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“BUT FOR YOU
WHO FEAR MY
NAME, THE SUN OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SHALL RISE WITH
HEALING IN ITS
WINGS.

MALACHI 4:2

A HEALING TESTIMONY FROM SISTER ELLIE.

God bless you. Sister Ellie is a missionary from Brazil. We had the pleasure of knowing her in China for some years. Ellie conducted a very fruitful ministry in south west China for many years and I believe she lived in China for over 17 years, before being forced out by the looming persecution which always seems to return in the Chinese nation.

Since that time, she has primarily been back in Brazil. However she did venture out again to see what she could do for the Lord among refugees in Jordan with an established mission team there. Here is her testimony of healing, and I will comment again briefly at the end of this.

Love Jerry

From Sister Ellie

Dear brothers and sisters who have prayed for my healing, my greetings in the name of Jesus.

In 2021 I went to Jordan to join

a very fruitful missionary work and after only 17 days I fell very sick and was diagnosed with **Chronic Leukemia**, my platelets count was almost non existent and there was no way to make it rise to normal levels and I was at risk of having sudden death by internal or brain bleeding. Whoa!

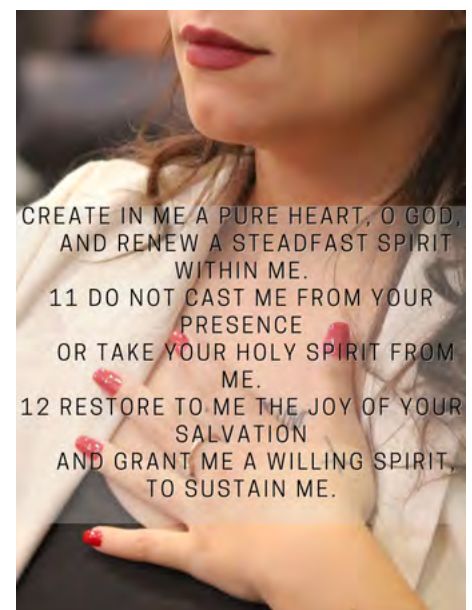


What was happening in here? First I was learning about the new field, new language and new culture and suddenly I was in a hospital in Amman about to die at any moment.

It is hard to describe the feelings that came over me. I felt I was not ready to die but if that was His will I should have a serious talk heart to heart with the Lord to find out how He was seeing things. I found a study of the Psalm 51 and asked Him like David of old;

“Create in me(do not only clean the heart I have, I need a new heart) a clean heart (with the word Create we ask for nothing less than a miracle. It is a term for what God alone can do), renew a right spirit within me, restore unto me the joy of your salvation, uphold me with your free spirit, take not your holy spirit from me... a broken and contrite heart, oh God, you will not despise.”

No more self justification.



I had experienced the “multitudes of God’s tender mercies”. Wash me thoroughly,

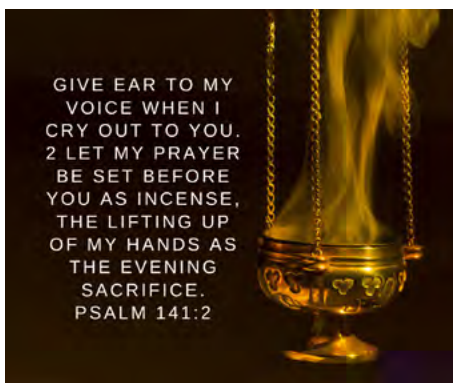
meaning by kneading or beating, not simple rinsing, to be cleansed inwardly, I knew myself intimately and saw how rebellious I had been at some points in y life for the Lord.

I “desired the truth in the inward parts”. The word of God is so vast, so deep and revelatory when we take the time to study it with a whole heart, so it took me several days of prayers and hearing what He had to tell me through His word, and His “still small voice” talking to me ever so gently, so loving and full of mercy.

He took me by the hand restoring my soul beside the still waters guiding me to what chapters of the Bible, books or articles I should read and making the Word of God alive speaking to the depth of my heart, soul and mind and thus starting to heal my body.

