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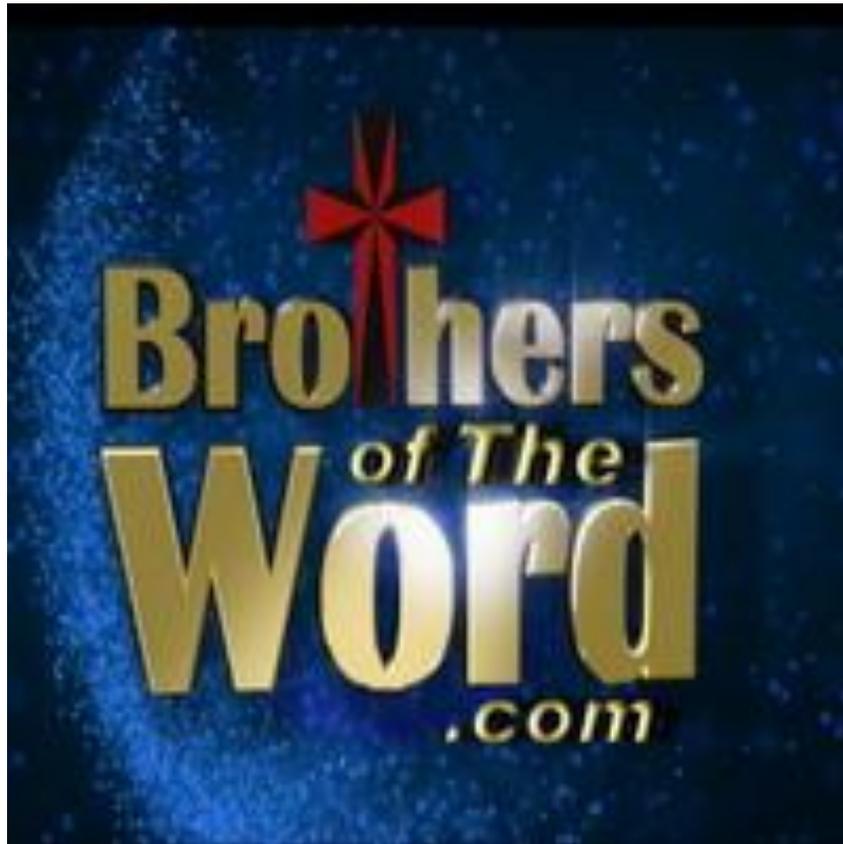
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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or on social media. Welcome to today's service, always a wonderful delight, enjoy to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. Unfortunately, the elderly woman had left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving about 30 minutes. Then to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance further before they could find a place to turn around. All the way back, the elderly husband fussed and fussed and scolded his wife. They finally arrived at the restaurant and as the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, her husband yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat too." Praise God. Thank you Clayton. I don't need but one get laugh, as long as you have one good laugh where you could make. I appreciate that Clayton.

Well, we're talking about God's Word for Life, Health and Healing. This is Part 7. We've been teaching through all of the healing scriptures in the Bible and we have covered most of them in the Old Testament, most of them in the New Testament. Really the only part of the New Testament we haven't covered is the Book of Acts and I plan to get into the Book of Acts not today, but coming up.

Today, I just wanted to share some healing scriptures, but I also wanted to kind of share the role of faith that works in our healing that activates our healing. Faith is important. You'll find that out of 2/3 of the healings that Jesus himself did, 2/3 of them mentions the person's faith. So faith is very important. And you'll also find that when Jesus was in his hometown, he could do no mighty miracles there and it was because of their unbelief. So a lack of faith blocked the power of God from working miracles there in his own hometown.

So faith is very important when we are believing to receive our healing to receive anything from God, to even come to God. You got to have faith. You got to believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. So faith is very important where healing is concerned. And I was thinking about before we get into the faith part, but I was just thinking about this scripture over in Psalms 1. Psalms 1 says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. He should be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

And I thought about, and I believe it's the Holy Spirit just enlightening me the part where it says, "His leaf also shall not wither." That has to do with bodily healing and health. The leaf withering is a sign of losing your vigor, your vitality and your health. But when that leaf does not wither, that's a sign of your health and your vitality and your energy and so forth. And so a promise of intertwining ourselves and busying ourselves with God's word is that our leaf would not wither, meaning we would have full health and vibrancy and vitality.

