acts 3:11

While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

Acts 3:12

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

....Acts 3:16

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.

It is the name of Jesus and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing. "The name of Jesus": is the authority to act in Kingly Operations. "The faith that comes through Him": because of Him in us or faith of God we have mountain moving faith.

Acts 4:4

*But many of those who heard the Word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.
The healing resulted a harvest of souls.*

The Healing of Aeneas

Acts 9:32 – 34

*As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter **said** to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat."*

- Is this the gift of healing or the use of authority?
- Did Peter say: "Father, in the name of Jesus, we command this man to get up?"
- Did Peter speak in tongues?
- Did he direct anything priestly actions to God?
- However, with the gift of healing, there can be action directed to God.

Peter again used authority to heal...why? Most like he knew the authority delegated to him from Jesus was all he needed to do. Peter did not combine prayer and commanding.

...Immediately Aeneas got up.

Acts 9:35

All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

The eventual result of the miracle was a harvest of souls.

The Raising of Dorcas

Acts 9:39 - 40

*Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. **40** Peter sent them all out of the room; then **he got down on his knees and prayed.***

What did Peter do differently here? He removed the morning and grieving. He removed the disbelief. He removed all distractions. It appears he prayed for help from the father or checked for the will of God.

Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

- Did Peter say: “*Father, in the name of Jesus, we command Tabitha to get up*”?
- Did Peter speak in tongues?
- Do you think Peter remained on his knees, or he stood up on his feet?
- Were his eyes open or closed?

Act 9:42

*This became known all over Joppa, and **many people believed in the Lord.***

This miracle had two **separate** and **distinct** stages:

- Prayer to God
- A command to Tabitha

During which stage did the miracle take place? It took place after he prayed and turned toward Tabitha and commanded her to get up. Do not mix praying with commanding because there is not example in the Bible for us to follow. There may be negative consequences when mixing the prayers and commands. I have noticed when we mix authority and praying usually nothing happens. Our authority in the context of proclaiming the kingdom of God is not simply over disease and demons, but may extend into other matters as well.

We have learned:

- Authority came before the gift.
- The gifts are for ministering healing to believers.
- Every disciple has some authority to heal, whereas they may not have the Gift of Healing.
- *Finally, the operation of the gift differs from the operation of authority.*

Acts 5:12 – 13

*The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders **among the people.** **And all the believers used to meet together** in Solomon’s Colonnade. No one else dared join **them**, even though they were highly regarded by the people.*

Acts 5:14 – 15

Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

Is it possible the Book of Acts is describing a gathering of believers where a Gift of Healing or power given to Peter is in operation? Notice Peter is not exercising Authority or Commands. Rather, as he moves about his shadow touches the sick, God heals them directly.

Acts 5:16

Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

Scripture does not specifically say here that people accepted Christ because of the miracles as it does elsewhere in Acts. Perhaps those who came were mostly already believers or new believers who needed healing and deliverance. Perhaps that is why Peter was operating in the Gift of Healing on this occasion. In our earlier examinations of the healings performed by Peter, it was specifically mentioned that afterwards people believed on the Lord. But here there is no such mention.

There are different manifestations or forms of the Gift of Healing. According to Young's Literal Translation, "gifts of healings" in 1 Corinthians 12:9. There are examples of the gift of healing:

- God heals an infirmed person after prayer in its various forms. A Priestly Operation
- God heals an infirmed person as someone worships the Lord or leads worship. A Priestly Operation
- God heals a person when spending intimate time with Him. A Priestly Operation

In general, the gift of healing can be in operation as God heals in response to actions like prayer or praise directed to Him by disciples, or through prophetic actions. In contrast, authority healing works when disciples issues a commands to the infirmity or infirmed person with mountain-moving faith.

Acts 14:8 - 9

*In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was **lame from birth** and had never walked. Healing someone who is lame since birth, under normal circumstances, is like moving a very large mountain. **9** He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul **looked directly** at him, saw that he had **faith to be healed**.*

Not everyone has faith to be healed

If the lame man had faith to be healed, why wasn't he already healed? Let's try to understand this. A certain amount of faith was necessary in order for him to be healed. But his faith "to be healed" was short of the required amount. Therefore, Paul had to add faith to the lame man's faith so that the total amount of faith would be sufficient.