Meanwhile there were those loving and faithful brothers and sister praying for me, both in Jordan and around the world and the Lord smelling their prayers like sweet incense going up into Heaven’s gates. “What prayer can do for you? All that God can do for you.”

One thing that was in my



mind is that I did not feel I had the faith to be supernaturally

healed, I was still in the hospital and my platelets count was the same. Here I was, a missionary serving the Lord for many years, reading, studying and teaching His word, what was happening? One book that really helped me was Real Faith, where the author guide the reader to realize that faith is a gift of God and a fruit of the Spirit thus showing me that I did not have to have faith IN God but faith OF God. ; Here is part of what the book says, *“you cannot work it up; you cannot manufacture it. It is imparted and infused by God Himself. We read about faith which will move mountains, and immediately begin to look at the mountains, instead of seeking the faith which will move them. He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith! If He begins it, and it ends in Him, why should we struggle to manufacture it, when He alone can impart faith! Oh, how sweet is His lovely Presence, and how marvelous— beyond description—is the exercise of HIS FAITH and the manifestation of HIS POWER. In ourselves, we can do nothing! Absolutely nothing!”. We can receive faith only as He gives it.”*

So I told the Lord, I will not anguish myself by “trying” to have faith, I will only let You do it in me, I will love You, praise Your name and give myself to You.

Meanwhile, all those sincere and loving prayers from my faithful brothers and sisters kept on going up to His court until after a little over 2 years the blood tests showed that I did not have any leukemia any longer, thanks be to Jesus to

Whom it is all the glory, all the power.

The doctor was surprised and said, “you sure have Someone with a broad shoulder that has helped you” to which I promptly and gladly replied, “I do indeed!” I already had witnessed to him about God and gave him some Christian literature and made sure that he knew Who was it!

Am I afraid that the sickness will come back and poison my blood again? Yes, the thoughts come but I rather gaze upon My Saviour’s face and I let go and let HIM because I know He loves me, His mercies are renewed every morning so He will take care of me.

Again, thank you for your prayers which worked wonders, keep being faithful to pray for others. Thank you for what your prayers and love have done for me and what God has done through them. Praise the Lord

With lots of love and gratitude,

Ellie

Closing thoughts from Jerry.

Sister Ellie has many gifts of the Holy Spirit and those of you who have been with us for many years know her ministry among children primarily, the elderly and lepers and all kinds of people in China. I have always been amazed at what the Lord used her to do, the obstacles she overcame and her ability to ‘recruit, many wonderful Chinese saved and unsaved into her very fruitful mission.

I testify that she is a dedicated servant of the Most High God, to which status only a few people can attain, simply because they gave their all for Jesus; yet at the same time this testimony shows that only God is good and also God requires our prayers for His servants on missions fields! It is vital we pray for missionaries and genuine dedicated Pastors.

If you would like to get in touch with her, please send an introductory email to her via this email and we will forward it on your behalf.

wcf@nym.hush.com put 'Sister Ellie' in the subject line

if anyone wishes to donate to her future ministry and survival in Brazil where she is and still active in the Amazon area then please donate via PayPal to this address:
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Finally, we are attaching with this WCF article the book Sister Ellie mentions called 'Real Faith' This would be great to read and change your life.

I have also enclosed below a beautiful Bible study below called Healing.

Regarding Prayer and persistent and continued prayer I highly recommend the Book 'Intercessory Prayer, by Pastor Dutch Sheets.

Until next week,

Jerry for the WCF TEAM

HEALING

1. Healing was part of Jesus' ministry:

Mat.4:23,24 Jesus went...healing all manner of sickness & disease

Mat.9:35 Healing every sickness & disease among the people

Mat.12:15b Great multitudes followed Him & He healed them all

(See also Mat.15:30; 21:14; Acts 10:38.)

