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**Luke 6:17-19** *"And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all."* KJV

None went away disappointed, all who came to hear were healed. They came with a reason and a purpose, to be healed. However, unbelief in His own town resulted in only a few receiving healing.

**Acts 10:38** *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."* KJV

This gives us insight as to where sickness and disease comes from.

**Luke 13:11-20** *"And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."* KJV

Jesus is no respecter of persons, what He has done for others, He will do for us.

**Eph 5:2** *"Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that."*  
Message

**Heb 13:8** *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* KJV

**Mal 3:6** *"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* KJV

**James 1:17** *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."* KJV

These scriptures are examples of the love that God has for us and how He wants to get all that He

has to us.

The following scripture is found also in Luke 8 and Matthew 9. All make the same statement, Jesus turns to the woman and proclaims "daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole". She is terminal; she is dying, getting worse all the time. God was able to turn her situation around as He will do for us, because He is "no respecter of persons". He has never changed. Jesus came, died and gave His life not only for our salvation, but also paid the price for our healing on the cross.

Earlier, Jesus had been approached by Jarius a ruler of the temple and was told that Jarius' daughter was at home, terminally ill, but while going to her, Jesus was interrupted by this woman.

While stopping here, ministering to this woman, word comes that Jarius' daughter had died, but Jesus turned to him and told him don't let unbelief overtake you, just keep on believing and don't accept this evil report. The little girl had died, but Jesus raised her from the dead.

**Mark 5:25-34** *"And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me 32And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." KJV*

This woman had tried many years with the help of others to be healed, but everything had failed and because of the law regarding her condition, she could have been stoned for being out in public. Jesus didn't come to her house to heal her, but because of her desperation, she knew that she had to step out and go to Him. She apparently had heard of all the times that people had been healed and set free; the leper and Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1), the man let down by his friends through the roof (Mark 2), the man with the withered hand (Mark 3), the calming of the storm.(Mark 4) Her confession was "if I may touch His garments, I will be healed". Mark chapter 5 shows how Jesus is Lord over every demonic spirit, death and terminal disease. It talks about the greatness of God.

God has made plans for us to be healed, whether we are healed by the laying on of hands, prayer or by going to a trained doctor. But to many times, pride stands in the way of our coming to God and receiving from Him. We make all kinds of excuses regarding how we look and what people will think of us. We must be willing to step out and ask for help if we are to receive. We can turn the situation around because God is a God of grace and mercy. It is His will that we be made whole. God will meet us where we are at. To many times the church knows that He can and has healed in the past, but we must be convinced that it His will for us today. There is no faith in the statement, "if it is Your will", this is totally unbelief.

There is no difference Jesus hanging on the cross, dying for all our sins and being beaten and bruised for our healing. It is the will of God that none would perish, for Jesus came for the whole world. He came not only for salvation but for healing for everyone.

The lady determined what she must do and had corresponding actions. What we believe will always dictate our actions.

These examples (Mark 5 and Mark 10) are of people who changed adversity into victory.

**Mark 10:46-48** *"And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. 47And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 48And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.49And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. 51And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."* KJV

The people around tried to quiet him, but Bartimaeus was determined to receive from Jesus. He did not care what he looked like, he refused to be quiet and he cast his garment away that showed he was a blind person.

When we desire to receive something from God and it seems like God is withholding His favor toward us, we can still initiate Jesus coming to our house and receive a miracle by having faith in what Jesus has promised that He would do. The word of God has the power to bring it to pass on our behalf, if we will only believe.

On our way to our miracle, we will opportunity for discouragement, symptoms will arise, circumstances will arise that we haven't counted on and we will be attacked from all sides. But because of the power of God in us we can conquer the "giant". It would be great to have people standing with us instead of against us. Jesus hears the faith filled cry of our hearts.

**Mark 9:23** *"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."* KJV

**John 6:63** *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"* KJV

**John 6:63** *"It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life"* AMP

In the following scripture, there was only 1 person healed, even though there was a multitude of people present. The power of God was there, but only the lame man was raised up. His friends went to the extreme to get him into Jesus presence. They were determined and did not turn back. Their faith was activated. .

**Luke 5:16-23** *"And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. 17And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. 18And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. 19And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. 20And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? 22But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts 23Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?"* KJV

Many times we fail to receive because of how we think things should be done. We depend on others to position us in order that we may receive from Jesus. We must act with faith on our behalf and not let circumstances hinder us and cause us to stop. We must become convinced that God wants to heal us; we need to set ourselves apart, get into the word and seek Him.

Which is easier to say, we are forgiven or we are healed? It is all in what was done on the cross. Jesus is not a respecter of persons, what He has done for one, He will do for another. That is the love of God.