Remember Gloria Copeland. She said, "Separate yourself unto the word and it will separate you from sickness and disease."

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You separate yourself to the word and the word will separate you from sickness and disease. Your leaf shall not wither. Your leaf shall not wither. Your health shall not wither. Your health shall not wither.

Psalms 107:20 says, “He sent his word and healed us and delivered us from our destruction.” And so his word will cause your leaf not to wither, your health not to wither, but you’ll be strong and you’ll be soaring and overcoming, full of health and vitality. Praise God.

Even over in the Book of Revelations it talks about the tree of life and how the leaves would be used for the healing of the nation. So leaf is associated with healing even in the Book of Revelation, your leaf not withering. That’s a sign of your vitality and your health and your energy. And so by meditating in God’s word, it energizes you to the point where your health and your life won’t wither, won’t wither, but you’ll be strong and soaring, full of life, vigor, vim and vitality. Praise God. Well, I want to do some study on faith where it connects to our healing because it’s vitally important as I said before.

Let’s look at some scripture over in the Book of Romans, the Book of Romans Chapter 4 and we’ll begin with verse 16. Romans Chapter 4, verse 16. We’ll read down through verse 21. Romans Chapter 4 verse 16 through 21, and this is about Abraham who’s the father of our faith. It says verse 16, Romans 4 beginning with verse 16. “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace.” I just love that. God made it so simple. He didn’t want you doing this in your own strength and in your own might and all your own ability. No, it’s believing on Him. It’s believing on Him because this is something that we trust in Him. We rely on Him. Health comes from God and so we rely on Him, we trust in Him. So it’s a faith that it might be by grace is by believing in Him and His word that we are able to receive the gift of grace. So it’s through our believing that the gift -- the gift is made available to us. So healing is a grace. Healing is a gift and it is a faith that it might be by grace is by believing Him that it allows Him to open His hand and bless us with His wonderful gifts.

So verse 16, “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all. As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.” And then verse 18

talking about Abraham, “Who against hope believed in hope.” And I love that, “Who against hope believed in hope.” So in other words, when there was no natural hope of him having a child, there was no natural hope, but yet it says, “Who against hope believed in hope.” So when there was no hope, he hoped anyway. He hoped against hope. When there was no hope, he decided to believe anyway. He hoped against hope. So when there was no natural hope, he’s now tapping into a spiritual hope. So he’s now putting his hope in God. He’s putting his hope in God’s word “that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be.”

Now that’s all he had. All he had was God’s word on it. All he had was God’s word on it. That’s what was spoken that your seed is going to outnumber the stars and the sand and so forth. So he had God’s word on it and because of that, he hoped against hope. Now he’s 90 years old. So he is so far advanced in age and his wife is a grandma and you know? So all natural hope was gone, but he hoped against hope. So not regarding natural hope, he tapped into another hope, a divine hope. He decided to believe God anyway.

Then look at verse 19, “And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead.”

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Now this is very important because faith actually causes you not to look at the things that are seen, and this is where faith gets over into the invisible realm. You have to understand there’s a complete other world that runs on top of this world, you just can’t see it, but it’s just as real or even more real than this world that you can’t see. In fact, this world that you can see came out of that world that you cannot see. And so there’s another world, there’s a spiritual realm that sits on top of the realm that we’re in. We simply can’t see it. There are angels in here all around us right now, you just can’t see them, but they are there. They’re in another dimension. They are here, you can’t see them. And so often, we have a hard time believing that which we cannot see and so we end up trusting what we can see.

But Abraham did the opposite. He decided not to consider what he could see, which was his body because his body was old, his

wife was old. So he considered not his body, neither the deadness of Sara's womb. But notice what it says, "He considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb. He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

So Abraham decided not to look at his body, not to consider his age, not to consider his wife's age, not to look at their bodies as being incapable, he decided to consider what God said. This is what faith is all about. Faith is being able to tap into things that you cannot see. God is a spirit. You can't see God but our faith reaches over into that realm and we believe Him. We believe His word. We believe His spirit. We believe in His faithfulness and so that's how we reach over. So faith is like a hand. It allows you to reach over into the unseen world and pull it back into the seen world.

