



## Gradual Healing

If you take a close study of the bible, you will find that most of the healings were instantaneous but not all of them were. Some were gradual.

However, it must be said that it is not God who wishes for some to receive instantly and others gradually. It's our ability to receive that dictates how our healing unfolds. It's what we are believing for that determines it—not God. The most important thing is that we receive our healing, and it manifests either instantly or gradually.

Because some people receive instantly and others gradually, I believe that all people are healed at the same time they receive prayer, believe, and command that sickness or disease to leave, but it's the manifestation which differs. I do not believe that one manifestation is inferior to the other. I believe it depends on the problem we are dealing with. I believe some problems just can't wait so; this is where the gift of Healings and gift of miracles come in. For these problems, if it took a gradual process, the person would probably die.

1 Corinthians 10:13 says *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

That said, we can handle any situation we find ourselves in, be it a gradual or instantaneous. There is no such thing as that this is too much for me to bear. If you are going through it, according to the above scripture you are equipped to handle it and you can overcome.

Some people have been in a situation for years and their healing manifests as they renew their mind (Romans 12:1-2) and to the degree they do.

Many people struggle with the fact that if they do not get healed instantly or see their manifestation instantly, they think they have not been healed so they continue to ask for the

same thing over and over believing they have not received until it's instantaneous. Obviously, this goes against what Mark 11:24 teaches. We must believe we receive when we pray, not when we see it manifest. Whenever a person is prayed for, the power of God is released and is already at work whether or not we see the results instantly. Visible results may take a while, but the healing power has been released (Mark 11:12-21 and Daniel 9:15-23). We must walk by faith, for it is already done. Contrary to what many have been taught by the world and the five senses, seeing is not believing, but believing is seeing. If you want to see it, you must believe it before you see it.

If people can be able to distinguish between healing and its manifestation, it will be very helpful to them for them not to waver when they do not see it manifest instantly.

Although we should be believing for an instantaneous manifestation, we must be open to the gradual healing as well and not get into doubt and wavering because it took some time to manifest. Again, not every healing manifests instantly.

Never attempt to act on the faith of others. Do not mimic the faith of others. Their actions are according to their faith, not yours. **What you believe in your heart is what you will receive, not what someone else believes in their heart.** The way God led someone else is not necessarily the way He will lead you. Seek God and follow His instructions for you. God and medical science are working together for the same result—to restore health to the sick and preserve lives. It doesn't violate our faith for healing, to go to the doctor if that is where our faith is. We shouldn't condemn others for taking steps of faith real to them at that time.

Doctors and God are not opposing each other. **The best doctrine is living. We are more useful to God alive than dead.** God will always meet people where **they** are, not where **we** are. We should encourage people in their faith, not our faith. People should act on what they have faith for. We should try to identify where people are spiritually and what they believe.

We should also be careful not to push our faith on others who do not demonstrate the same level of faith as us. Do not pressure people to agree with you or to act on your faith. It will be, or they will receive according to your faith. This is not to say that we should not attempt to encourage people to rise in faith and believe God. Unless it is by the gifts of healing, those who are being ministered to will receive according to their **own** faith.

## A. Gradual healing in the bible

a) Mark 11:12-14; 19-24 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not *yet*. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard *it*. And when even was come, he went out of the city. And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, **behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away**. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he saith**. Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them***.

i) This verse is very clear that there are aspects of things manifesting gradually to the visible eye, even though the power was released already. Here in this verse, Jesus spoke, and the tree dried up from the roots (something that could not be visible to the physical eye) but the following day Peter was able to see the manifestation of this dried tree. The power of God was released against this tree when Jesus cursed it. It took almost 24 hours for the results to be physically visible. It was a gradual manifestation. This is similar to how healing manifests sometimes. Whenever we pray the power of God has been released and something invisible has happened.

ii) “**Shall**” denotes the future. It could be a minute, an hour, a day from now but it has a future connotation to it. Not everything is instantaneous.

b) Mark 16:18 “They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they **shall recover**.”

Healing is not always instantaneous—actually, many times it is a process.

i) The word “**Recover**” denotes a process. Do not give up on your healing just because it didn’t happen instantly.

- ii) “**Shall**” Denotes a future tense.
  - iii) Keep the switch of faith turned on. Keep exalting the truth above the facts and the truth will eventually win out.
  - iv) Example: Money Mayweather Jr a Boxer. Another example is a boxing fight by Mayweather Jr. Some of his fights were instant (knockouts) in the first three rounds, and other times they were all won in the later rounds. He has never lost, even if all of his fights were not instant knockouts.
  - v) Here is another good example: Cutting down a large tree with an axe doesn't happen by one swing. This is not done by one swing at the tree, no matter how strong you are. It will take multiple swings. It takes all the swings possible to drop that thing. One swing can't do it. In the same way, healing sometimes takes multiple swings such as every prayer, faith, obedience, confession of the truth, the renewing of our mind, the prayer of praise, reinforcement (agreement) and so forth. All the swings of the sword of the spirit that will eventually cut down the tree of sickness and disease, manifesting healing. Keep swinging the sword (axe) at that tree (Sickness). Keep exalting the truth over the facts.
- c) James 5:14-16 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 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. Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (Emphasis mine)
- i) Notice the word “shall” again. In context with healing the word, “Shall” is used a lot.
  - ii) Again this entire verse has a denotation that this is not something instant but gradual. So again we see that there is a gradual side to healing.

