

Is Faith Required for Healing? (Matthew 8:5-17)

Jesus Our Healer – Part 2
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1. _____ to Jesus

Matthew 8:5 (NIV) When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.

A. _____ for healing

Matthew 8:6 (NIV) "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."

B. Jesus is _____ to heal

Matthew 8:7 (NIV) Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."

2 Chronicles 16:12-13 (NIV) In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was afflicted with a disease in his feet. Though his disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the LORD, but only from the physicians. ... Asa died ...

2. _____ in Jesus' power

Matthew 8:8 (NIV) The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

A. Faith understands Jesus' _____

Matthew 8:9-10 (NIV) For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

B. Healing comes through _____

Matthew 8:13 (NIV) Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Mark 6:5-6a (NIV) He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

3. Trust Jesus in _____

A. Jesus heals _____ sicknesses

Matthew 8:14-15 (NIV) When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

B. Jesus heals _____ sicknesses

Matthew 8:16 (NIV) When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

C. Healing comes through the _____

Matthew 8:17 (NIV) This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV) Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 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.

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Study Guide

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Intro. What would you say to someone who refused to see a doctor, believing that God would heal them?

What examples of God's healing power have you seen in your own life?

1A. In what ways is the centurion's request of Jesus significant (Matthew 8:6-6)?

1B. In what ways does Jesus' answer to the centurion give insight into God's will for healing today (Matthew 8:7)?

1C. Why wasn't Asa healed (2 Chronicles 16:12-13)? How would you explain the proper biblical understanding of medicine and healing through faith?

2A. What does the centurion's response to Jesus demonstrate about his faith (Matthew 8:8)?

2B. How does Jesus show that faith is required for healing (Matthew 8:13)?

2C. What are the implications of the biblical teachings that faith is required for healing, yet faith and healing are gifts from God (1 Corinthians 12:9)?

2D. Where do you think your faith level for healing is? How could you cause it to grow?

3A. Why do you think the incident of Jesus healing a simple fever was included in Scripture (Matthew 8:14-15)?

3B. What do you think is the relationship between demons and sickness (Matthew 8:16)?

3C. How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah (Matthew 8:17)?

3D. Why is it significant that physical healing as well as salvation was made possible through the cross (Isaiah 53:4-5, 1 Peter 2:24)?

3E. Who do you have in your life that you could pray for healing?