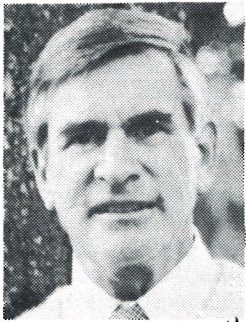


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From Francis:

The MYSTERY: Why Some Are Healed + Others Are Not!

You all know the problem:

why is it that you pray for one person who is not healed, and the very next person gets out of the wheelchair and walks?

One woman, for example, has tumors on the side of her neck that you can actually see and feel. While you pray you see them go down and, in fifteen minutes, they are gone. You pray for another woman with the same kind of tumors - and, apparently, with the same spiritual outlook - and nothing seems to happen (at least, not on the level of the cancerous tumor).

If you are a healing evangelist, praying with a crowd of thousands in a one-night appearance at the Civic Auditorium, you can call all the healed people up to the stage to give their testimonies, and you don't have to counsel all the others. But if you are a pastor, and those cancer patients are in your congregation, you may have to give them an explanation as to why God doesn't seem to answer their prayer.

That perception is not true, of course. At some level we are sure our prayer is answered, for we do believe that God hears and answers all our prayers.

Yet, although that may be true, it may not be satisfactory to the patient who suffers from the cancer.

The deeper answers explaining why people don't seem to receive physical healing are, however, very helpful and I would like to share several of them that have guided me in that spiritual direction that does lead to physical healing, for I do believe that, ordinarily, God wants us to be physically whole and healthy.

1) The first, of course, is our real need for faith, an ardent belief in Jesus' desire to heal us. Sometimes healing is blocked by our lack of faith - sometimes in the sick person, sometimes in the minister of healing. Much has been written, as well as spoken, about the key importance of faith, and I need not comment further, except to say that lack-of-faith is not the only reason the sick are not healed. When people get that idea about lack-of-faith then sick people who are not immediately healed take on a burden of guilt which only intensifies their physical sickness with the added sorrow of spiritual darkness. I have

known some patients dying in hospitals devastated by well-meaning Christians (who have usually disappeared at the end) who keep telling them that they will be healed if only they have faith.

But here are some of the other reasons we have discovered that help us break through to total healing.

2) Sometimes a deeper spiritual healing is needed; the physical sickness is a surface sickness calling our attention to a deeper spiritual problem that needs ministry. Most of us know by experience that refusal to forgive enemies can result in an abiding tension and anger that can cause sickness. Some (but not all) arthritis is caused by unforgiveness. Or, if disaster strikes us in the form of rejection or the death of a loved one, this may lessen (perhaps unconsciously) our love of life which, in turn, weakens our immune system. Some doctors believe that cancer often follows upon a significant loss. If this is true, we need to help the person grieve and pray through the bereavement or rejection, leading to a spiritual healing that finally results in the

cancer's disappearing. One orthopedic surgeon I know told me that when she had a chance to pray with her cancer patients for a profound healing of their losses, their cancers almost always went into remission!

The account of Jesus' healing the lame man let down through the roof (Mark 2:1-12) implies that the forgiveness of the man's sins had some connection with his ability to pick up his stretcher and walk.

3) The minister of healing simply doesn't have the giftedness or power needed to act as a channel for healing at a given moment. St. Paul (in 1 Cor. 12:8-10) talks about gifts of healing which are given to some and not to others, and he also rebukes his disciples (Mark 9:14-29) for not having prayed and fasted enough to free the demoniac boy from his epilepsy. From Scripture then, as well as from experience, it seems that we can lack power, either from our own lack of preparation, or from our lack of giftedness, to heal or deliver someone. In one case it's our own fault (Jesus rebuked the disciples) or it can be, at other times, that more severe cases simply are beyond our present level of spiritual growth or giftedness. For a paraplegic in a wheelchair to be healed, it ordinarily requires, I believe, the special gift of healing (or miracles) that Paul is talking about in Corinthians 12. The important consequence of all this is that if we are going to blame anyone when healing does not take place, we should hesitate before blaming the sick person. I think it just as likely that the ministering person is not sufficiently prepared by prayer, or else, does not have the spiritual authority required to bring Jesus' healing to this person. I admire John Wimber's refusal to pray for someone unless he gets the Spirit's guidance to "go for it". In the famous passage encouraging us to call the elders of the church when we are sick, the passage seems to imply that it is the elders' faith that will help raise up the sick man: "The prayer of faith will save the sick man..." (James 5:15).