So it's very interesting the way it works. A lot of people, they have a problem with it because we are so sense-oriented. We only go by what we can see, feel, touch, hear and we're led by our senses. But no, God says that the just shall live by faith. The just shall live by faith.

Under the Old Covenant, people were led by their senses. They were led by their senses. But under the New Covenant, we're led by God's spirit, we're led by faith, we're led by his word. And so Abraham, I love this, he decided not to look at what he could see. He decided to look at what he could not see. He believed God. He had God's word on it. He considered God's word instead of his body. He considered God's word and I want you to see how that relates to healing. You could have physical pain. You could have illness. You could have x-rays. You could have everything. You have to consider not your body and you have to consider God's word. Same thing Abraham did, he considered not his own body dead, neither the deadness of Sara's womb, but he considered what God said.

So when there are symptoms in your body, you have diagnosis, that you have x-rays and you've been labeled with this condition, you have to consider not that that you can see and consider that which you cannot see. As far as God is concerned, your healing is already paid for. Jesus bore it on the cross. God laid it on

Jesus, you already healed. Your healing is there in the invisible realm. Healing is a fact, that's a reality. So with the hand of faith, you reach over into the invisible realm, you bring it into the visible realm.

It's very interesting, but it's true. You'll see it all through the Bible. The Prophet Elijah he and his servant, they were surrounded by, I believe it was the Syrian army and you know, so Elijah's servant, he was just really nervous. He was like, "Master, what are we going to do?" You know, they were surrounded. They were besieged by the enemy army, the Syrians I believe and Elijah said, "Don't worry." He said, "Man, chill out."

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He's like, "How can you say that? We're surrounded." But he said, "There are more that are with us that are against us" and he prayed. He said, "Father, open his eyes that he might see." God opened Elijah's servant's eyes. There were chariots of fire surrounding them. These were angels. They were there all the time but God flipped the switch from the invisible to the visible. That world is here all the time as faith that flips the switch to bring that out of the invisible realm into the visible realm. So it's here. So your healing exists, you just can't see it. Just because you can't see it, it is there. It's the reality. It's in the other realm.

Your faith goes into the other realm and brings it until it manifests into your body until you can see it. And so you have to hold on. You have to hold on to God's word as you pull it out of that other realm into this physical realm. It's there, it's yours, it belongs to you. And that's what faith is all about where it involves our healing. It's interesting, but it's kind of like -- let me put it to you like this -- if I sprayed some perfume and you were not in the room and you walked in the room, you could smell the perfume, right? Let me ask you this, "Could you hear it?" You can't hear it. Just because you can't hear it, does that mean it's not there? No, it's there. That sense of hearing can't pick it up. But just because your senses can't pick it up doesn't mean it's not there.

Well, that's the way the spiritual realm is our lives, just because we don't see healing in our body doesn't mean it's not there. It is

there. Jesus bore your sicknesses. He bore your diseases. God laid it on him on the cross. You're already healed. Healing belongs to you, it's yours. It's yours. It's a reality. It's a fact. Well, what do you look at? What do you look at? Don't look at this because this sense can't pick it up yet. Don't look at this. No, you look at your faith because your faith considers what God said. Your faith looks at what God said. Your faith doesn't look at your body to see if it's well. No, your faith checks the word to see if you're well and then you agree with the word. You agree with God and that's how you pull your healing into this realm. Man, I feel like shouting. That's how it works. That's how it works. That's how it works, it's there all along.

Let me give you this, man I'm just so excited, I'm just about to jump off the stairs here. But I want you to see it. I want you to see it. It's all through the Bible. When the 10 lepers came to Jesus, the 10 lepers came to Jesus. Jesus said, "Go show yourselves to the priest." Now under the Mosaic Law, that's what you did if you had leprosy, you went to the priest and the priest will prove that you're healed. If you believe you were healed, you went to the priest and the priest was like a doctor. You went to the priest, he verified your healing. Jesus said, "When they came." Jesus said, "Go show yourselves to the priest." It's done. Now, when they left Jesus, they still had leprosy on their bodies. The Bible says, "As they went, they were healed."