2. Healing promises are still valid "today":

Heb.13:8 Jesus Christ the same, yesterday & today & forever

Mal.3:6 I am the Lord, I change not

Mk.16:17a-18b These signs shall follow them that believe: Lay hands on the sick & they shall recover

Jn.14:12-14 He that believeth on Me, the works I do shall he do

1Cor.12:7,9b To another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit

Jam.5:14,15 Is any sick among you? Call elders...let them pray

3. It is God's will to heal:

A. Scriptural authority for

asking for healing:

Exo.15:26b I am the Lord that healeth thee

Deut.7:15 The Lord will take away from thee all sickness

Psa.84:11b No good thing will He withhold from them

Psa.103:3 (He) forgiveth all iniquities, healeth all thy diseases

Psa.107:20 He sent His Word, & healed them

Jer.30:17a For I "will" restore health unto thee, & "will" heal

Mal.4:2a Sun of righteousness arise with "healing" in His wings

Mat.10:1 He gave them power...to heal all manner of sickness &... disease

Mk.1:40,41 Lord, if Thou wilt...Jesus saith, I "will"; be thou clean

Acts 9:34a Jesus Christ maketh thee whole

Jam.5:15 Prayer of faith save sick...& the Lord shall raise him up

(See also Ezk.34:16a; 3Jn.2.)

B. God prefers not to afflict you; He'd rather heal:

Lam.3:33 He doth not afflict "willingly"...the children of men

Psa.22:24 He hath not despised...affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid

His face from him

Heb.12:13b Let it
rather be healed

C. Jesus' physical suffering paid for our healing:

Isa.53:5 He was
wounded...with His stripes we
are healed

Mat.8:16,17 Himself
took our infirmities & bare our
sicknesses

1Cor.11:23,24 This
is My body, which is broken for
you

1Cor.11:29,30 Not
discerning Lord's body...many
are weak & sickly

1Pet.2:24 By Whose
stripes ye were healed

4. Nothing is too serious for God to heal:

Jer.32:27 I am the
Lord...is there anything too
hard for Me?

Jer.32:17 Ah Lord
God! There is "nothing" too
hard for Thee

Psa.34:19 The Lord
delivereth him out of them "all"
(afflictions)

Psa.103:3 Who
healeth "all" thy diseases

Mat.10:1 Power to...
heal "all" manner of sickness, &
"all" disease

Mat.19:26 With God
all things are possible

Mk.9:23 All things
are possible to him that

believeth

Lk.1:37 With God,
nothing shall be impossible

Lk.5:17b The power
of the Lord was present to heal
them

5. Conditions for healing:

2Ki.20:5b I have...
seen thy tears, behold, I will
heal thee

2Chr.7:14 If My
people humble themselves, &
pray & turn from their wicked
ways; then will I hear & heal

Isa.19:22 They shall
return to the Lord...& He shall
heal them

Isa.58:6-8a [Help
others:] Then thine health...
spring forth speedily

Hos.6:1 Come, let
us "return"...& He will heal us

Jam.5:16a "Confess"
your faults...& pray one for
another, that ye may be healed

6. Practical steps in obtaining healing:

A. Begin with a clean heart; unconfessed sin in your life will hinder faith:

Psa.66:18,19 If I regard
iniquity in my heart, Lord will
not hear

Pro.28:13 He that
covereth his sins shall not
prosper

Jam.5:16 Confess
your faults one to another, &

pray one for another

1Jn.3:21 "If" our
heart condemn us "not", then
have we (faith)

(See also 2Chr.7:14;
Psa.51:10; 139:23; 1Jn.1:8,9 .)

