Some Thoughts About Healing

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Introduction

The idea for this little booklet was born in the storm. All of us at New Life Church and Ministries have gone through a battle. The devil tried his best to stop us because he knew that there are things just ahead of us that will amaze many. We will be doing amazing things. We will be receiving many spiritual and physical blessings. How do I know? God promised us this. We have been holding on to these promises for years. They are just around the corner. How do we know? Because the devil has tried his best to stop us. By God's grace, we are still going and we are going stronger than ever. Everything that the devil has done to stop us has turned out in some way for our good. That is scripture. Romans 8:28 says so. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

During this time I went through what you could definitely call a valley. The devil tried everything to stop me. He would cause a sickness and God would heal it. When this season was over, the Lord led me to write this booklet about healing. I have included many thoughts that will encourage you if you are believing God for healing. I have included my testimony which will build your faith. I have included scriptures that will lift you up. I have also included lessons on how to stand against the devil and win. This booklet will help you to receive your

healing, and it will strengthen you to hold on the healing that God sends. Here are some thoughts about healing.

Chapter 1 Your Focus

When you are claiming healing, just as in everything that comes from God your focus has to be on Him and not on yourself. You cannot do anything to earn your healing. You cannot do anything to make it happen. It isn't something that you do, but it is something that God does. You can't focus on who you are and your shortcomings because that will allow the devil to say you don't deserve healing. When you focus on who you are, the devil can say that you are doing this or that to keep you from being healed. You can't focus on yourself. Your focus has to be on God.

Healing comes from God. It is a part of who He is. His nature brings about healing in our lives. The nature of Jesus brings about healing. The nature of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God, brings about healing. God's Word brings about healing. Knowing God and releasing yourself to be filled with His Spirit, and burying yourself in His Word releases healing. You don't seek those things just to be healed, but you seek these things because you desire to walk with God and yield to Him. You desire to love Him and to be loved by Him. That will release healing in your life.

God's love and grace releases healing. If you concentrate on being healed, or if you concentrate on not being healed instead of concentrating on the Lord,

those can interfere with your healing. Be consumed with His Word. Be consumed with allowing His Spirit to work in your life yielding to Him. Those are conduits that bring about healing. Do them because of who He is. Focus on God not on your healing or on your lack of it.

Sometimes, if you aren't careful, you can focus on your symptoms more than you do God. Your symptoms basically become Lord to you. Some of the most amazing healings that I have gotten happened when I didn't even know when the symptoms stopped because I concentrated on the Lord more, and I refused to give in to my symptoms. Here is an example of what I am talking about.

One of the most amazing healings I received, I don't even know what was wrong with me and I was healed before I even saw my symptoms. That may seem strange, but this is how it happened. I was in a serious car wreck. I had blood on both my arms, and on my legs, and on things that were on my seat. But I didn't have a scratch on me. I have no idea what happened to me.

When God healed me, I didn't even know anything was wrong with me. He healed me before I saw the blood because when I noticed the blood I was no longer bleeding. He was my focus. If I had focused on the blood and not on God, I may not have been healed. I would have been scared out of my mind.

Fear would have taken over and fear fights healing. I had my mind on the Lord because He was protecting me. I was praising Him because I was in a vehicle hanging upside down because it had flipped over and He had protected me. I didn't have my mind on what was wrong with me. I was healed before I knew that anything was wrong.

You can't concentrate on your symptoms. Sometimes the symptoms lie to you. When you are claiming healing, you lay hold on the promise of healing. You know that you are healed because God's Word says so. You lay hold of it in your spirit and in your mind. But sometimes your body is the last thing that figures out that you are healed. Don't let it convince you that you aren't healed. Don't let your symptoms be Lord. Let the Lord be Lord.

Chapter 2 My Testimony

If you want to find out if healing is real, should you talk to people who have never experienced it or should you talk to those who have? If you want to know if an exotic dish you have never tasted is good, should you ask someone who has never tasted it, or someone who has? If they have never experienced it how would they know if it is good? How would they even know if such a thing is real? The same goes with all the gifts and experiences that God has for us. Can you ask someone who has never experienced those things if they are real? You can't find out from someone who has never been healed if healing is real.

I want to share with you some of my experiences with God's healing. We went through a time in our ministry when we were on the edge of walking into our Promised Land. God told us things that were coming and when they did come He told us that it would be like a huge wave of spiritual and physical blessings from His hand. We held onto those promises for many years. As time got closer for those things to happen, the devil got more determined to wipe us out before those things could take place. The devil did things to stop all of us who are a part of New Life Church and Ministries. He was determined to stop us in whatever way he could.

Here is my story of what the devil did to try to stop me. He would do something physically to stop me, and God would heal me. Here is my testimony of what he tried to do and my testimony of how God healed me. Keep in mind that these things happened all in a little over 1 year. I have included some things that may teach you about healing, and I know the testimony of each healing will help you to hold onto your own faith. Especially if you are going through a time like we have been going through with the devil trying to stop you.

