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# Foreword

In ancient times faith healing was widely accepted as the only form of healing for both physical and mental health problems. As the development of science had not yet come about or even existed, this process was considered authentic, especially when positive results were achieved.



## *Christian Faith Healing*

The Path Of Receiving Supernatural Healing As Jesus Healed!

# Chapter 1:

## Introduction To Faith Healing

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### Synopsis

Faith healing is a process used to restore the physical and mental health of an individual through a series of rituals and chants.



## **The Basics**

In the scientific world this healing is achieved through medications recommended by medical physician. These medications have gone through the various strict research regiments before becoming the possible solutions to both physical and mental health problems. Faith healing on the other hand is predominantly practiced by persons who professes religious authority and claims to be spiritually connected to the other perceived spirit realms.

Faith healing can be practiced by all different types of people and is not limited to the believers of a particular religion. Almost all religions today practice some degree of faith healing. Popularly regarded as a channel of energy released in an individual with strong faith in his or her professed religious beliefs, this style of healing is sometimes also used when all medical possibilities have been exhausted. The energy said to be produced in faith healing sessions is very powerful indeed. For the Christian theological sects, God's Spirit working in faith healing processes is the contributing factor to its claimed success. The focus of the individual is on God's Spirit working to achieve complete optimum health and not man's ability.

Faith healing may be traced back to the ancient Greek and Roman times, where the god of medicine – Asclepius was acclaimed as the ultimate healer. Besides this "god" there were many other gods and idols used by faith healers when practicing their art. The bible also notes many instances where faith healing was used successfully. The case of Naaman's bathing ritual produced total recovery from his leprosy condition. The New Testament of the bible also has many examples of faith healing, some of which was done by Jesus himself.

# Chapter 2:

## *What Exactly is Christian Faith Healing?*

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### Synopsis

Good health has always been the ideal and optimum goal of the human existence. In seeking optimum health conditions various forms of this faith healing, comes in highly rated. Most religions practice some form of faith healing and the Christian religion is no exception.



## **A Little More In Depth**

Faith healing is generally regarded as a healing process that invokes the power of healing through prayer with or without rituals. This combination is supposed to bring about the spiritually divine energy and power to cure, improve or give relief to physical and mental health problems.

The Christian faith healing process can be found in both the Old Testament and New Testament of the bible. Some of the faith healing sessions were performed by the apostles while others were performed by Jesus himself.

Christian faith healing usually involves a series of prayer sessions which may sometimes include rituals. Some of these rituals may include visiting religious shrines, temples and even going on pilgrimages.

The idea is to connect the individual's spirit with that of the divine power of God, so that the intervention and healing process can take place and so causing the spiritual healing to manifest.

For some people with strong belief in the bible, Christian faith healing is the teaching of total belief and confidence in the power of God to heal any and all physical and mental problems without the help of medication.

This belief in the divine power is strong and does in many documented cases prove itself totally successful. The energy and faith released by this strong belief is what contributes to the success of this method of healing.

In today's world where disease is rampant and cure is often too expensive an option or even totally unavailable, seeking faith healing is often the only solution left.

There are many well known Christian faith healers in the world today, some genuine, while others just capitalize on the weakness and desperation of those seeking their particular form of help. Some

Christian faith healers hold large rallies to help the masses desperately seeking divine intervention for these illnesses.



# Chapter 3:

## *How Does Jesus Heal?*

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### **Synopsis**

The bible is the best source and teaching tool that shows many instances of Jesus healing powers. Jesus healing power has been question and answered, satisfactorily or otherwise many times through the ages by believers and non believers.



## **How It Happens**

Jesus commonly expected three main categories to be in play in order for the healing process to take place. Of the three however, faith plays the biggest role.

Without question it is noted many times, Jesus claiming the faith factor is almost a prerequisite for the healing process to be complete and successful. The faith of the one seeking to be healed is immediately noted before Jesus attempted to complete the process of healing.

Jesus constantly referred to the faith level of the individual seeking healing. Jesus made it a point to link the faith level and healing process whenever the situation presented itself. Therefore the assumption or even scientific deduction that without this faith factor, healing may not always be successful is not completely unfounded.

Another factor in how Jesus heals is with the use of the medicines of the day or even natural resources. Among these instances, noted in the bible, is the time when Jesus mixed spittle with some earth on the ground to form a muddy paste, which Jesus then applied onto a blind man's eyes. Other times Jesus told the sick person needing healing, to go and wash in a certain pool or stream to achieve healing.