B. Prepare by memorising promises; find authority in God's Word & faith will come of itself:

Rom.10:17 Faith
cometh by hearing the Word of
God

Josh.23:14b Not one
thing hath failed of all that...
God spake

1Ki.8:56b Hath not
failed one word of all His good
promise

Pro.7:2-3 Write (My
commandments) upon table of
thine heart

Mat.24:35 Heaven &
earth shall pass away, but (not)
My Words

2Cor.1:20 All the
promises of God in Him are yea
&...Amen

2Pet.1:4 Great &
precious promises: by these ye
might partake

C. Be definite:

Isa.45:11
Concerning the work of My
hands, command ye Me

Jam.1:6-8 Ask in
faith, nothing wavering

D. "Expect" from God; know you are entitled to His promises:

Mk.11:23 Whoever...

shall believe...shall have
whatsoever he saith

Mk.11:24 "When" ye
pray, "believe" that ye receive &
ye shall have

Heb.4:16 Come
boldly...& find grace to help in
time of need

Heb.11:6 He that
cometh to God must believe...
He is a rewarder

**E. Accept from God; there
comes a time to cease praying:**

Josh.7:10 Get thee
up; wherefore liest thou thus
upon thy face?

Lk.1:38 Mary said,
"Be it unto me according to thy
Word"

**F. Stand your ground in faith &
trust:**

Num.23:19 God is not
a man, that He should lie. Hath
he said, & shall He not do it?

Psa.112:7 Not be
afraid of evil tidings...trusting in
the Lord

Acts 27:25 I believe
God, that it shall be even as
was told me

Rom.3:4 Let God be
true, but every man a liar

Rom.4:19-21 Being
"fully" persuaded that what He
had promised

Gal.6:9 In due
season we shall reap, if we
faint not

Eph.4:27 Neither
give place to the devil [his
doubts & lies]

Eph.6:13
Withstand...& having done all,
"stand"

Eph.6:16 Taking the
shield of faith...to quench fiery
darts

Heb.10:23 Hold fast...
(your) faith without wavering;
He is faithful that promised

Heb.10:35,36 Ye have
need of "patience", that, after
ye have done the will of God, ye
might receive the promise

1Pet.1:7 The trial
of your faith...more precious
than gold (See also Pro.24:10;
Jon.2:8.)

**G. Real faith puts into action
what it believes:**

2Ki.5:1,9-14 [Naaman
obeyed Elisha, dipped in the
Jordan, & was healed]

2Chr.20:21,22
[When they went forth singing
& praising God for the victory,
He performed the miracle]

Mat.14:28,29 [Peter
believed Jesus & stepped out
on the water]

Mk.2:11,12 Take up
thy bed, & go...& immediately
he arose

Mk.3:1,5b [A man
stretches out his withered hand
& is healed]

Lk.17:14 As they
"went", they were cleansed
(healed)

Jn.4:47-53 Believed
the word Jesus had spoken...&
went his way

2Cor.5:7 For we
walk by faith, not by sight

Jam.2:17-26 As body
without spirit...faith without
works is dead

**H. Thank Him for hearing &
answering your prayer:**

Rom.4:20 He was
strong in faith, giving "glory" to
God

7. Praying for the sick:

**A. Pray for healing in "Jesus"
name:**

(See Jn.14:13,14; Acts
3:6; 4:10; 9:34a.)

**B. Importance of laying hands
on & touching the sick:**

Mk.16:18b They shall
lay hands on the sick & they
shall recover

Lk.4:40 He laid His
hands on every one of them, &
healed them

(See also Mat.9:29;
Mk.3:10; 5:28; 6:56; 7:33-35;
Lk.5:13; 6:19; 22:51b.)

**C. Anointing with oil for
healing:**

(See Mk.6:13; Jam.5:14.)

**D. The power of united, group
prayer:**

Mat.18:19,20 If two of
you shall agree [in prayer]...it
shall be done

Deut.32:30 One (shall)
chase a thousand, & two put
ten thousand to flight

**E. Who should pray for the
sick:**

Lk.8:50,51 [Have the

unbelieving leave the room before you pray]

Jam.5:14-16 Call for the elders...& let them pray over him. The fervent...prayer of a righteous man availeth much

8. Fight in the Spirit for your healing:

Mat.17:19-21 [Unusual, stubborn sicknesses require extra faith & prayer & fasting]

1Tim.6:12 Fight good fight of faith, "lay hold" on eternal life

A. Sing & praise the Lord:

(See Psalms 34:1; 51:15; 66:17; 77:2,10,11; 109:30.)