Acts 14:10

***...and called out, "Stand up on your feet!"** At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. What kind of faith did Paul add? He added mountain-moving faith. The man's faith plus Paul's faith were enough faith to result in the miracle.*

Paul's mountain-moving faith combined with the man's faith in God for his healing resulted in a great miracle...The more combined faith, the better. This is way it is sometimes good to have several people to minister healing at the same time. Unfortunately, this miracle did not result in people accepting Christ. Instead, it resulted in the people worshiping Paul as the Greek god Zeus. Eventually, the people stoned Paul nearly to death. Not all miracles lead to the repentance of sinners. But they certainly make it more likely.

As we study the ministries of Paul and Peter, we might reasonably conclude they both looked for "opportunities" to heal the sick. The miracles often, but not always (as in the case here), opened the hearts of the lost to the gospel. One could say that they were acting *not only* in response to a leading

from the Lord, but at times simply in obedience to the Scriptures to heal the sick and tell them “the kingdom of God is near you.” There can be infirmed people with *no faith* for their healing to whom you can minister with good results. In such a case, the result may depend completely on your mountain-moving faith. But it is usually fruitless, ministering healing to someone who has *negative faith*. Negative faith can subtract from your mountain-moving faith and make the healing very difficult.

Ministry to Believers in the context of the Body of Christ Acts 5:14-16

We turn to ministering healing **not** in the evangelistic context, but rather in the more familiar context of building up the body of Christ. Ministering healing to believers is generally based on teaching from James 5:14-16. How did Jesus teach his disciples to minister to the sick? He did **not** teach them to pray for the sick. He taught them **to heal** the sick by laying hands **over** them and exercising the authority he had given them **over** diseases.

In light of this, let’s look at James...

James 5:14

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them **pray over** him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

Praying **over** is not the same as praying **for** or on behalf of the sick. Could praying **over** the sick be identical to what Jesus taught, which was speaking **over** the infirm with authority and laying hands **over** them?

We have seen that ministry to the infirm as Jesus taught his disciples in the gospels was very similar to how the sick were healed in Acts. Why should healing in the gospels and in Acts be so different from what it was in the time of James and today?

James 5:15a

*And the **prayer of FAITH will save the sick**, and the Lord will raise him up.*

What kind of faith? Mountain-moving faith or faith of God. **Both** the one ministering healing as well as the sick believer must have faith:

James 1:6

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Mark 11:24

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

However, there is an **important condition** for the believer to be healed.

James 5:15b

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

The condition is that, as believers who are accountable, our sins must first be forgiven. How can our sins be forgiven?

James 5:16a

Therefore confess your trespasses to one another,

Confessing our trespasses to one another can result in **reconciliation**.

Matthew 5:23-24

*"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that **your brother or sister has something against you**, leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to them**; then come and offer your gift.*

This is what we should do if someone has something against us. We confess our sins to one another. What if you hold something against someone else?

Mark 11:25

*And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.***

When we confess our trespasses to one another and are reconciled to one another by forgiving one another, then God will forgive us, and then we can be healed through the prayer of faith.

Mark 5:16b

*...and pray **for** one another, that you may be healed.*

Why is it "pray for" here, but earlier in verse 14 it is "pray over"? Let's examine this...

A case can be made that in both James 5:14 and 16, James is teaching "*praying over the sick*," and not simply "*praying for the sick*" as is traditionally taught and done. Of course, it is good to pray **for** the sick as well, but miraculous healings often take place when we pray **over** them. When the sick are "prayed for" in the traditional manner, the results are at best uncertain. But when they are also **prayed over** as Jesus did and taught his disciples, the results are often instant and miraculous.

Therefore, believers **must** confess their sins before they can be healed. Non-believers need not necessarily confess their sins before being healed. There are some exceptions, for example, those deeply involved in witchcraft; they need to renounce their witchcraft. James 5:14-16 is not instructing us in the operation of the Gift of Healing because not every believer has been given the gift. Instead, James is explaining how any scripturally-qualified elder can minister healing to infirm believers by anointing them with oil and the exercise of authority over their infirmities with faith of God.

Demonstration of Healing

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Session 8

Why should we obey the Great Commission?

2 Corinthians 5:9 – 10

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Why should we please God? For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, what will happen there? That each one may receive what is due him *for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad*. We will all appear before His judgment seat to receive our eternal reward (not salvation), *according to the works we have done*. Eternal reward is in addition to salvation. We should want to maximize our eternal reward from the Lord. Why?

