

The Gifts of the Spirit

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Healing Is the Children's Bread

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 15:26 -- "But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs."

REFLECTION:

I want to tell you something straight from my heart -- healing is not a lottery. It is not something God hands out randomly to a lucky few. It is the children's bread. It belongs to you. I watched my mother travel to convention after convention, drunk in the Holy Ghost, believing God for her miracle. And I stood in faith right beside her. Did it shake me? Yes. Did it make me more determined? Absolutely. I became, as I like to say, rabid on healing -- not because I was angry at God, but because I knew the devil had no right to steal what belonged to her. Whatever you are facing today, I want you to hear this -- healing is your right as a believer. Don't let the enemy talk you out of what already belongs to you in Jesus' name.

PRAYER:

Father, thank You that healing belongs to me as Your child. I refuse to let doubt steal what You have already provided. Strengthen my faith today in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one area in your body or life where you need healing, and speak this declaration over it today: "Healing is my bread -- it belongs to me in Jesus' name."

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

When You Press In for Someone Else

KEY VERSE:

James 5:16 -- "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

REFLECTION:

I remember the night a woman walked into our Tuesday Bible study -- maybe 75 or 80 people gathered, all hungry for God. She had just come back from the Mayo Clinic. Cancer everywhere. Less than six months to live. I excused myself, went downstairs to the unfinished basement, and I told God plainly -- I want this one. I went back and forth for about 20 minutes, pressing in, refusing to accept what the doctors had declared. We prayed, we stood in faith, we cast that devil out in Jesus' name. About two years later I saw her on television in Chicago sharing her testimony -- completely healed, not one trace of cancer. When you press in for someone else, something powerful happens. Your faith becomes a lifeline. Don't underestimate the weight

your prayers carry for the people around you.

PRAYER:

Lord, give me a heart that presses in for others, not just for myself. Let my prayers be fervent and full of faith for those who need a breakthrough today. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Think of one person who needs healing right now. Take five minutes today to pray specifically and boldly for them by name -- not a quick mention, but a real, pressing-in prayer.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Eight Hours on a Linoleum Floor

KEY VERSE:

Luke 18:1 -- "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

REFLECTION:

I shared this story with our congregation and it never leaves me. A father received word that his son -- a young evangelist, only 23 -- had been in a horrific accident. Broken neck, broken back, multiple places. The doctors said if he survives, he will be a vegetable. That father walked into the ICU, knelt on the cold linoleum floor, and prayed softly in the Spirit. One hour passed. Two hours. He never moved. Three, four, five, six, seven, eight hours -- never moved. And then his son opened his eyes and said, "Dad, Jesus just showed up at the foot of my bed." They took the x-rays. Every break completely healed. He walked out and is preaching today. Sometimes we talk about the cost of faith. This story shows us what that cost can look like. It is not complicated -- but it is not cheap either. Are we willing?

PRAYER:

Father, forgive me for the times I gave up too soon. Build in me a perseverance that refuses to quit until I see Your breakthrough. I want to be someone who stays on their knees, in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Set a timer today and spend at least 15 uninterrupted minutes in prayer for one specific need -- no phone, no distractions. Practice the discipline of staying.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Go Buy the Shoes

KEY VERSE:

Hebrews 11:1 -- "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen."

REFLECTION:

I love this story about Smith Wigglesworth -- an illiterate plumber who had to be taught to read by his wife at

56, yet went on to raise over 20 people from the dead. He met a man with two wooden prosthetic legs and told him plainly -- go to the store tomorrow, I am buying you shoes. The man protested. He had no feet. But Wigglesworth sent him anyway. At the store, the salesman measured him up fine until the man removed his prosthetics. Wigglesworth told him, put the shoe on the ground. The man put his stub inside -- and a new foot grew out and filled the shoe. Then the second. That is the gift of faith working together with the working of miracles. Here is what strikes me every time -- he had to go buy the shoes first. Faith moved before the miracle appeared. What step is God asking you to take today before the miracle shows up?

PRAYER:

Jesus, give me the courage to take the step before I see the answer. I trust that when You speak, Your word is already done. Help me walk in that reality today, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one area where God has spoken to you but you have been waiting instead of moving. Take one small, practical step of obedience toward it today -- buy the shoes.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Try Anyway

KEY VERSE:

Philippians 4:13 -- "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

REFLECTION:

I want to be honest with you because I think honesty builds real faith. I have prayed for people who did not make it. I have stood in rooms with people I believed God for and they still went home. I have even quietly pulled back a sheet and prayed over someone who had already passed, while the nurse kept popping in asking if everything was okay. And I kept pressing. Did it work every time? No. But here is what I know -- you will never raise anyone from the dead if you never try. You will never see healing manifest if you stop praying. I refuse to let past disappointments write the final chapter on what God can do through me. Every win I have ever seen started with a willingness to try again. So today, no matter what has not worked before, I am asking you -- try anyway. God can give you a win.

PRAYER:

Father, heal every discouragement in my heart from prayers that seemed unanswered. Renew my boldness to try again, to pray again, to believe again. I know You are still working, in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one prayer you gave up on and never revisited. Bring it back to God today with fresh faith. Tell Him simply -- "God, I want to try again."