I want to add something here. You may read this and think that I am really sickly, prone to accidents or just a hypochondriac who always thinks she has sicknesses. Actually, up until a couple of years ago, I hardly ever had anything wrong with me. I hardly ever went to the doctor. I had no major health issues. That is until the devil got mad at me. All I can say is thank God that the devil saw something in me that made him get mad.

1. I am going to talk about each thing in the order that it happened. This first account is a lesson in how the devil works to bring things against you. It isn't a testimony of something that the Lord healed me from so much as it is a testimony of how God prevented me from accepting something that the devil tried to put on me. I was getting ready to go to an eye doctor. God spoke to me right before I went into his office and He told me that the devil was going to try to use

this doctor to put macular degeneration on me. I knew about that from having a friend that had gone blind from it. I was so glad that God warned me and that I heard that warning.

The doctor did all the tests, then turned around and told me that he saw signs of macular degeneration. When he told me that, the Holy Ghost rose up in me and started rebuking the devil. The doctor didn't see me do this but the devil that was using him did. Then the doctor turned around and said, "Let me run this test another time." This time the results did not show any sign of macular degeneration.

I believe with all my heart that if I had given in to fear instead of faith, I would have walked out of there with that eye disease. If it wasn't so, then why would God have warned me? God healed me of that disease by preventing me from getting it. We have to hear God's report instead of the reports of the doctors. Often the devil can use them to put things against us, especially if they are not Christians they may be prone to listen to the devil and let him use them simply because they are not walking with God. We'll talk more later about how we need to guard against doctors and why.

2. I started having problems with my kidneys. I was passing blood. I had a ultrasound and I saw the results myself. I had a mass in my kidney that was 1/3 the size of my kidney. It showed up very plainly

on the ultrasound. I think that the Lord let me see the ultrasound so that I could see the size of it. It was so large that it freaked out the doctor who read the ultrasound and he told me to immediately go to a kidney specialist. Matter of fact, he set up the appointment himself.

In the meantime, though, I had a bunch of people praying for me. And I prayed. That is the key. We need to have faith in our own prayers. We can't just depend on the prayers of others. We ourselves have to have confidence in our own prayers. I went to the Lord and again stood against the fear that was trying to come against me. I refused to hear the voice of fear. I went to the specialist. He ran a camera into my kidney. He told me that he wasn't sure what all the concern was about concerning the mass that he saw. He said it was so small that it wouldn't give me any problem.

Some time between what had shown up on the ultrasound and the time when the doctor looked in my kidney God had shrunk that mass. I knew that I was healed because all the symptoms cleared up instantaneously and they haven't returned. That was a little over a year ago. I began to get a glimpse of the hedge of protection that God had put around me. It is a hedge that He puts around all of His children. I was going to see it even plainer in the days ahead.

This reminded me of one of the first times that I had seen this hedge of protection around me. In Job 1:10, the devil went before God. God told him, have you considered my servant Job. The devil told him that he had, but he said this, "Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land."

Psalms 91 is a Psalms that has been focused on by many people during Covid. Here is verses 1-6, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

God is our hedge of protection. If we abide under the shadow of the Almighty we can say that He is our refuge and fortress and we can trust in Him. We don't even have to fear the noisome pestilence. You can certainly call Covid a noisome pestilence. We don't even have to fear Covid.

One of the first times that I had learned about the hedge of protection was during a time when I had severe bronchitis and sleep apnea combined. I would just stop breathing. It was a while before I could wheeze in a little air. I did this twice a week for 9 weeks. Doctors told me that if I passed out, I could die. It would come to the place where I was about to pass out, but it was like something would slam me and jar me into breathing. That was when the devil ran into the hedge that was around me.

This happened about 2 times a week for 9 weeks. I wouldn't be able to breathe until I got to a certain point and then I could breathe. The devil meant to kill me, but that hedge was around me and when he got to that certain point, he ran into God's hedge of protection. I learned through all of this that I did not have to fear and that I had a hedge.

At first I confess that I was afraid. It is hard not to be afraid when you can't breathe. Fear messes up your breathing. I had to learn to block out fear and find God's peace in order to breathe. I had to learn to trust in that hedge of protection to keep from getting stressed out just so I could breathe. That experience was definitely a lesson on the power of fear. Child of God, you have a hedge of protection around you. You don't have to be afraid. We'll talk more about the dangers of fear.

One thing to do when you are standing for a healing is to stand on God's Word. Stand on the Bible. Acts 17:28a says, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being.." That verse kept going over and over in my mind when I was fighting to breathe. We live in Him. We have our being in Him. Other verses talk about Him being our breath of life. I stood on His promises and trusted Him for my very breath. I am still alive today because I trusted in God and I stood on His Word. You'll read a lot of scriptures in this booklet that you can stand on. You can trust God's Word to work in your life.

3. I got a spot of staph infection under my arm. I am prone to that because I have lymphodema. The pain from the staph got to the place that I couldn't stand it. I was listening on youtube to a minister that has found that last day anointing that God had showed me was coming. Matter of fact, it is here. It is beginning to bring about a world wide revival more powerful than any move of God that has ever been. This minister had found that anointing. He was saying, "Reach out for your healing. Lay hold on it." I grabbed on to it. In my spirit I said "This is mine" and I reached out to God for it and out of desperation and pain I was determined to get it. It was mine and this was the minute that God had for me to be healed.