Jesus also wanted those seeking healing, to look to God for the healing needed. In depending on God for healing, Jesus was

demonstrating the power that comes from seeking God as the complete healer.

This power that Jesus wanted to unleash in us can only be done with the cooperation of the person seeking to be healed. It is well documented in the bible, the various instances where God's power was what Jesus called upon to engulf the believer and be healed.



# Chapter 4:

## *Examples of Jesus Healing in the New Testament*

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### Synopsis

The New Testament documents all the healings done by Jesus. Jesus travelled far and wide preaching the word of God and so it was only natural for people to be drawn to him with the intention of seeking healing.



## **Some Illustrations**

### **The following are some of these examples**

#### **Times when Jesus healed all those present**

Acts 10:38

Luke 4:40, 6:17-19, 9:11

Matthew 4:23-25, 9:6 & 35, 10:1, 12:15, 14:14.

#### **Jesus healing many types of diseases**

Deaf and dumb

Chronic hemorrhage

Blindness

Palsy and paralysis

Demonized

Maimed

Infirmities

#### **Jesus healing those because of their faith**

Two blind man.....Matt 9:27-31

A leper.....Matt 8:2-4, 20:29-34, Mark 1:40-44

Ten lepers.....Luke 17:11-19

Woman with the issue of blood....Matt 9:20-22, Mark 5:25 - 34

Luke 8:43-48

#### **Jesus healing based on the faith of others**

The centurion's servant.....Matt 8:5-13

The nobleman's son.....John 4:46-53  
Four with palsied friend.....Matt 9:1-12, Luke 5:17-26  
The syrophenician's daughter.....Matt 15:21-28  
Dumb possessed.....Matt 9:22-23  
Jarius's daughter.....Mark 5:35-43  
Blind man.....Mark 8:22-26

### **Jesus speaking the Word for healing**

Daughter of Abraham.....Luke 13:10-13  
Nobleman's son.....John 4:46-50  
Blind Bartimaeus.....Mark 10:46-52  
Two blind men.....Matt 9:27-31  
Centurion servant.....8:5-13

### **Jesus speaking healing as a command**

Man with palsy.....Luke 5:17-26  
Jarius's daughter.....Mark 5:22-24, 35-43

### **Jesus heals through touch and command**

The leper.....Matt 8:2-4  
The two blind men.....Matt 9:27-31  
Peter's mother-in-law. Luke 1:38-39  
Deaf and dumb man...Luke 7:32-35  
The widow's son.....Luke 7:12-15

### **Jesus healing from a distance**

Centurion's servant.....Matt 8:5-13

The nobleman's son.....John 4:46-50  
Syrophenician's daughter...Matt 15:21-28

### **Jesus healing requiring a degree of participation**

Withered hand.....Luke 6:6-11  
Paralyzed man at Bethesda.....John 5:1-9  
Blind man at Siloam.....John 9:7

### **Healing by touching Jesus**

Daughter of Jairus.....Mark 5:23-24  
The multitudes.....Luke 6 17-19  
Anyone who touched Jesus....Mark 6:56



# Chapter 5:

## *Other Examples Of Healing In The Bible By Apostles*

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### Synopsis

When Jesus started his healing ministry he also gave similar powers of healing to his apostles. With this gift he equipped them to not only preach the Word but to also perform healings.

This powerful ministry helped many people along the way and also opened up the world of Christianity to others. People from far and near came to hear the Word and be healed. There are a lot of documented instances of these healings taking place during the apostles' time in the bible.



## **The Followers**

**Below are just some of the said instances:**

**Matt 16:18, Matt 18:18, John 20:23**

The apostles were the official representatives of Jesus so they had the power to bind and loose things in the spiritual realm, thus they went about doing this, sometimes in connection to healing the infirmed. This was possible because of the power and faith they had when Jesus blesses them with this gift.

**Mark 16:17-18, Acts 9:26-41, Mark 16:20, Hebrews 2:3-4**

In ancient times people often associated infirmities with demon possession. In this area to the apostles worked many miracles to heal the people. In casting out the demonic spirit inhibiting the individual the healing process began to unfold, thus encouraging more people to believe in Jesus.

**Acts 8:16-17, Acts 8:18, Acts 1:26, Acts 2:1-4, Eph 4:11**

The apostles were also able to heal many people through the transmitting of miraculous powers by laying their hands on the sick. The Holy Spirit working through them, made many miraculous healing acts possible.

**Acts 2:7-11, Acts 2:11**

The lesser known form of healing done by the apostles was through the spoken Word of God. This form of healing was powerful because

the individual heard the preaching of healing in his or her own language. Understanding that this was only possible through divine intervention, as most people at the time were hardly bilingual, the apostles were able to heal many.



