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- Healing & the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is the reversal of everything that went wrong with the world when sin entered the world.
- Jesus & healing (John 5:19-20; Phil 2; Jn 14)
- Healing & the atonement (Mt 8; Isaiah 53)
- Healing & the enemy (enemy kills, steals, and destroys) (Lk 11:21-22; strong man. Context: Prayer; Persistence; Holy Spirit; Power)

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- James 5:13-16. "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well."
- Matthew 10:1, 7-8
- Once we understand a theology of healing, then we have to elevate our experience to live up to our beliefs. Our natural tendency is to water down our theology to the level of our experience. (Not pressure; gifts at Christmas)

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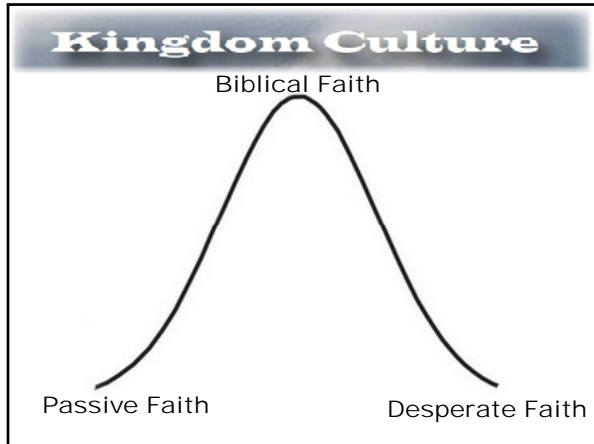
- Second, faith is critically important to healing. (2x Jesus is amazed)
- Matthew 17 Jesus disciples couldn't drive out a demon. They ask why. Jesus says, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (v.20-21)

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- Matthew 10:1,7-8. Gives them authority to drive out demons and heal the sick. "As you go, preach this message: 'The Kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons."
- Mark 3:13-15 – calls 12, gives them authority to preach and drive out demons. Mark 6 – preach, drive out demons and heal the sick.

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- Could it be that there are different categories and levels of faith? (1. Forgiveness or salvation; 2. Deliverance, freedom. 3. Healing. e.g., scale of 1-10; drive out demons – absolutely certain; pray for sick, "I know God can.") (heal the sick; creative miracles and raise the dead)
- We have to develop Biblical faith.



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- Third, sin blocks the flow of God, confession opens the pathway to God’s healing. We have to confess our sins.
- James 5:14-16, “Is any 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 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.”

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- There are three sins, in particular, worth mentioning that block healing: bitterness, blame, and pride/self-hatred. (healing conference – who’s fault is it?)
- John 5:1-15. Do you want to get well?