When this minister started ministering, I recognized that anointing that God had told me was coming. God allowed me to be healed by that anointing

confirming what He had told me about it all. I had listened to that message at school, and by the time I left for the day, a spot of staph about the size of the palm of my hand was totally gone.

4. I had a lot of problems in my joints especially in my knees and wrists. I wasn't able to get up from low seats without help. I wasn't able to straighten out my fingers. When I waved at people, I couldn't straighten out my fingers but had them in a cup shape when I tried to straighten them out. The minister that I had mentioned earlier came to a tent meeting in our area. (By the way, his name is Kent Christmas and he has a lot of messages on youtube).

When I went to the meeting, the anointing was pouring out in waves. It was huge. People had come hungry for a move of God and desperately seeking Him. They came reaching out. They came believing and accepting. It was an atmosphere that was conducive for a move of God's Spirit. Like I said, the anointing came in waves. When it would come, I would jump to my feet.

Then it would ebb a little. So I would sit down. I had been jumping up out of my chair and sitting for the better part of an hour before I noticed what I was doing. Just the day before, I had to have a youngster give me a hand to be able to get out of my seat at church. The folding chairs at the tent were way lower. And I was jumping up and down out of them.

God had healed my knees. About the time I noticed it, Kent said, "All those who are having joint pain reach out for your healing and receive it." I reached out my hand and my fingers straightened out and they have been straight ever since that time, and that has been almost a year ago.

I want to share with you what the devil meant to do with this pain that was in my hands. It had gotten so bad that the only way that I could use a computer mouse was to put the mouse on an ice pak under a little cushion. With my work and with the youtube videos and songs that I do, I use the computer A LOT. It takes about 6 hours to do a video by the time I do the sound tracks, and record it and look up the scriptures and do the video. Plus, with our Bible college and with our school I do a lot of writing and typing.

I use my hands a lot. I knew that the devil was trying to stop all of that. That was his plan. But God had other plans. The devil was only able to go so far to try to stop what God was using me to do. Again, I could see that hedge that the Lord had put around me. You have one as well.

I want to add something else here. Sometimes we are made to think that the reason why we have sickness is because we are failing God somehow. The reason why I had all these things happen to me isn't because I wasn't serving God but it was because I am. The

devil meant to stop me. When the devil puts condemnation against you, remember that you aren't sick because you are failing, but because you are doing something that has gotten the devil's attention. We'll talk more about this. Coming up is the rest of my testimony.

Chapter 3 More of My Testimony

Here is the rest of my healing testimony.

5. Just a few months after this, I began to get a backset of Lyme's. Unless God heals you of it, Lymes stays in your body and it wears your immune system down. When your immune system gets worn down, its symptoms come back. One of the symptoms is an overwhelming fatigue and loss of strength. I got to the place that I couldn't even go shopping at Walmart. I couldn't even walk from the parking lot to the store. I got to the place where it was really hard for me to work. I was really dragging.

At that time, I didn't have a lot of volunteers so my load increased, and I was working until 9:00 some nights just to get things done and even when I did that things were piling up. But God had that hedge around me. I was at home praising the Lord and the anointing fell on me and God healed me. I was desperately seeking that and needing it. And I was open to it.

I was letting His anointing fall on me regularly, walking in a way that made that possible. I was hungry for more of Him. When He healed me how do I know that I was healed? I started catching up with my work and very seldom since then have I had to work later that 7:00 and I am still doing the same

load. Plus I was running all over Walmart. God's hedge of protection still worked. When I got to the place where to be able to continue to do the things God had called me to do I had to have healing, that healing came. Again, the devil couldn't stop me.

6. This is one of the most amazing healings of this time I went through. I have to step down a step to get from my dining room to my kitchen. It is a really high step. I fell head first off that step and caught all my weight on my wrist. Right away I got a bad pain in my wrist that was a nauseating pain. All I could do was sit there and hold it. It hurt so bad it knocked me out of my senses. All I could say was "God, I can't deal with this." I asked Him to heal me. I knew that this was another of the things the devil did to try stop me and I could see how it would. But I hadn't gone through those lessons about the hedge around me for nothing. I got up and kept going, and just a little while later, the pain was totally gone.

The devil kept telling me that I really hadn't broken my wrist, that I had just sprained it barely and that God hadn't healed me. I asked God to show me what had happened, to show me if I had broken it and confirm my healing. It didn't bother me for weeks until a cold, rainy front came in. I got a pain in the side of my wrist where I hadn't had pain before. That happens every time that type of front comes in or if I over use it. When I talk to people who had broken bones, they tell me that they do the same thing. I

definitely had broken my wrist. The devil again ran into the hedge God had put around me. But he wasn't done with trying, and God wasn't done with stopping him.

7. I have a place in my esophagus where if I am not careful to chew things up good, food will get stuck there. Well, I know this, but I don't always do what I know to do. I grabbed a bite of ham while I was busy and when I swallowed it stuck in that place. It stuck for over 3 hours. I couldn't get it up or down. I was struggling so that I couldn't pray. I couldn't talk.