B. Quote Scripture like Jesus did:

Mat.4:3-10 He answered and said, "It is "written"..."

Eph.6:17 Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

9. Reasons that God allows afflictions & illnesses:

A. To keep us righteous & close to Him:

Psa.34:19 Many are the afflictions of the "righteous"

Psa.119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted

2Cor.12:7 Lest I should be exalted...given a thorn in the flesh

Heb.12:6,11 Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, & scourgeth

Rev.3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke & chasten

B. To glorify God when He heals you:

Mat.15:31 The multitude wondered...& they glorified God

Jn.9:1-3 [The blind man's healing was to glorify God]

Acts 9:36-42 It was known throughout all Joppa; & many believed

C. Sickness is often caused by sin:

Psa.38:2-5 My wounds stink & are corrupt...because of my sin...because of my foolishness

Psa.107:17 Fools, because of their...iniquities, are afflicted

Psa.119:67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray: but now

Pro.26:2 The curse causeless shall not come

(See also Num.12:1-15; 1Sam.5:1-12; 25:2-11,37,38; 2Chr.21:9-19; 26:16-21; Acts 12:21-23.)

D. Some sickness is an attack of the devil:

Mat.9:32,33a When the devil was cast out, the dumb spake

Mk.9:17-20,25 [Jesus rebuked an unclean spirit, healing a child]

Lk.13:11,13,16 This woman...whom Satan hath bound 18 years

Acts 10:38 Healing all that were oppressed of the devil

E. To teach & to test us:

Job 2:3-7 [The devil was allowed to afflict Job to "test" him]

Job 5:17,18 Behold, happy is man whom God correcteth

Psa.94:12 Blessed is the man whom Thou chasteneth & teachest

2Cor.4:17 [Our temporary afflictions teach us eternal lessons]

F. Emotional or physiological causes:

Psa.147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, bindeth their wounds

Pro.11:17b He that is cruel troubleth his own flesh

Pro.14:30 Envy (is) the rottenness of the bones

Pro.15:13 By sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken

Pro.17:22b A broken spirit drieth the bones

Pro.18:14 A wounded spirit who can bear?

G. God will show you the reason if you ask Him:

1Sam.6:3b Then ye shall be healed, & it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you

Job 36:9-11 Then He sheweth them their...transgressions

Phi.3:15b God shall reveal even this unto you

H. How to keep from getting sick:

Exo.15:26 If thou wilt diligently "hearken"...I will put none of these diseases upon thee

Psa.91:9,10 Because thou hast made the Lord thy... habitation

Pro.4:20,22 Attend to My Words...they are health to [your] flesh

I. Physical reasons for sickness:

Exo.8:24b The land was "corrupted" by the swarm of flies

Lev.11:4-12 [Eating unclean meats, seafood, etc.]

Pro.23:29-35 [Too much wine or alcohol]

Pro.25:16,27a [Overindulgence in sweets:] Not good to eat much honey

Pro.23:3 Be not desirous of dainties: they are deceitful meat

Mk.7:3,4 [Lack of cleanliness: Jews washed often, lived long]

Rom.1:24-27 [Unclean or perverted sex]

Phi.2:27,30 [Overdoing physically:] Sick...not regarding his life

10. Points to remember after prayer:

A. Reasons why we're sometimes not "immediately" healed:

Isa.59:1,2 The Lord's hand is not shortened, but your sins have separated you

Hos.5:15 I will return to My place, till they acknowledge their offence

2Cor.12:7-9 [Paul prayed 3 times to be healed, but the Lord left him with a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble]

Heb.10:36 After ye have done the will of God ye (shall) receive the promise

Jam.1:3 The trying of your faith worketh patience

1Pet.1:7 Trial of your faith (is) much more precious than gold

B. Testify publicly about your healing:

Job 36:24 Remember that thou magnify His work, which men behold

Psa.107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so

Mk.5:19b Go home to thy friends & "tell" them how great things the Lord hath done for thee

Acts 4:10 Be it known unto you all, that by the name of Jesus

(See also Psa.22:22,25; 35:18; 107:31,32.)