- d) Romans 4:18-21 (Abraham and Sarah) "Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."
- i) If you will never believe it until you see it, then you will never see it until you believe it. Believing is seeing. Seeing is not believing (John 12:28-30; 20:29)
  - ii) This verse also shows the gradual side of healing or breakthrough manifesting gradually or over some period. Not having a healing manifest instantly should not be a strange thing.
- e) John 4:50-53 "Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that *it was* at the **same hour**, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house."
- i) Notice the word "Same hour". It didn't say the same second or same minute. So we again see, a time or a process involved. Although this was quite close to instant, it still was a gradual manifestation of this healing.
- f) Mark 8:22-25 "And he cometh to Bethsaida: and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught. And he looked up, and said, **I see men as trees, walking**. After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: **and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.**"

- i) Do not accept your five senses evidence unless it agrees with God's word. Ignore them and believe the absolute, constant, and unfailing word of God. **Romans 3:4** "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ..." See also Romans 4:18-21.
- ii) Notice I did not say deny them but ignore them for the greater truth of God's word. **Exalt God's report over the doctor's report of death and defeat. Exalt what God says over the banker, physician, lawyer, etc.—all areas of your life.** It is not deception to state God's word as the truth over any facts or what the doctor says or what your physical body is speaking to you.
- iii) There is an enormous difference between "the truth" and a "fact". What God says is the absolute truth and what your doctor says is a fact subject to change. Every fact is subject to the truth of God's word. Faith is exalting the truth, while not denying the facts. Faith is saying God's word is truth and I will believe it over anything that's contrary to it.
  - Every fact must yield to the greater fact of God's word. If a fact doesn't yield to God's word, it should be trashed.
- iv) Many times, we are willing to see other things play out gradually, but seldom are we willing to allow the same gradual process to take its course in healing.
  - A gradual healing to me is comparable to cooking by the oven than by the microwave. Life its self is not instantaneous. It is not a microwave. It is a gradual process.
- v) Another point I want to make is that although some people might believe they are at a place of receiving instantly, few are. Their result usually speaks of where they were. The good thing is God will meet people where they are.

## B. Instantaneous healings or breakthroughs

Although we usually see people receive instantaneously in the area of healing, it doesn't seem to be the same in other areas. Life simply suggests or teaches otherwise. It takes time to get to your destination. This is not to say that instantaneous is not good. God still works miracles and we can receive instantaneously or gradually as we desire and release our faith for.

- a) Matthew 12:13
- b) Luke 5:12-13
- c) Luke 8:47

God wants to work in our lives supernaturally but will only do that to the degree we let Him (Ephesians 3:20). I believe when it comes to healing, deliverance, instantaneous is God's best but few are able to receive God's best and it seems clear to me that many receive gradually than instantly. I do not think this is true in other areas like prosperity, maturity, financial increase, ministry and so forth.

Therefore, we should not despair if we do not receive instantly. We must remain in faith because we can and will receive gradually. Keep believing and do not quit, even if the manifestation has taken some time to manifest. The truth is that you were already healed (Isaiah 53:4-5). Continue believing to manifestation.

I understand that there are factors that determine how fast a person's healing manifest:

- a) The degree of Damage. Some sicknesses or diseases are wasting diseases that have already destroyed certain vital parts. When the healing power of God is released, it will destroy and kill the virus, germs, bacteria or fungi but then the body has to recover or heal naturally the way God created it to heal. (This doesn't mean it can't happen instantly. Example of Lazarus raised from the dead in John 11)
- b) What a person is believing for. Some people do not care how, but only care that they are healed. Such will get what they are believing for. Each person will receive according to his own faith (Matthew 9:29).
- c) Knowledge of God's word and mind-renewing (Romans 12:1-2)
- d) Standing on God's word and not being influenced by symptoms.

## Conclusion

There are lots of positives in either the instantaneous or gradual manifestation process of our healings. But one thing I have realized is that those who experience the gradual process mature more than those who experience the instantaneous. The gradual process does not produce but works out and exercises patience in them (James 1:3). They learn to fight, resist the devil and to hold on until the very end (this is not to say that none ever give up). They indeed get to exercise their patience muscles. Those who experience the gradual manifestation are compelled to continually believe and stand on God's word till the end. To them, it becomes even more evident at the end that delay is not denial. They are much more matured and stable believers because of the gradual process. They develop what I call **"a thick skin"** and are not easily troubled by any sort of challenge.

Whatever you are going through is common unto men. It is not a new thing. Cheer up and stand firm and fight, resist the devil till he flees (James 4:7).