

## What About Healing? Reasons for Healing (Part 2)

### I. Introduction

- A. Mark 8:35 (NAS) *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."*
- B. In order to find meaning and purpose in life, you have to give your life away!
- C. Why does God heal?
  - 1. To destroy one of His enemies
    - a. Romans 5:12 (NAS) *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.*
    - b. I John 3:8b (NAS) *The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.*
  - 2. To authenticate His message and His messenger
  - 3. To bring glory to Himself and Jesus

### II. Why Does God Heal?

- A. To open doors for evangelism
  - 1. Acts 9:32-42 (NAS) <sup>32</sup>Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. <sup>33</sup>There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. <sup>34</sup>Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up. <sup>35</sup>And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. <sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. <sup>37</sup>And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, "Do not delay in coming to us." <sup>39</sup>So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup>It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.
- B. Because God is loving and full of compassion
  - 1. Matthew 9:35-38 (NAS) <sup>35</sup>Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. <sup>36</sup>Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."
  - 2. "Ministry" is just about meeting needs!
  - 3. Mark 1:40-42 (NAS) <sup>40</sup>And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." <sup>41</sup>Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.
  - 4. Mark 6:30-44 (NAS)
  - 5. Luke 7:11-16 (NAS) <sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. <sup>12</sup>Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!"
  - 6. Psalm 34:18 (NAS) *The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*
  - 7. Psalm 31:7 (NLT) *I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul.*
  - 8. James 4:2c (NAS) *You do not have because you do not ask.*
  - 9. Acts 1:1 (NAS) *The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach.*

### III. Conclusion