See, in Jesus' mind, he knew they were already healed. The moment he told him to go show themselves to the priest, healing was there, it just hadn't shown up in the body yet, but it was already there. It was there. It was there. So that's the way it is. Our healing is here. Our healing has already been bought. It's already been purchased. It belongs to us, but we're so busy looking at this, we miss the reality of it, it's in God's word. God's already given. It's a grace, it's a gift and it's by our faith we receive it. And if you will hang on and look at the word long enough, it will eventually show up here where you will see it with your physical eyes.

Oh man, but don't be so sense-minded by your natural senses, no. We are spirits. We live in a body, but we're spiritual beings. We live in a body, but people live by their flesh. They live out of their flesh instead out of your heart, your spirit. That's the part of you that's like God. That's the part of you that's born again.

That's the part of you that has a nature of God. That's the part of you that believes God. So it's your spirit that takes hold of spiritual realities and you stay with them long enough until it manifests in the flesh.

So when those lepers went, what was theirs, Jesus knew they were already healed, it just hadn't shown up in their body yet. He said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." Now when they turned to go to the priest, now they're walking in faith, because remember, they're going to the priest with all the spots of leprosy still on them. It's like you're feeling foolish to go to the doctor for him to verify that all spots are gone and you're walking in there full of spots. That's the way they work when Jesus said, "Go show yourself." They were full of spots when he said, "Go show yourself to the priest."

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It took faith to go to the priest and you're full of spots. Because of their act of faith, they responded to Jesus' word. The healing showed up in their bodies as they went. But as far as Jesus was concerned, they were already healed. So in Jesus' mind, healing was done. They were healed. "Go show yourself to the priest, you're already healed." But the manifestation in the body didn't come to as they were walking, but it doesn't mean healing was there, they just couldn't see it. So don't get confused just because you still have pain, you still have infirmity, you still have a doctor's report. None of that matters. Abraham considered not his own body dead, neither the deadness of Sara's womb. No, he was fully persuaded that what God had promised, he was able to perform and he was strong in faith giving glory to God. He was giving glory to God. Now I want you to see this, Abraham was giving glory to God. He was giving glory to God. He was saying, "Thank you, Father that I have a child. Thank you Lord for giving me and Sara a baby. Thank you for giving us a promisee."

He's a hundred years old. His wife's womb is dead, but he's giving glory to God because he's not looking at his body. He's not looking at Sara's body. He's looking at what God said. He was looking in a completely different realm. He was strong in faith giving glory to God. Now I want you to see what faith does, faith receives it before it's ever seen. He had no children, but he was thanking God for children. He was strong in faith, glory to

God. He was just giving glory to God. He was saying, "God. Thank you so much for my family. Thank you for the promised son. Thank you for all of my children." He was giving glory to God. He had nothing to go on, but God's word. So he was looking at, he considered not his own body, neither the deadness of Sara's womb. He wasn't looking at that. Stop looking at your body, start looking at God's word because if you look at God's word long enough, that which belongs to you and the spirit, it'll eventually show up here, but people want to wait until it show up here before they give glory to God. That's not how it works. You got to give glory to God while you still see sickness here. Because if you give glory to God while you still see sickness here, then God will send that which you cannot see out of that realm until it will show up here. But you got to give the glory while the sickness is still showing in your body. You give the glory because your glory is not based on what you're feeling; your glory is based on God's word. You believe its word. Thank you Father that I'm healed.

Now, you can have a cancer diagnosis, but you're able to give God glory because you're not looking at the diagnosis. I'm looking at Isaiah 53:45. I'm looking at 1 Peter 2:24. I'm looking at Matthew 8:17. That's where I'm looking at. That's what I am considering. That's what I am believing. And so I'm giving God glory for the fact that Jesus himself took my infirmities. He bore my diseases and by his Christ, I have him glory to God. Forget about what's happening here. Forget about your outward man. It's what's happening on the inner man. That's the part of you that connects to the power of God that brings into your body.

Oh man. Oh boy, I'm preaching myself happy, but this is how it works. This is how it works. Abraham is a father of faith. He showed it. He showed it. People were laughing at him. People were laughing, "Man, what are you shouting about?" "I'm shouting because we're going to have a baby." "What do you mean?" They thought he was a fool. But glory to God, they didn't laugh at him when Sara bounced that baby boy Isaac out of her womb. Praise God.

