

IS THE BIBLE REAL (AND CAN I DO IT TOO?)

SESSION 7: Can I Pray for Healing and See It Happen?

OVERVIEW:

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus is still in the business of healing — physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Healing wasn't only for Jesus or the apostles. Ordinary believers like Philip in Acts 8 saw miracles through the name of Jesus. As Christ-followers, we've been given authority to pray for healing, both through petition (asking in Jesus' name) and command (declaring healing in His authority). Whether healing comes instantly, over time, or ultimately in eternity, we pray with holy expectation, trusting in Jesus' love and power.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

- **2 Timothy 3:16–17** – All Scripture is God-breathed and equips us for every good work.
 - **John 14:12** – Whoever believes in Jesus will do the works He did — and even greater.
 - **Acts 8:1–8** – Philip preached the gospel and God confirmed it with miraculous signs and healing.
 - **Matthew 10:1, 8** – Jesus gave His disciples authority to heal and commanded them to do it.
 - **Mark 16:17–18** – Signs will follow believers, including laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover.
 - **James 5:14–15** – Call the elders to pray over the sick, anointing them in faith.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Icebreaker:** Have you ever prayed for someone (or been prayed for) and seen God answer in a surprising way? Share that story.
 2. In Acts 8, Philip wasn't one of the original apostles, yet God used him to bring healing. What does this show about who God can work through?
 3. Why do you think some Christians are hesitant or skeptical about healing? How can we stay focused on Jesus instead of distractions?
 4. The message highlighted two ways to pray: petition prayers and command prayers. Which feels more natural to you? Which stretches your faith more?
 5. Healing may come now, later, or in eternity. How does that truth shape the way we pray with hope and holy expectation?
 6. Who is one person in your life right now that you can pray over for healing this week?
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PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Strengthen our faith to pray boldly, with humility and expectation, trusting that healing is always possible in Your name. Use us this week to pray for others and make Your love known. In Your mighty name we pray, amen.