I couldn't even say the name of Jesus out loud, and that is a name that you need to be able to say when you are stuck in the enemies' camp. At the name of Jesus, the devil has to flee. When I rebuke the devil, I say this. "In the name of Jesus, devil you have to go. The blood of Jesus covers me." I remind him that the Word of God says that He is under my feet and what I bind on earth is bound in heaven. I couldn't call anybody to help me pray. I couldn't call my husband to get him to come. I couldn't sit down. I could just pace the floor. I got to the place where I couldn't even swallow a sip of water.

When my husband got home, we got ready to go the emergency room. He told me to call Bishop Goad, our pastor and the head of New Life Ministries, to pray for me. It took me a while to get to the place where I could talk enough to tell him what was going

on. I didn't have to say much before he got his wife and they prayed with me and Jim. We had agreement going. The Word of God says that one will put one devil to flight, but two praying agreeing together can put thousands to flight. We had four of us praying in agreement. Bishop Goad started out by binding the devil and he meant business when he did. He knew his authority and stepped into it. Right when he did that, the ham just spewed out of me. I was shouting "praise the Lord" at the top of my voice. Once again that hedge was in place. If I had gone to the emergency room, I would probably have had to have surgery. God didn't mean for that to happen.

8. This next thing that I am writing about was caused by damage that was done from having that ham stuck there for 3 hours and me straining to get it out. This healing is what inspired me to write this to tell about all that God has done. One thing that I was reminded of during this last healing was about the power of confession. Revelations 12:11 says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...." When God heals me, I confess it to everybody I can. For one thing, it builds their faith. But it also cements your healing. Also, it brings God glory and praise.

When I publicly declare a healing, it builds my faith in what God has done, and as the verse says it helps me to overcome. This will work for you too. You can see how God worked out things so that I would testify. Just a couple of weeks after the last situation, I got strangled and started coughing. That coughing aggravated the damage that I had done in my throat. I started coughing up blood and could feel blood draining down my throat. The devil was at it again. This time God was going to heal me publicly not only in church, but on the radio where our services are broadcasted on our internet radio station (www,wnlbradio.com which is all Christian talk radio).

All this had happened Saturday. Sunday morning, like usual, I sang for church. After several songs, my throat started bleeding again. I couldn't even speak to Amen the guest singer, or Bishop Goad. I just sat there and the darkness tried to come back. I just started giving up inside. I thought about all I had been through and I had just had it. I thought about how I wouldn't be able to sing, or preach, or talk to the kids at school. It really got me down. But God wasn't done.

The guest singer started talking about how sometimes we may feel like giving up, but how God can get us up going again. We just can't quit. He said, "If we quit, we won't ever see the end of the battle." Now this singer didn't know in the natural anything that I was going through, but it didn't matter. God used Him. I knew that the message he gave was from the Lord. I reached up and grabbed hold of the anointing that was there at that service. I refused to sit there in

defeat. I reached for my healing. I received it. How do I know? Nobody knew what I was going through, at least they didn't until I gave my testimony. Bishop Goad hardly asks me to sing after the sermon, but he did that Sunday. I didn't say, "I can't do that, my throat is bleeding." I didn't give an excuse. But I got up and sang. I got up and sang like I had received my miracle. And I did receive my miracle.

When I started singing, the power of God fell and people were on their feet. My voice was strong. Then I gave my testimony of how God had healed me and people could see. They had witnessed it. Not only the people at the church, but those tuning in to our services. I overcame by the word of my testimony and God was lifted up and people's faith was encouraged.

I want to add something here. Sometimes healing works by obedience. If I hadn't obeyed the Lord I am not sure that I would have been healed. I obeyed God by faith. I could have experience the pain and bleeding that I had before, but I obeyed God any how. I sung by faith. That obedience activated my faith.

9. I have lymphadema and it causes me to retain fluid-a lot of fluid all over, especially in my trunk. I had so much fluid in my trunk that I was getting short of breath. Just walking from my office to another office would leave me so winded that I couldn't talk to people. I didn't have strength to go anywhere or

do anything. I was having problems with my heart. I just kept claiming my healing.

This healing came and I don't even know when it came or how it came. It just happened. My car had been snowed in for a couple of weeks. When I could finally get it out, I was ready to go. I was so excited to be able to go. I headed to Walmart. (At the risk of sounding like a Walmart junky here.) I was foot lose and fancy free as the old saying goes and I wasn't traveling slow. I was moving. I ran all over Walmart from one end to the other and all the aisles in between. I had forgotten about being short of breath. I had forgotten about the chest pains.

When I got back to my car, I remembered my symptoms. I didn't remember them because I had them, but I thought of them because the Lord pointed out that they were gone. Sometimes by concentrating so much on our symptoms we tie God's hand of healing. I have no idea where they went, but I knew they were gone. Haven't had them since and that has been months ago.