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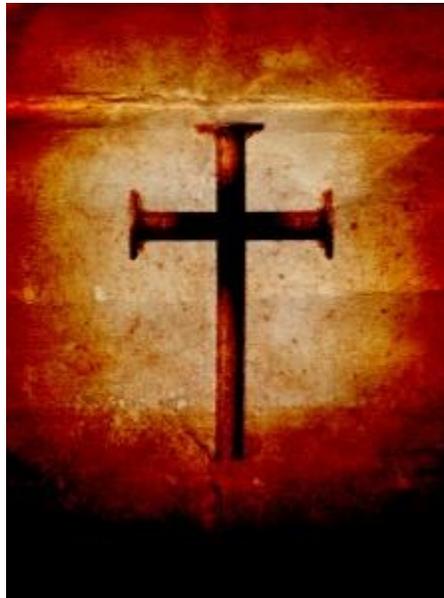
## *Our Role As A Child Of God*

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### Synopsis

For the most part of the human existence religion is not a major issue in their lives. People rush through their short lives trying, sometimes struggling to make the best of the time they have.

Unfortunately because a large part of energy is used to achieve the “good life” stopping to take a breather and have a relationship with God is almost unheard of.



## **What We Have To Do**

In a lot of cases the God factor only comes into play when all other sources of satisfaction are exhausted or when old age sets in. Besides this, some people only turn to God as a last and desperate resort, when trouble comes knocking and all other forms of help does not work.

Those who are lucky enough to discover the wonderful relationship with God early, are blessed and privileged to be counted as a child of God. Though we are all born God's children, acknowledging the relationship takes us to another level of spiritual intimacy with our creator. Being a child of God, accords us certain privileges, among which are peace, love, wisdom, health and many, many more.

A true child of God will make it their life's work to share and spread the "good news" of the wonders of God. Practicing the fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self control would be the ultimate challenge of the child of God. By showing these virtues to those around them, in their everyday life, the child of God will help to draw others into their circle. Most people are automatically drawn to those with a pleasant disposition in life which is one of the positive attributes of a child of God.

Being a child of God does not necessarily include practicing rituals and daily worship sessions. Doing these things without showing God's "personality" in your life is not only hypocritical but also off putting for those around. This not only tarnishes God's image, but also causes people to see God in a negative light.

# Chapter 7:

## *Why Faith Is Very Important*

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### Synopsis

Faith is a very important and powerful tool in any circumstances. Though faith is popularly linked to religion, exercising faith in other areas is also sometimes the special ingredient that is needed to achieve the desired outcome.

A lot of research has been done over time to prove or disprove the element of faith as being a dominant factor in various scenarios.



## **Believing**

From the religious aspect, faith is a desirable prerequisite to ensure the results needed in any circumstance. Faith is the key to spiritual victory as it enables us to tap into our relationship with God for the promises made to man. It is a guaranteed means of overcoming circumstances triumphantly.

Faith also signifies the act of total surrender to God's will and power, into the individual's circumstance. In order for the faith element to be exercised, one must be anchored in the Word, so that by knowing the promises of God and expecting it to enfold in the individual's situation, victory is achieved as faith is spoken and believed in.

In the bible, Jesus often refers to the amount needed for the faith element to work. In spite of the amount being as small as a mustard seed, Jesus assures that this amount is all that is needed for victory in any situation.

It is reassuring to note that Jesus also promises that as we already have the Holy Spirit in us, this portion of faith is already there for us to tap into.

Therefore placing hope and expectations in God and God alone is how faith is exercised. When this is done, the bible clearly states many times that God does not and will not go back on any promise made to man, and so this translates to mean faith conquers all.

# Chapter 8:

## *The Duration Of Healing And The Role Of Natural Medicine*

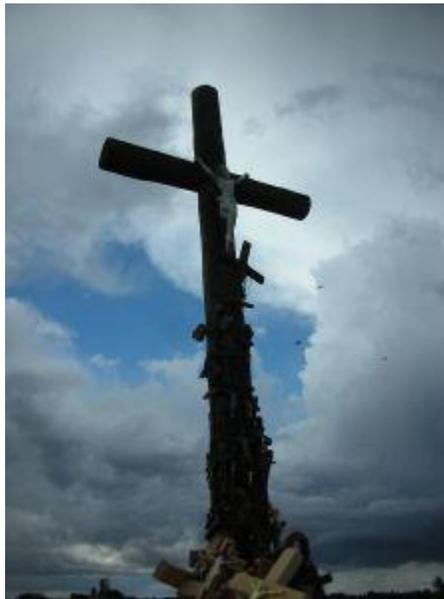
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### **Synopsis**

The field of healing and its various connective issues and aspects can be mind boggling. This confusing area of health has long been explored, exploited and even endorsed for gain by society at large.

