

**Intro:** Nothing is more prevalent in the news than health issues. As we talk about finding security in the middle of what is going on around us, I want to look with you this morning at what the bible has to say about healing. There is perhaps no other area of biblical teaching that is as misrepresented and confused. But, it doesn't have to be that way. If we take scripture as a whole, study it carefully, truth is right before  
**5 Biblical Truths About Healing**

**1. God Heals...But Not Everyone...And Not Every Time!**

- **False teaching is everywhere!** Is 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- **Many of us have this inaccurate picture of Jesus in our brain. You know the one, right?**
- **Simply isn't true: Wasn't true in bible...NT...Not true for us!**

~Paul	Thorn in flesh	3x	2 Cor 12:8
~Job	Every kind of illness	100x	
~Timothy	Stomach	Drink Wine	1 Tim 5:3

Even when Jesus was walking the earth, and healing hundreds...didn't heal everyone!  
 Remember Peter's mother...Healed her...crowds came...and He left to go preach and teach

**2. When God Heals...He Does It For A Reason.**

When you closely examine the healing ministry of Jesus in the NT, what you see it this Jesus healed for two very specific reasons.

- **Sign of Kingdom, Glorifying the Father and pointing people to God.**  
 John Baptist...trying to figure it out..Sends some of his followers to Jesus: **ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
 Lu 7:22 *"So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."*  
**Illus: Look at Jesus healing ministry...Pointing people, Disciples, Religious Leaders to God!**
- **Moved by Compassion for hurting people**  
 Mt 14:14 *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

**Applic:** When God chooses to heal today...and He does...It is always for the same reasons. It is NOT in response to some special miracle spring water, or an obligation or debt He owes you...His Purposes He does it to show people who He is...and to meet their needs...for His purposes

**3. When God Doesn't Heal...He Does THAT For A Reason As Well!**

When God doesn't heal it is just as purposeful as when He Does! He isn't being random or uncaring. Here is what you will hear the false teachers say...Many Christians have been hurt by listening  
 ~Faith is too weak...If you could just CLAIM HIS POWER.... (Paul, Timothy, Job couldn't)  
 ~Hiding your sin...These people are the compatriots of Job's friends  
 ~God just doesn't care for you...you aren't that important...Don't have His FAVOR

**Biblically God has a number of different reasons for allowing us to remain ill....but not being capricious**

- **Accomplishing His Work IN us.** James 1: Count it all joy....  
 ~Changing us  
 ~Strengthening us
- **Accomplishing His Work FOR us.**  
 ~Driving us to Himself (We all draw closer in trouble than in good times)  
 ~Teaching us to lean on Him...to find our Strength and our Confidence in Him, not circumstances  
 ~Preparing us to be used! 2Cor 1:4 Comforts us all our troubles

God's work of healing is entirely a work of grace. He has his purposes that He is working out and fulfilling.

He may choose to heal, glorify himself, and point people to His Kingdom

He may choose to empower you to walk through the illness...and show His strength that way.

Either way God is working to bring about His perfect outcome

#### **4. What Do You Do When You...Or Someone You Love...Is Ill?**

**Please know as I talk about these things...I have personal experience.**

~Lost a sister to cancer....who was a believer

~Two daughters with significant health issues

~I myself have had a stroke...live with the specter of that over my head

**This approach...is one that is both biblical and compassionate**

- **Put it in God's hands. Trust Him for His outcome** Quote: Jerry Bridges:

~*"To say I have faith that God WILL heal is presumptuous since we do not know the mind of God, but to say God is ABLE to heal is to exercise faith."*

~Biblical terms: Dan 3:17-18

*"if we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."*

- **Take it to Jesus: PRAY** Over and Over in the bible people approached Jesus
- **Do what you should medically:** Paul Timothy....Take some wine...(bacteria) Healing Svc!
- **Call Elders of Church** James 5:12
- **Confess any sin** James 5:6
- **Encourage Others to do same** Remember the paralytic, Mat? When Jesus saw their faith!

**Concl:** We are all concerned about our physical health.....and we should be  
What do you do? If you ... someone you know is ill?

**Pray Prayer chain:** [Prayer@rtbc.org](mailto:Prayer@rtbc.org)

**Go to Dr** Many aren't...do it (Hospital last week)

**Call Elders** Established time Monday nights