Chapter 4 Why Did All of This Happen and Why Hasn't He Healed Me of Everything

There are a lot of lessons in all of this. When I first started writing about all this, the thought came to me that I shouldn't write about all this happening because it would make me seem as though I had little faith. It would seem as if I didn't have much of a relationship with the Lord if I have all this going on. Or it would just lift up the devil and make people afraid of what he could do to them. But as I kept on writing, I could see how all those things were just lies that the devil told me to get me not to write this.

The first thing that you think when you are going through a valley is that this is happening because you are doing something wrong. You'll think, "Why is God doing this to me? Why am I having to go through this terrible thing?" It is important to realize when you are going through the valley that the reason why you are there is not because you are doing something wrong but it is because you are doing something right.

If you are sold out to God, and you are letting Him use you in His anointing, then you are something that the devil fears and he is determined to wipe out all those people because of what is ahead. You see, the devil is somewhat like God in that he can see what is ahead. He can see what you will one day be and what

you will one day do for the Lord. Even when you don't think that you are much, you have no idea what you will one day be. The devil can see that and he wants to stop you.

When you feel condemnation coming against you, when you get that feeling that you are worthless and that is why God is punishing you, then remember this scripture. Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The devil is the accuser. Revelations 12:10 says, "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." This tells you that he is the accuser that is constantly accusing you of bad things. He even accuses you in your sleep. (It also lets you know that you are on the winning side. One day he will be cast down.)

When you feel accused it is good to get out your Bible and read verses about God's love. I have put several of those verses in a chapter coming up later. Just remember, you aren't going through things because you have done something wrong, but it is because you have done something right. Or it is because you have great things ahead of you that you will do for the Lord and the devil doesn't like you because of that. I have heard Bishop Goad say many

times, "The greater the battle, the greater the victory that is ahead." Remember that.

I want to be sure that I remind you that I wasn't healed of everything. I still have some things that I believe that God will heal. I can't say why He has not healed me of these things. I asked Him once if it was His will that He heal me. He answered, "Yes it is my will that you be healed." Why then hasn't He healed me of these certain few things when He has healed me so many times? I am not sure. But I can say this. I am a person that just deals with things. If I can handle it, I just cope with it. I have had these things for so long that I accept them as part of me even though it makes parts of my life a struggle, I just deal with it.

When you read about my testimony of how God healed my broken wrist, I believe that my healing came instantly because I said, "God I can't deal with this. I can't handle this. I need your healing to be able to go on." I was healed minutes later. Sometimes we can get into the "I can handle it-I can deal with it" mode. We may even to this with things that are as severe as cancer. One day at a time we cope with it. We deal with it. We say, "I am tough. I can deal with it." And we do. Until we come to the place we can no longer deal with it, then we give it to God. Often by then it has taken such hold that it is hard for us to get out from under it. I can honestly say that the things that I am still fighting today, the sicknesses that I still

have, are ones that I settled for. We need to yield it right away instead of relying on our self. We need to yield it to Him.

Anything except God that we rely on can and will most likely let us down. There have been times when made the mistake of relying on doctors and medicine. Now I am definitely not saying that going to doctors is wrong. When I got Covid, (that is one thing I didn't mention in my list because I saved it to talk about later) my symptoms weren't bad at first, but they got worse after several weeks. When I went to the doctor, I went on Monday and because my breathing had gotten so much worse I went again on Friday. Then on Sunday I wound up in the emergency room. Each time I went they gave me a bunch of medicine and I gladly took it. I started to rely on the doctors and the medicine. That didn't work out very well for me. So I finally started relying on God. I had been doing things in the physical realm but I started doing things in the spiritual realm. That turned things around for me. Let me explain.

I knew the devil's plans for me and they weren't good. I stood against the devil and bound him. I took the authority that God has given His children. I bound the devil in the name of Jesus. We read in Philippians 2:9, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." I told the devil that the blood of Jesus

covered me. Revelations 12:11a says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..." I prayed in the Holy Ghost, praying in tongues, letting God's Spirit bind the devil. That is a powerful prayer. I refused to accept what the devil was doing, and I stood my ground. I did the things that I could do in the natural-the physical things like going to the doctor and taking medicine. But that wasn't all I did. I did the spiritual things that I needed to do as well. We'll talk more in a chapter coming up about how to stand against the devil and win.

I just want to add a little note here about doctors. There have been several times that what the doctors told me to do was killing me. The medicine that they gave me was killing me. Most doctors are not Christians. Matter of fact, most of them are far from it. They are not letting God lead them. If you have a Christian doctor that lets God lead them, then you have a rare thing. Most of them are led by their flesh, and that means that the devil can really get in the situation and use them against you.

I remember a man who was healed of cancer in a church service. He knew he was healed and his symptoms disappeared. He had it verified medically that his cancer was gone. His doctor told him that just to be safe he should continue with his chemo treatments. His family talked him into listening to his doctor. Those things killed him. Walk with God and

let Him lead you especially when it comes to listening to doctors.

Chapter 5 Realizing How the Devil Fights Healing and Learning How to Stand Against Him

We have talked about how the devil wants to stop us especially when we have something to do for the Lord. He has just one problem. That hedge that is around God's people. The devil can't get through that. We have talked about that hedge of safety that God has around us.