C. Obey God once healed, or your sickness may return:

Jn.5:14 Thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a

worse thing

Psa.85:8 But let them not turn again to folly

11. Miraculous or natural healing?

A. God's healing vs. doctors & medicines:

2Chr.16:12,13 Asa was diseased in his feet...he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa died

Psa.118:8 Better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man

Jer.46:11 In vain shalt thou use many medicines...not be cured

Mk.5:25-26 Suffered many things of many physicians...grew worse

(See also Hos.5:13)

B. Sometimes doctors & medicines can help:

Pro.17:22a A merry heart doeth "good" like a "medicine"

Lk.10:34 He bound up his wounds...pouring in oil & wine

C. God-ordained natural remedies:

2Ki.20:1-7 Take a lump of figs...lay it on the boil (Also Isa.38:21)

Jer.51:8b Take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed

Ezk.47:12b And the leaf thereof (shall be) for

medicine

1Tim.5:23 Use a little wine for stomach's sake & oft infirmities

D. Eat wholesome, nourishing food:

Psa.103:5 (The Lord) satisfieth thy mouth with "good" things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's

12. No sickness in Heaven:

(See Isa.33:24; Rev.21:4 .)

A. Our immortal resurrected bodies will never be sick:

1Cor. 15:42, 43
So is the resurrection...It is sown in corruption, raised in incorruption: sown in weakness...raised in power

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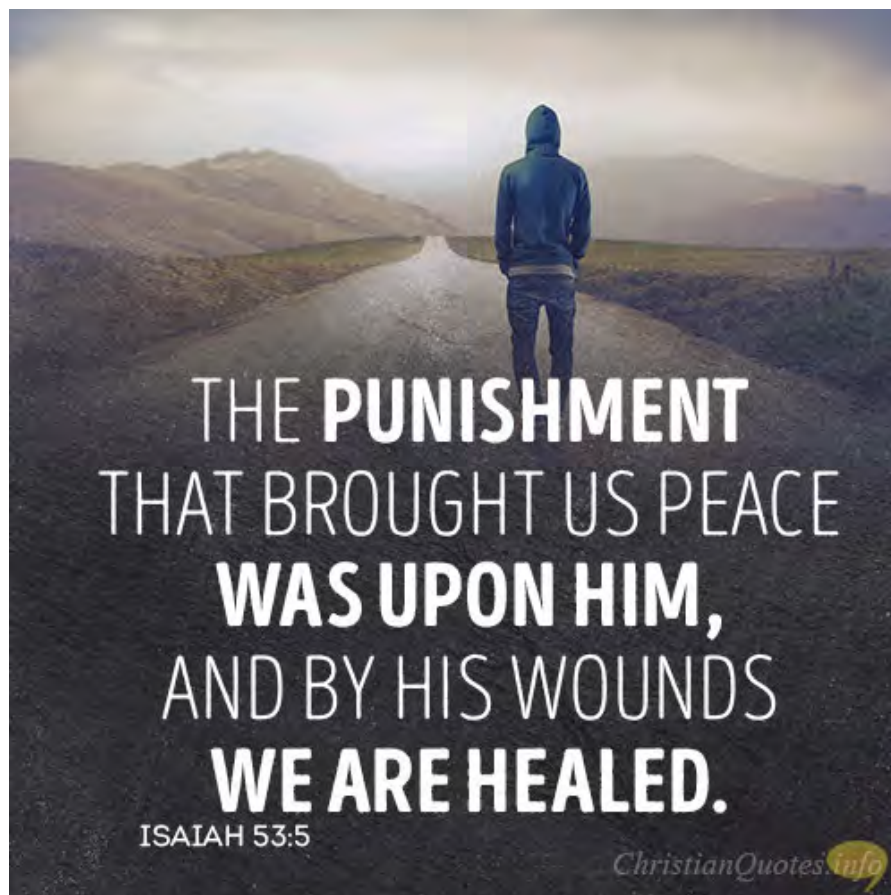
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