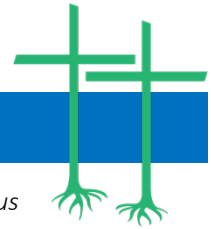


MINISTRY TOOL #16 – FOR BREAKING TIES

Healing Ministry

Some emotional issues are actually physical. And sometimes demons leave a mess in their wake. Jesus provides the solution by ministering healing through the believer.



Luke 9:6 – So [the disciples] set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

EXPLANATION:

Jesus instructed His disciples to “heal the sick,” and then sent them out to proclaim His message that the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 10:7–8). As we bring the gospel to people’s hearts, we ought to expect physical miracles to take place as well.

Some physical ailments are the direct result of spiritual dysfunction. Many people have experienced physical healing as they forgave past offenders or rejected certain lies. Others have been healed when demons left their bodies. Some have even been healed as they renounced lies of self-hatred and so on.

Sometimes this healing is instantaneous with the person’s repentance or deliverance, but sometimes these things simply open the person up to a more easily delivered miracle. If physical conditions remain at the end of a prayer session, be sure to address these things with healing ministry.

Additionally, sometimes healing ministry is a useful tool for proving certain truths to a person who is struggling emotionally. Healing can reveal God’s love and compassion toward a person, offering a tangible expression of His love. It is also proof of His forgiveness (James 5:15). This is a powerful tool for breaking strongholds and grounding the person in truth.

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In looking at Jesus’ ministry and the book of Acts, there is no gospel that exists without healing as part of the package. Healing is a demonstration of the kingdom we proclaim.

In James 5:14–16, we read, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Which comes first? Are we healed first and then forgiven? Or do we confess first and then receive healing? Arguably, it doesn't matter. When the kingdom is coming upon someone, God's power is present to do whatever is needed. Therefore, in the ministry session, you may find people receiving healing as they confess sin. Or, if healing comes first, you can rightly declare that this is proof that God forgives the person.

HOW TO:

- ❑ **Lay hands** on the person. Your hand does not need to be any sort of exact location. You can hold the person's hand or place a hand on their shoulder. (See Ministry Tool #9: Appropriate Physical Touch.)
- ❑ Ideally, **speak words of authority in the name of Jesus**. (Do not beg God to do what He has commissioned you to do). Remember that your authority is not based on the volume of your voice but on the fact that you are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6). Speech is not necessary, but it is a powerful tool at your disposal. (See Ministry Tool #14: Authority in Christ.)
- ❑ **Ask the person if there is a safe way to test their condition**. If so, see if they're healed. If they're not yet healed or partially healed, ask if you can minister again or if they'd prefer to wait and see what happens later. And if there is no way to test immediately, ask them to contact you when they know whether anything has happened.