The duration of healing processes vary dramatically, as many different factors that play a role must be considered.



## **Natural Ways**

In more recent times, people are open to combining scientifically founded medicines with that of the more naturally derived ones. Again here the duration of healing depends largely on the various elements involved.

When the best elements of traditional and conventional treatments are combined, positive medical results are possible and even probable.

Some religious sections of society believe strongly that God gifted certain individuals in the medical field to achieve phenomenal discoveries and perform equally phenomenal procedures for the purpose of healing.

The understanding that all gifts come from God, is what helps people to connect and be more acceptable to the scientifically created medical elements.

The healing process is very complex and sometimes involves more than just the consumption of the right medication or style of treatment. To complicate this further, there are many possible types or combinations available to treat medical problems today.

As for the duration needed or taken in order to see the healing process completed, a lot of factors need to be considered; type of healing used, elements involved in the type chosen and the variables involved.

Some of the areas natural medicines have made a positive impact are; combating the flu virus, coughs, fevers, lung conditions, to name a few.

However the duration involved in achieving healing is varied from individual to individual. Some people today are more likely to seek natural medicines as a way of arresting certain diseases or even as a cure because to the perceived lower percentage of danger involved when compared to other pharmaceutically invented medicines.



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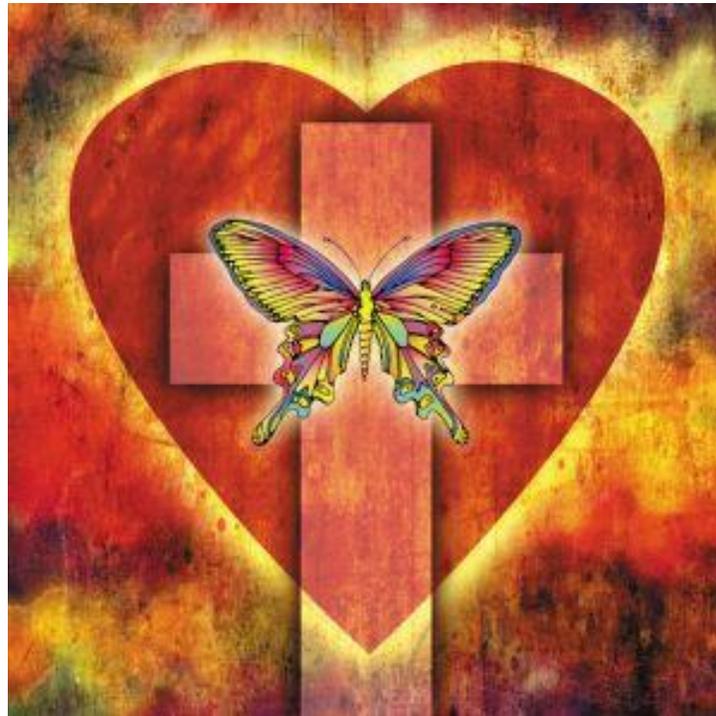
## *Even When Healing Doesn't Come*

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### Synopsis

When one first discovers the onset of a disease, the news can be devastating, especially when the health condition of the individual is optimum and no indication was forthcoming.

Sometimes denial sets in, while in other times a vigorous search is embarked upon to find the cure or treatment best suited to overcome the medical condition.



## **What Next**

Besides incurring considerable cost, time and energy in the search for the cure, it can also cause much confusion and turmoil for both the individual and their love ones.

When all avenues to achieve healing are exhausted, the people who have a strong religious foundation often turn to their individual faiths for solace and relief.

This faith not only provides the element of comfort it also gives the individual some sense of hope when all else seems negative. This very same religious faith can also provide the cushion necessary when the diagnosis given is dismal, irreversible and even deadly.