At any rate, let's not blame anyone when a person we pray for doesn't seem to get well, unless the Spirit convicts us of not preparing ourselves sufficiently, or unless, by a word of knowledge, we find that the sick person needs faith or needs to forgive someone.

4) Lastly, the reason many people are not healed is that people don't weigh in and really pray over a period of

time (we call this "soaking prayer"). Even Jesus sometimes needed to pray more than once: "Then he laid his hands on the man's eyes again and he saw clearly" (Mark 8:25). Nor did the demons (Legion) leave immediately when Jesus commanded them to go. The demoniac shouted "What do you want with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? Swear by God you will not torture me!" - For Jesus had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit" (Mark 5:7-8). Then, even after he had commanded the spirit(s) to depart, Jesus asked their name, before giving them permission to go into the pigs. In other words, that particular exorcism took time.

If Jesus occasionally took time to heal or exorcise people, we certainly can expect that we also, upon occasion, must take time. When some sick people are not healed through prayer, it may simply be because we haven't prayed long enough to bring the healing to completion. "Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them?" (Luke 18:7) JB translation

For all these reasons, when people are not healed through our prayer, we should not immediately assume that it is not God's will to heal, nor should we automatically assume that the patients lack faith. The good news is that many more sick people can be healed if only we pray

- for the deeper, spiritual roots of sickness;
- if we ourselves are better prepared by prayer (and by fasting)
- if we are willing to spend more time praying for the sick person

Love, in Christ,
Francis + Judith
Rachel + David

P.S If you haven't already read it, I encourage you to get Jamie Buckingham's moving new book, Summer of Miracles (Creation House). It is a powerful testimony showing all the above principles in action in Jamie's own struggle against cancer.

THANK YOU

To all volunteers

Thank you to those who volunteer at the Center, those who volunteer at conferences, those who volunteer as Intercessors, those who volunteer in other places and in other ways - thank you, thank you for allowing us, who work at the Center, to support you as you go about "doing the stuff" as John Wimber so aptly puts it. As we understand it, the "stuff" is the healing, the deliverance, the gifts of God operating through the people of God - and they are YOU.

All of us who have been called by God into some phase of the healing ministry want to/need to/have to be involved with the "stuff". Our need is to stop pain and bring wholeness by connecting hurting others with our Lord Jesus Christ. Those of us who work at the Center answering phones, making appointments, answering letters, ordering and mailing books, keeping track of all the details, and planning conferences do not have an excess of time in which to "do the stuff" on a daily basis. Yes, we do take the time to pray with or share with someone on the phone or someone who arrives at the door in great pain. This brings us a deep sense of satisfaction, but our cup of joy overflows when we can turn to a volunteer and say, "Will you please take this call?" or send the hurting one to the chapel where prayer ministers have chosen to be to pray with and love this child of God. We then know that our brother or sister in Christ will be well and unhurriedly taken care of by someone in our Christian healing family.

So, beloved, know that everything that you do for us, with us, and because of us is reverently appreciated.

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:13-16



INTERCESSORS REPORT

by Joy Lamb

PRAISE REPORTS

You prayed for my friend who tried to commit suicide. Six hours after she got on the church's prayer chain, a nurse talked to her about Jesus and she decided to be in God's family. She has been praying daily, and visiting churches. Thank God for your prayers.

Thank you for all your prayers. The improvement in my sight was confirmed by the ophthalmologist at the end of July.