If we have that hedge, why should we be afraid? Fear is your worst enemy. Fear puts holes in that hedge. When you are afraid, it is mostly the devil who is causing that fear. The Bible talks about a spirit of fear in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. " We see that fear is not from the Lord but from the devil. He starts that fear. He fans that fear. In God, we have nothing to fear because we have a hedge of safety around us. But fear can put a hole in the wall around us.

When I had the situation going where I couldn't breathe, I learned fast that fear could kill me. I mentioned that when that attack started, I would start to get afraid. That caused me to lose my breath even more. It made the situation a lot worse. The only way that I could get my breath was if I stopped and prayed under my breath and bound that fear. Then I had to release myself to God and yield to Him. In yielding I

relaxed and could start breathing. I believe that if I hadn't stopped the fear, it could have killed me. I learned that the fear was actually brought on by the devil to kill me. I learned that I could bind that fear just like I bound him. So can you.

We read in Ephesians 6:10-17 about how to fight the devil. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, wickedness in spiritual high Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." God provides what we need to be able to stand against the devil and win.

We don't have to accept the devil's junk. He will try everything to stop us from claiming our healing. We have to stand against him. James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you". We read in 2 Corinthians 10:3,

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)" We don't have to take the devil's junk. We can stand our ground and stand against Him. We may not be able to do anything in the physical to fight him, but we can do spiritual warfare against him and win. When we are fighting for our healing, we need to remember who we are fighting against and we need to know how to fight him.

I want to say something here that is important. I have talked a lot about the devil in this little booklet. My reason for doing that was because I wanted to teach you how to look for him and how to stand against him. I wanted you to know how to identify him and how to deal with him. But you have to be careful about this. When I first started learning how to identify the devil and how to stand against him, I spent more time looking for the devil then I did looking for what God was doing. I guess you could say that I started obsessing on looking for the devil.

I think that I obsessed on looking for the devil partly out of fear. I looked for him more than I looked for God. That was a rough way to live. I started seeing just the bad that was going on and not the good that God was doing. I started seeing the devil even when the devil wasn't doing the thing I thought he was doing. The devil became my focus. You don't ever want to go there with things. It is miserable. Just

know how the devil does, and do what the Lord leads you to do about what he is doing. Focus on God. Focus on His power. Focus on how He helps you to overcome. Focus on the Winner and not the loser. Focus on God's grace and mercy and His love for you and how He will keep you through it all. Focus on His Word and how it gives you victory to overcome. Focus on how God is the ultimate winner and He makes you a winner through Christ.

Here is what God's Word says about overcoming the devil.

Luke 10:19 tells us, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

2 John 2:13-14 says, "I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one."

James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Ephesians 6:11 says, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

And what will be the end of the devil. Romans 16:20 tells us, "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

We are given authority over the devil. He is under our feet. We are definitely on the winning side. God said this to the devil in Isaiah 14:13-16, "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms."

In other words the devil thinks that he is something great, but one day we will just glance at him in the pit that God puts him in and we will say in unbelief "Is that the one that caused such problems?" God has his end all mapped out. His defeat is sure and certain. God also gives authority to the church. He has put the devil under our feet. We don't have to worry about the devil or fear him. We don't have to concentrate on him. We just have to know when he is

up to his little tricks and we have to make a stand against him.

Chapter 6 The Battle With Fear

We mentioned a little in previous chapters about how the devil uses fear. I think that this topic needs a whole chapter. Fear is a number one tool that the devil uses against us especially in today's world. When I first got Covid, I felt fear trying to take over. I had to bind that up in the name of Jesus and stand against it. Just the word Covid has conditioned most of us to react in fear. Just like the word Cancer. I knew that I had to guard against fear. It was strange but one of the symptoms that Covid gave me was anxiety. I have talked to a lot of people who experienced some sort of fear with Covid. It was a physical symptom, but it was also spiritual. I really had to guard against that fear. I had to realize that it was physical, but the devil was behind it, and I had to stand against him.

Fear is the number one weapon that he uses against us especially when we are claiming healing. Fear messes with our minds and it attacks our faith. Fear, anxiety, worry, and stress, all these things keep our minds full of negative things. They prevent us from thinking about God's Word if we aren't careful, they can steal our faith. They stop us from allowing God's Spirit to work in our life. They stop up that conduit that we talked about that allows healing to flow. When we realize what is going on, we need to stand against it.

I can't say that my healing from Covid was instantaneous. All along the way I would have moments when I thought that the devil and Covid would win. Then I would shake myself and stand against the devil who is the father of lies. I would come to myself and realize that the devil was lying to me and telling me that I wouldn't be healed. That I would die. John 8:44a, "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." We just have to be able to identify the lies, and we have to remember the truth of God's Word.

We can't let those lies the devil tells us stay in our heart and mind. Along the way, I had moments when I realized that certain things were getting a lot better and fast. I can't say that I knew when my breathing was better. At the risk of sounding like a Walmart junky (again), I realized on a trip to Walmart that I could breathe and I walked all over Walmart. (You can tell where I get my workouts.) I had to stand against the devil and his lies, and the fear that he brings against us.