Faith works, faith in God's word, faith reaches into that invisible realm and it connects to God because God is a spirit. You can't see him and that's why people have trouble because they can't see Him, but he's just as real and the spiritual world is more real than this world that we can see. And so our faith is

in what God said, faith is in His faithfulness. Our faith is in our Lord Jesus Christ. It's in the invisible realm. It's in the invisible realm and we have to get our minds off of what we can see because that has nothing to do with. Abraham considered not his own body. He considered him and he judged him faithful. Praise God. Praise God. I'm going to stop right there. I'm out of time. We'll have to pick up -- I didn't finish here, so we'll pick up next time.

I want to finish looking at the role of faith in his healing because it's a missing piece a lot of people are missing because they're considering this. And so a lot of people don't want to consider that they're healed until it shows up here. That's not the way the spiritual principles work. Spiritual principles work, you got to have it before you have it.

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You got to get it before you got it. You already got to have it before it shows up here. You got to give God glory for it. You got to give God glory for it. Why are you coughing? Give God glory for it. Why are you in pain? God glory for your healing. While the x-rays and the doctor's reports, give him glory for your healing because what you're doing now, now you're tapping into the truth, eternal reality. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says, "We look not at the things that are seen, but at the unseen for the things that are seen are temporary. The things that are unseen are eternal."

So we're looking at God, we're looking at his covenant promises. We're looking at His word. We're looking at His faithfulness. God is a God that cannot lie and so you grab a hold of Him. You release your faith in His word. Don't worry about the fulfillment. He'll bring it to pass. He'll bring it to pass. You just honor Him. You honor His word. He's a man that can't lie. He's a man that cannot lie. He honors His word. You do your part; He'll do his part. Praise God. Glory, glory, glory. I'm out of time. I'm done. I'm done. We'll stop there. We'll stop there and we'll pick up next time. We'll continue looking because there's some more I want to show you here in a role of faith where our healing is concerned.

And then once I finish all that, we're going to jump over in the Book of Acts because I want you to see the healing power of God

at work in the early church the way it's supposed to be today. Praise. Anybody excited about that? I'm excited about it. Praise God, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, praise God. You know, the world is in a lot of fear and panic because of the pandemic that's going on, but you can either look at that or you can look at God's provision, what He's provided, either or you can look at what God's provided or you can look at what the world is providing. I choose to look at what God's provided. I choose to look at what He's provided. He has an answer for it. He has an answer for COVID-19. The answer is Jesus. That's the answer to COVID-19, the answer is Jesus. The answer to COVID-19 is Psalms 91. The answer to COVID-19 is Isaiah 53. The answer to COVID-19 is Matthew 8:17. The answer to COVID-19 is 1 Peter 2:24. The answer the COVID-19 is grace. The answer to COVID-19 is the blood of Jesus. The answer to COVID-19 is what God's provided for us. Look at what God's given us.

The Holy Spirit got on me one day. He screamed it to me. I was in my prayer time. He screamed it to me. He said, "You're joint heirs with Jesus." He said, "You are joint heirs with Jesus." That's who you are. He said, "You are joint heirs with Jesus." That's who you are. You're joint heirs with Jesus. That's who you are. And it shook me. I said, "You know, you're right. I am a joint heir with Jesus." He said, "Go tell my people that. Tell my people who they are. Tell them who they are. You're joint heirs with Jesus. You're joint heirs with Jesus. You're joint heirs with Jesus." That's who you are. That's who you are. That's who you are.

I've done my job. I told God's people. Praise God. Glory to God. I've done my job. I've told God's people. That's who you are. You're joint heirs with Jesus.

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Let's pray. Father, thank you so much Lord. Thank you for what belongs to us. Thank you for Christ Jesus. Thank you for showing us who we are, what you have provided for us. Thank you for your grace, it's a faith that it might be by grace. Lord, we receive your grace, your gracious gift of healing, health and life, joy and peace.

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We receive our sonship, sons and daughters of God. We receive our divine place in your family. We receive our covenant protection. Lord, we just love you and help us to share this glorious gospel around the world and everywhere we go. Let everybody know that Jesus is the answer to all of life's problems, and we love you and praise you. In Jesus name we pray, let every heart say "Amen." Amen. Amen.

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