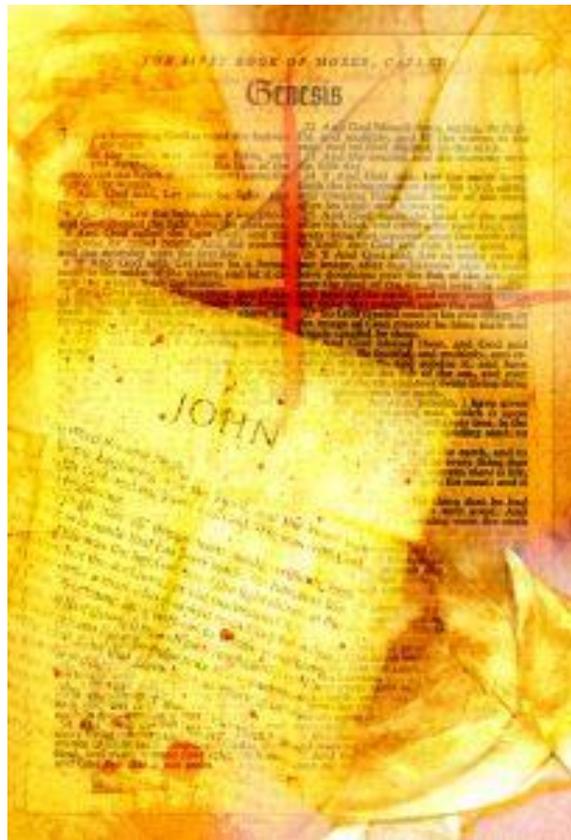
When healing does not come, sometimes it is encouraged to take a step back and reexamine the situation and its contributing factors. Upon reassessing the situation, one may discover other unexplored avenues that could be considered.

One such example cited in the bible is the usage and power of the tongue. The bible states many instances where healing is not abound because of the lack of the spoken word into the situation. Also to be noted is the failure to forgive others, failure to keep the commandment of love, lack of knowledge and vision, lack of discernment when partaking in communion and lack of integrity of the heart.

Sadly though, it is a reality that even after all the above points may have been diligently followed the healing doesn't come. A stronger individual will resolve to make the best of the situation, but

unfortunately for the weaker individual, depression and further spiraling into the disease may occur.

In extreme cases the individual may even consider suicide. Unfortunately this is a growing and worrying trend today.



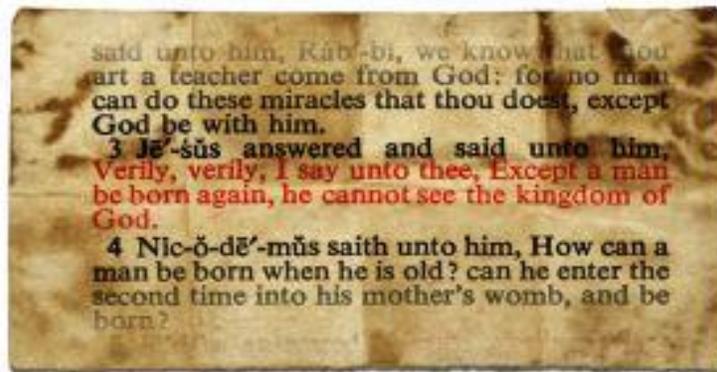
# Chapter 10:

## *Why We Must Always Turn To God In All Things*

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### Synopsis

When God created man, it was for the sole purpose of fellowship. When man decided to go his own way, it greatly disturbed and hurt God, but because God is all loving and forgiving, there is no immediate and negative reaction on God's part to this choice that man has made.



## **Trusting**

For human kind however, the same cannot be said. The world has and is suffering the consequences from choosing to stray out of fellowship with God. We have inadvertently severed the link that once provided for all our needs both physically and mentally.

Fortunately for some, the search for that missing links brings us back into fellowship with God. Being in fellowship with God has many merits and once understood thoroughly few would consider abandoning this relationship. The bible quotes God's numerous promises on never abandoning us and instead provides abundant blessing for those in fellowship with God.

The bible teaches of the immeasurable wisdom and foresight of God simply because God is all powerful and the creator of the past, present and future. In short – God knows all. Therefore turning to God in all things is a sure way of walking the right path. With God in the picture nothing can go wrong, unless of course man decides to put in his thoughts and actions.

Through time and many documented events Gods has displayed the willingness to intervene and help in situations when called upon. However one must understand that when God's help is sought, the outcome will not always be as we envisioned or expected but it will most assuredly be for the best. This can only be appreciated when we understand that God only wants the best for us and that God sees the macro picture while humans tend to focus on the mirco.

# Wrapping Up

There are many verses in the bible that show God's willingness to carry our pain and hurts, if only we reached out. In times of darkness and when the world has no solution of us, God's is always there to assure us that our pain is shared by him.

Remembering that God – all loving, went through the same pain but most certainly in greater degree, can sometimes helps us through our pain.

