



Be it Unto You According to Your Faith

Matthew 9:29 *“Then touched He their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you.”*

In all things, we should encourage people to take time to seek the Lord and follow His instructions for them, but especially concerning physical healing. There are always different manifestations that come via an instant or gradual process, and there might be different instructions and directions from the Lord to each individual, but the same positive end results. He might use the gifts of the Spirit through a healing evangelist. He might tell you to go to the Word. He might tell you to go see a doctor, or perhaps call elders for prayer. He might tell you only to go to fellow believers. God will use all these means, and many others, based on where a person is in faith.

Never attempt to act on the faith of others. What you are acting on must be real and genuine to you in your heart, not your head and not someone else's. Is it real to you yet? Many people get in trouble trying to mimic another person's actions birthed according to their own faith. We must operate in faith unfeigned (sincere and genuine—1 Timothy 1:5).

When God shows you the means to receive your healing, you will be peaceful about taking that direction, even if it might look like you are not operating in this so-called “BIG” faith. The way God leads someone else is not necessarily the way He is to lead you. Seek God for yourself and follow the instructions that He gives you.

We should not be worried if we go to the doctor. The most important thing is to understand where your own faith is and hear clearly what God is leading you to do. You must do what He is telling you and never worry if some think you are unscriptural for not getting a supernatural healing. I believe the best doctrine when it comes to healing is LIVING. My doctrine is living! Praise the Lord. I'm more useful to God alive than dead.

Going to the doctor or taking medicine does not violate your faith nor is it sin unless God specifically tells you not to do that and you do so anyway. If that's where your faith is and it's what God is leading you to do, then do it. God and medical doctors have the same goal. They are working towards the same result - restoration of health to the sick. True, one is better than the other, but it's all for the better cause of living. Since we are all at different levels of faith, we must stick to what we can handle at that time and keep moving on from there. Today, we might go to the doctor, but tomorrow, we might believe God for supernatural healing without the assistance of medical care.

Again, God meets people where they are, not where you are as a minister or preacher. We must encourage people in their faith and where they are. Act on what you have faith for. Preachers and ministers should help people identify where they are spiritually and what they believe and have faith for. If you are a minister, be careful not to push your faith on those who are not yet demonstrating that same levels of faith as you for their healing. Find out where they are spiritually and what they want God to do for them. Jesus often asked questions to know where people's faith was. For example:

- i) Wilt thou be made whole? John 5:5-9.
- ii) Believe ye that I am able to do this? Matthew 9:27-29.
- iii) What do you want me to do for you? Mark 10:46-52.
- iv) Lord if thou wilt, thou can make me whole. Matthew 8:2-3, Luke 5:12-13.

As you are ministering to someone, ask questions. What do you expect to happen when I pray for you? How do you see that play out? How far are you willing to believe God for healing?

Your faith as a minister cannot be a substitute for another person's faith. People do not receive according to YOUR faith, but according to their faith. When it comes to ministering healing to people, do not attribute your faith to them. Unless it is a special gift of healings in operation by the Spirit of God, the people we are ministering to will not receive healing according to our faith, but according to their own faith.

God always meets people where they are. Therefore, to become good representatives and ministers of the Lord, we must also meet people where they are in faith, not where we are. This is not to say that we should not encourage people to step out in faith, but we should never pressure them to step out and act according to our faith. Our healing will be manifested according to our own faith (Matthew 9:29 and 8:13).

Faith, not Works

One of the biggest hindrances to healing is that people believe that their works and goodness will produce their healing. One of the reasons some are not healed is because they are trusting in their own righteousness, not Jesus'. They think they are so good that their goodness will produce healing. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We have received the greatest miracle of all, which is salvation. We received it not according to our goodness, but through faith and total dependence on the Lord Jesus. If you received the greatest miracle through faith, not works, what makes you think that you will receive a lesser miracle such as healing by your goodness or works?

In the New Testament, we do not receive from God according to how good we are. We receive from Him according to our faith in the Lord Jesus. You might be better than me or your neighbor, but you cannot receive based on your goodness. Without Jesus, none of us can receive a thing from God.

The Word of God makes it clear that we receive, are made whole, and are saved by our faith, not by our works or good deeds. We need to ask in prayer, believing that we receive, not feeling that we receive (Mark 11:24).

Faith is a decisive and major ingredient to our healing and receiving.

- a) Mathew 9:2 "And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
- b) Mathew 9:22 "But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour."
- c) Mathew 9:29 "Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you."
- d) Mathew 15:28 "Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."
- e) Mark 5:34 "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."
- f) Mark 10:52 "And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."
- g) Luke 7:50 "And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

- i) Notice He did not say thy “works”, or thy good deeds, has saved thee.
 - ii) If works could save, we would have no need for Jesus.
- h) Luke 17:19 “And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.
- i) Luke 18:41-43 “Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.”