

CLOTHED WITH POWER 10

Gifts of the Spirit 5: Healing in the House

→ *In the past, in your experience & observation, in services, meetings or conferences you've been in, what were the factors in place or conditions present that seemed to facilitate more of God's healing power than usual?*

7 FACTORS that Contribute to the Release of God's Healing Power

a) Where the WORD of healing is PREACHED

- * Mark 16:20, Heb 2:4, Malachi 4:2, 1 Pet 2:24, Isa 55:10-11, Jer 1:12
- * The Word is like SEED SOWN: We SOW it & God GROWS it ... We SPEAK it and He CONFIRMS it.

→ *What is the 'Word of healing?' and why is it important we preach it?*

b) Where FAITH is BOLD

- * Mark 16:17-8, Heb 11:6, Acts 4:29-30
- * First, we have to BELIEVE ... And if we do, miraculous signs should ACCOMPANY us.
- * God's kingdom is a FAITH kingdom: He is LOOKING for faith, RESPONDS to faith, PLEASED by faith.

→ *Why is faith so important in healing ministry? How did Jesus us let us know it was? How bold is your faith?*

c) Where Kingdom AUTHORITY is exercised

- * Matt 28:18-20, John 14:12-13, Luke 9:1, Mark 16:15-20
- * Do we realise what we CARRY? WHOM we CARRY? Who we now are IN CHRIST?
- * Do we appreciate we stand IN HIS PLACE, speak in HIS NAME, carry DELEGATED AUTHORITY?
- * Part of our learning as disciples is the AUTHORITY we have been DELEGATED & HOW / WHERE / WHEN to use it.

→ *What is the authority we've been delegated? How do we learn to stand in that authority? What does it mean to speak 'in the name of Jesus?'*

d) Where the PRESENCE of God is tangible

- * Psalm 22:3, Luke 5:17
- * Michael Brown: "When God's PRESENCE comes, He does not LEAVE His POWER behind."
- * When we, in our worship, start to TOUCH HEAVEN, heaven will start to CHANGE EARTH.
- * There are as yet untapped RICHES & DEPTHS in His presence where His power becomes IRRESISTIBLE.

→ *"When we, in our worship, start to touch heaven, heaven will start to change earth." Discuss!*

→ *Is it possible to reach a place in worship where His power becomes irresistible?*

e) Where the ANOINTING is strong

- * Acts 10:38, Isa 10:27, Luke 4:18-19, Josh 3:5, Heb 12:14, Matt 5:8
- * The anointing is BONDAGE-BREAKING power.
- * People in the Bible are anointed for 2 reasons: EMPOWERMENT & SEPARATION: And the two go HAND-IN-HAND.
- * Just as David was careful not to RISK anything for his anointing, so we need to GUARD, CULTIVATE, STEWARD ours.

→ *How do we know what anointing we 'carry?' How, then, do we guard or cultivate or steward it?*

f) Where the GIFTS of the Spirit are ENCOURAGED

- * 1 Cor 12:4-11, Zech 4:6
- * If we want MORE, first we have to OPEN the DOOR.
- * If we want to be NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL, first we have to be RADICALLY RESPONSIVE.

→ *Would you say you were 'radically responsive?' How might you become so?*

→ *How could you cultivate an environment where the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are more widely encouraged in your Connect Group?*

g) Where certain MANTLES are being worn

- * Eph 4:11, Acts 19:11,12, Acts 5:15-16
- * Healing miracles characterise the offices of the EVANGELIST & APOSTLE.

→ *Have you ever seen someone with a strong 'healing anointing' at work? How did they operate? What happened when they did? Why do you think their anointing was particularly strong?*

IN SUMMARY: WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Be PRAYERFULLY AVAILABLE
- Be BOLDLY OBEDIENT
- Be HUMBLY GENEROUS

→ *Which of those three jumps out to you and why? What could you do to stir it up?*

→ *Would you like to be used more in the Gifts? How can your group pray for you?*