I have learned to identify these things and turn them into praise. Let me explain what I mean about that. When I start feeling fear, anxiety, worry, stress, then I start praising God. I praise Him because He is able to keep me. I remember God's Word and I tell the devil about it. And I start praising God for the promises in His Word. I praise Him because of His love for me. I praise Him because I know that He is able to keep

me. I praise Him for the hedge that He has put around me even if it looks like it isn't working. I still praise Him because I know it is there. I praise Him that He has given me victory over satan. I praise Him for His healing. I praise Him. Instead of giving into worry, stress, anxiety and fear, I praise Him. When we do that then fear, worry, anxiety, and stress are all turned into praise.

God mentions in His Word over 300 times that we are to fear not. Sounds important that we get that message, doesn't it? Here are some of those scriptures. Learn some of these keys that you can use to lock up the devil from bringing fear against you. Even Jesus used the Word of God to fight the devil.

2 Timothy 1:7 promises that we can have power, love, and a sound mind instead of fear. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Romans 8:15 promises us that we can have the love of our heavenly Father that will keep us away from fear. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

1 John 4:18 promises us that God's love will keep away fear. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear..."

Psalm 91:10-11 promises us His angels will keep us. "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come night hy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Proverbs 3:25-26 promises us the Lord can be our confidence. "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken."

Psalm 56:11 promises that when we put our trust in God we don't have to be afraid of men. "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me."

Psalm 23:4-5 promises us that when we face death or our enemies, we don't have to be afraid. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." We don't have to be afraid. We don't have to worry. We don't have to be anxious. God promises us that.

Another way that we can stop anxiety, stress, worry and fear is by God's Word. When we feel these things coming against us, we can read God's Word. Read His promises. Read the things in His Word that just shoot down fear and all those things. If you are prone

to feel anxious, and stressed, and fearful, then you can keep index cards in your house where you see them daily and put some of the verses on them that I have talked about in this little booklet. The best way to fight these things is to take in a daily dose of the promises of God. In a chapter coming up I have listed bunches of scriptures that promise us healing.

Chapter 7 How We Can Be Our Own Worst Enemy

Sometimes when we are claiming a healing, we can be our own worst enemy. Here are some ways that we can do that actually hinders our healing. One way we can hinder it is by our confessions. One way to explain this is "what we say is what we get". Our tongue can be our own worst enemy. Proverbs 18:20-21 says, "A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." If you constantly talk about all your symptoms and how bad you are doing and how the devil is fighting you and how bad you feel, then God and His healing is not being lifted up. You are more or less praising the devil and all he is doing to you. If you can't win the victory over your sickness, check and see who you are praising.

Here is an example of this. One of the after-Covid things that I had to deal with was a foggy mind and my memory is not good at all. I caught myself talking about that a lot. I would make a mistake at work and I would explain why I made the mistake by telling about my problems with my memory. I started noticing that every time I would say something about my memory being bad, I would notice that it got worse. That happened so many times. I saw a clear relationship between my negative confessions and

how my memory was. I know about this, but I confess that I sometimes don't do what I know to do. I have finally got the clear picture about this and I am really guarding my mouth. Just remember, "what you say is what you get".

Another way we can be our own worse enemy is by craving the attention that being sick gives us. I know a lot of people who don't want to get well because they get a lot of attention by being sick. They thrive on pity. They would rather get pity instead of being healed. I have heard people say that they would rather have attention than they want to get well. I can always spot those people because when you say hello, they immediately start talking about all that is wrong with them. You want to avoid talking to them because it gets you down just listening to them. They thrive on the attention that people give them when they pity them. That is messed up. Instead of getting attention by other's pity, I would rather be well, and bring attention to the Lord because of my healing.

Another way that we can be our own worse enemy is when we listen to the reports of other people more than what God tells us and more than what God's Word says. You can't let the voices of those that aren't of God stick in your head. Also, you can't base what God is doing for you on what other people say. Maybe their healing was instant, but yours isn't. Maybe they didn't have to wait on theirs, maybe it wasn't a walk. That doesn't mean that you aren't

being healed because it didn't happen like theirs. God does us all different. And as many times as He has healed me, He did it all different.

There have been many times in this healing journey that I have been on where I realized that I was being my own worst enemy. How did I figure it out? God let me know. He will let you know when you are your own worst enemy in whatever situation you are going through. He will bring it to your attention. He told me where I was messing up and He let me know how to fix it. When I felt bad, I didn't always fix it right away. I just didn't feel like fixing it. But He would always keep reminding me over and over until I got it fixed. That is a picture of His wonderful patience and grace

Chapter 8 The Danger of Giving Up

I want to start out by talking about how this has been a really rough time physically, mentally, and spiritually. It was a time that tried my faith and if I hadn't held onto God, it would have destroyed me. There were several times when the devil tried to put a darkness on me that just took away my faith. It was like a depression that tried to make me feel like there was no need to keep trying. I just needed to give up, because something else would happen.