Thanks to God. My son is making progress and is more open in our relationship.

After a two and a half year recovery from Gillain-Barre Syndrome, during the month I requested prayer (Sept-Oct.), I experienced an acceleration of healing - I went from walking with a walker to a 4 pronged walker - cane to a regular cane in less than one month!! Hallelujah! My physical therapist was amazed - so much healing has taken place I am being terminated from further therapy! Thank Jesus for his healing love. I'm still believing he will complete what he has begun and is even now accomplishing in my body. My doctor said I'd never even be able to sit upright again and now I'm walking. Thank you Jesus!

My friend was consumed with life's worries. Your prayers were answered, she is so much happier. Thank you so much and thank you Jesus.

A four year old's malignant lung tumor has completely disappeared! Doctors are amazed; they gave him a small chance of survival. I previously sent you a prayer request for him, and many people have been praying for him - it worked! Praise Him.

A pregnant woman was bitten by a brown recluse spider several months ago and there was much concern about mother and child. Baby has been born and both are well

James had a lesion on his lung - now it is gone completely. Praise God.

Love and Blessings to all of you!!

Joy Lamb

Testimony of a Two-Fold Healing

We are not often privileged to receive direct confirmation of a healing from a doctor, because they are naturally cautious, so it was a welcome letter which came last month containing two doctors' appraisals.

The letter from the healings' recipient reads as follows:

"You prayed for my pituitary tumor last spring at the week long conference in Jacksonville. I possess the original film of the MRI which shows no evidence of a tumor."

Here she shares her radiologist's report which says:

"This patient previously, in 1989, was noted to have a 5mm. hypointense tumor of the pituitary gland," but , at the present time, "No evidence of a mass or microadenoma in the pituitary is seen." (There is more in this report

of a medically technical nature.)

That's the first healing, a physical healing, but she also reports an inner healing:

"I have been on disability for five years (I was formerly a special education teacher.), but my psychiatrist now believes I will be able to work as a librarian or bookstore clerk. Also I could not manage living with a roommate very well, nor did my psychiatrist believe I could live independently".

"But now I live alone and love every minute of it. Recently my sink overflowed and flooded my kitchen. Before my healing I would have panicked, but I called the maintenance man who got a plumber. We sat up until 3:30 AM, fixing the problem. I didn't panic or become unglued; I just did what needed to be done. Next day I went to a food crisis center and

passed out food to the hungry.

"What a difference God makes!"

She appends a letter from her psychiatrist stating: "It has been my pleasure to have provided both inpatient and partial hospitalization treatment of ____ for the past several months. She has made excellent progress...Her vocational case has been closed with the appropriate department in _____. I would like to recommend that her vocation case be reopened with plans for ongoing rehabilitation. I think it would be in her interest to be able to return to the work-force, full-time if possible."

As she declares, "What a difference God makes!" (This letter is used with her permission, but we omit her name and state to protect her privacy.)



BOOK AND TAPE RESOURCES



CANCER HEALING SEMINAR Three audio tapes cover the spiritual and physical healing aspects of cancer. Teachings by Francis & Judith with a moving testimony by Petey Gonzales of her healing of cancer. #A004.....\$15.00

OPEN MIND, OPEN HEART by Thomas Keating. This book is designed to initiate the reader into a deep, living relationship with God. Written by an acknowledged modern spiritual master the book moves one beyond "discursive meditation and particular acts to the intuitive level of contemplation". It will take you into a world where God can do anything, into a realm of the greatest adventure. "Where one is open to the Infinite and hence to infinite possibilities." #B359.....\$9.95

CLASSIC

HEALING This is the original book on healing by Francis MacNutt. It describes the four kinds of healing. Agnes Sanford described this book as "the most scholarly and comprehensive book on Christian healing I have ever read," More than a million copies sold in the U.S. #B067.....\$4.95