We should want to avoid suffering any loss in our eternal reward. Therefore, we should make it our goal to please God by doing what is good. It is very scriptural to fear the Lord. It is not enough simply to love God; we must also fear Him.

What is our eternal reward? Our works must be quality and works are important.

1 Corinthians 3:9 – 10

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

10b But each one should build with care.

1 Corinthians 3:12 - 15

*If any man builds on this foundation using... gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** ...his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire; and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. **14** If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.*

***15** If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.*

Our work quality and quantity counts.

The Parable of the Talents

Luke 19:12 -13 & 16 - 22

*He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. **13 & 16** So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' Then the master went away... Upon the master's return... "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned **ten more**.' **17** "Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of **ten cities**.' The master rewarded the servant according the quantity of his production. **18 – 19** "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned **five more**.' "His master answered, 'You take charge of **five cities**.' Likewise, the master rewarded the second servant according the quantity of his production as well. **20 – 22** "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant!*

Luke 19:24

"Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' This third servant received no reward at all. He even lost what he had.

Exercising authority to heal can be compared to the talents (or minas) given by the master to his servants.

This is what can happen to believers after the Training

Luke 19:24

"Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' This third servant received no reward at all. He even lost what he had.

Luke 19:26

"He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. Brethren, do not let this happen to you. Refuse and rebuke the fear and doubt!'

Caveat

After this training, believers can be on fire, applying what they have learned to heal the sick. But over time, the fear and doubt can return. Eventually, some believers will go back to praying for the sick instead of healing them as Jesus commanded.

Luke 16:10

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much;

After disciples are taught, they are *far more accountable* to God than before. It is possible to *increase* in authority and power. After you receive this training from the word of God, will you obey it? Or, will you allow the spirit of fear to continue to paralyze you and cause you to disobey the Lord's command? If we are going to fulfill the Great Commission we must be strong and courageous. It is not optional!

There may be times the enemy will seek to discourage you:

- little results in the beginning
- trials of various kinds

Remember the Lord's promise:

"The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

To do the **works of God**, we must have... the **authority of God** and **faith of God**

Let us therefore obey the Lord's holy commands. Especially, the Great Commission with all our hearts. Our eternal reward will in part be based on what we have produced for Him during our time on earth.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Continue ministering healing to those who still need healing. Be persistent and don't give up or quit. It is important that you share this training with other people who have a burden for lost souls. Direct them to Seedtime Harvest Ministries for a copy of the training manual or PowerPoint Presentation. The use of the training really works especially, those of other religions. It is easy to ask if someone wants to be healed. Once you minister healing and they are healed their hearts will be opened to receive the gospel. Many pastors have been able to plant churches by healing first and then sharing the gospel. I have witnessed the healing power that touched the hearts of entire families and villages.

Lord you tell us to pray to the Master of the Harvest for laborers. Lord give the reader of this manual who is operating in faith, the extra boldness and assurance of You. Give them many opportunities to share the gospel and to heal those in need. Lord, let them be fruitful and let the people who receive healing also know your love for them. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

APPENDIX 1

Demonstration of Healing

At this time ask for someone who has an infirmity. You may want to ask those who were healed previously in Session I to minister healing this time because their faith will be increased because of their healing. Ask for a man and woman who needs to be healed and match them up with people of the same sex.

You still may want to stay with what I call non-major illnesses because we are training and have only completed Session II. Ask for something with back, knee, or arm pain. We want to start with small infirmities and build up to the greater infirmities. You can take the more difficult sickness after you have success with the smaller one.

Ask the person, "What is the problem?"

Ask for the pain severity level from 1 to 10 with 10 being the most painful. Ask two or three people to volunteer to minister healing. Have them place their hand over the infirmed area. Have them repeat after you.

Say the following:

"In the name of Jesus, (name the infirmity) go!"

"In the name of Jesus, (name the infirmed area like knee, back, hand) be healed!"

"In the name of Jesus, pain in the (name the infirmed area like knee, back, hand) go!"

"In the name of Jesus, all spirits of infirmity go!"

"In the name of Jesus, pain go and do not come back!"

Ask the person what happened. There is a chance that there may be some pain remaining. Ask again, what is the pain severity from 1 to 10 with 10 being the most painful and see if there is improvement. It is okay if there is no improvement. Make sure the person is telling you the truth and not caught up in the sensation of people pleasing and excitement of anticipation of a miracle.

If pain remains, start over from the beginning repeating the above steps. Do not stop until there is complete healing.