The way that I was able to get through this was to keep my head in God's Word. I kept listening to anointed speaking and singing. All this was like a lifeline to me to keep me from drowning in all this. God's Word builds your faith especially when you are walking through the fire. The anointing was a raft that I held onto. I also spent time fellow shipping with the Lord and that fellowship got me through. His presence is a resurrection power to resurrect you, bring you up out of the darkness of the hole the devil tries to put you in. If you don't get out of it, that hole can turn into a grave really quick.

Quitting starts when you stop trying to get better and you settle for your sickness even if that sickness can bring death. Winners never quit and quitters never win. Just like my healing with Covid, sometimes healing is a journey that happens in steps, not instantaneous. There were lots of times during that Covid healing journey that I thought God wasn't healing me and I wondered where He was. When I was having to trust God for the breath that I breathed, I wondered why He didn't heal me. But He was healing me all along. It just didn't happen suddenly. What if I would have given up and thought enough is enough, I quit. What if I had quit believing that God is going to heal me. If I had done that, I would never have been healed. I have had several healings that took place a little at time. But they were miraculous healings all the same.

Sometimes you have to press on and don't let go. Don't let go until God blesses you. Don't let go until God heals you. There have been many times when I was about to give up and I thought to myself, my victory could be right around the corner and I will miss it if I quit now. You know something. I can't count the times that I was right. The devil fights you harder just before your victory comes. Don't give up. Your victory is just around the corner. Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." God will finish what He starts. You can count on that. As long as you don't quit.

I want to add something here. A lot of people are quitting. They aren't just quitting on believing for healing, but they are quitting on everything. They are

quitting on serving God. They are quitting on life. They are quitting on doing their best. They just don't try any more. I believe that this is happening because so many people are losing hope. When you lose hope, it is easy to give up. Also, it is happening because their love is growing cold.

Matthew 24:12 says that this will happen in the last days. I am sure that you have figured out by now that this is the last days. Years ago, I used to wonder if it was, but now every day we see things happening that let us know that it is definitely the last days. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." When you are going through a battle, your faith will be shaken. Your trust in the Lord is shaken. Your love for God will be tried. Don't let the devil steal these things away from you.

You need faith, trust, and love when you are sick more than you ever do. Especially hold on to your love. It is easy when you are sick to start thinking that God doesn't love you. You'll think to yourself if God does love you then why are you sick? Believe it or not some of the symptoms of certain illnesses make you feel isolated from everyone and isolated from God.

When you feel like this, get out your Bible and read verses that talk about the love of God. Ask God to renew your love. He will wrap you up in the sweet

blanket of His Spirit and hold you to Himself. When that happens, you won't quit. You'll hold on. You will endure to the end. And you will be saved.

Here are some scriptures about God's love:

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God loved you enough to send His Son to die for you. That is a lot of love. You can trust that kind of love.

Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." He will strengthen you. He will hold to you.

Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

John 17:23 says how much God loves us. This is Jesus speaking. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

Romans 8:37-39, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Nothing can separate you from the love of God. Hold onto His boundless love and His grace for you. His love will keep you going.

Chapter 9 Verses About Healing

When you are claiming promises from God it is good to stand on His Word. Find verses that talk about the things that you are claiming. Go over them in your mind when the devil is trying to make you doubt. Put them up around the house where you can see them and read them often. Here are some scriptures about healing.

III John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Isaiah 53:5 tells us, "But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."

Luke 4:18 tells us, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me (Jesus), because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance of the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Proverbs 4:22 tells us, "For They (God's Words) are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Jeremiah 30:17 tells us, "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord...."

Jeremiah 17:14 tells us, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

Exodus 15:26 tells us, "...If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandment, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Psalms 91:16 tells us, "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

1 Peter 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (The stripes that this speaks about is when the Roman soldiers whipped Jesus with a whip.)

James 5:15, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Psalms 103:2-5, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle."

Psalms 147:3, "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Malachi 4:2 "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

Psalms 41:3, "The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

Psalms 118:17, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

Psalms 30:2, "O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me."

Galatians 3:29 tells us, "And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

John 1:12 tells us, "But as many as received Him to them, gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Romans 8:14 tells us, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Galatians 4:7 tells us, "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

Jeremiah 33:6, "Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth."

Healing Miracles That Jesus and His Disciples Did While On the Earth

Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."

Matthew 8:8-4-13 Jesus healed the Centurion's servant with the palsy.

Matthew 8:14-15 Jesus healed Peter's mother in law.

Matthew 9:2-8, Jesus healed the man sick of palsy and he took up his bed and walked.

Matthew 12:9-13, Jesus healed the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:15, But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him and he healed them all.

Matthew 8:28-34, Jesus healed the two blind men

Matthew 9:20 Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood who touched the hem of His garment.

Matthew 9:23-26, Jesus raised the little girl from the dead.

Matthew 20:29-34, Jesus healed two more blind men.

Matthew 9:35, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Closing

I hope that this booklet has helped you to stand up for your healing. My prayer for you is found in Ephesians 1:18, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Don't take my word for it. Take God's Word for it. Refuse to accept anything that is contrary to His Word. God will heal you. Take Him at His Word