THE PRAYER THAT HEALS by Francis MacNutt. This warm winning book makes most people wonder why we haven't been praying for one another. Francis writes "Praying at home is such a beautiful experience, and so easy to learn if people are taught and encouraged to try". #B047.....\$3.95

SUMMER OF MIRACLES by Jamie Buckingham. After hearing those dreaded words "INOPERABLE CANCER" God turned tragedy into a SUMMER OF MIRACLES. When this well-known Christian author learned he had inoperable cancer, Christians all over the world prayed for his healing. Here is the dramatic story of answered prayer. #B362.....\$14.95

Summer of Miracles Audio Tape A cassette tape of Jamie Buckingham reading Scripture portions that helped in God's healing of his cancer. #A043..\$9.95

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THE POWER TO HEAL The second book by Dr. MacNutt focuses on practical material, sharing what he has learned from experiences in praying for others. Wimber uses this book in his courses. #B045..\$4.95

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NOTE

We were able to take advantage of a one time special sale by the publisher of the hardback version of *Praying for Your Unborn Child*. This enables us to offer you this excellent book that normally sells for \$12.95 for only \$9.95.

PRAYING FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD by Francis and Judith MacNutt. Francis and Judith explain how parents can pray for their unborn children. Includes a special section on praying for yourself, or others, about any traumatic experiences that might have occurred in the womb. This book makes a wonderful gift to the newly married or those expecting a child.

Paperback #B107..\$7.95
Hardback #B048..\$9.95

NEW TAPE SET

THE SPIRITUALLY OPPRESSED 8 audio tapes of a conference held in Jacksonville Nov. 1-3, 1991 featuring Francis and Judith MacNutt, Thomas Wikstrom, Shloe Floerke-Flanagan and Betty Brennan. Francis and Judith spoke on "Spiritual Oppression in Clinical Practice" and "Therapeutic and Spiritual Interventions with Clients". Francis covered "Identifying Characteristics of the Spiritually Oppressed". Judith spoke on "Childhood Trauma and other Predisposing Factors" and "Treatment Planning and Follow-up". Betty Brennan gave a talk on and answered questions on "Spiritual Oppression". Shloe Floerke-Flanagan spoke on and answered questions about "Satanic Ritual Abuse". There was a panel presentation and discussion on "Oppression in Addictive, Obsessive, Compulsive and Sexual Disorders". These tapes contain wonderful teachings and can be invaluable aids for those ministering to the spiritually oppressed on either a professional or lay level.

by Dr. Jackie Canepa, Conference Coordinator

Not only did this conference provide information but also provided ministry to those therapists who wanted it. We all know how exhausting this kind of profession is so we were glad to be able to bring some healing and/or relief to those who desired such through our prayer ministers. Keep up the good work all you Christian therapists, our prayers are with you.

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MY PRAISE REPORTS:

CHM COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKERS	LOCATION	CONTACT
12/6 to 12/7/91	N.O.E.L. and W.O.C meeting	Francis and Judith MacNutt	St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Gainesville, FL	Betty Kinzer 904-376-2680
1/14 to 1/17/92	Spiritual Disciplines in Small Groups	Dr. Maria Santa-Maria	Christian Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL	
1/17 to 1/18/92	Marriage	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Lakewood Methodist Church Jacksonville, FL	Lori Hershey 904-733-8477
1/24 to 1/25/92	Healing	Francis and Judith MacNutt	St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC	Bob Daniel 704-366-1189
1/31 to 2/2/92	Basic Course on Christian Healing	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Church of the Holy Family, Orlando, FL	Richard Lipka 407-293-2236
3/12 to 3/15/92	Healing	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Diocese of West Missouri Kansas City, MO	Bishop John Buchanan 816-471-6161

MEN WOMEN and HEALING

2/13 to 2/16/92	CHM's Annual Conference Men Women and Healing	Francis & Judith MacNutt, Leonard and Sandra LeSourd	Radisson Inn at the Jacksonville Airport Jacksonville, FL	CHM 904-765-3332
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