



## Walking Testimonies of Healing Power

*The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking around, and those who had been blind could see again! And they praised the God of Israel.*

*Matthew 15:31 (NLT)*

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**Prayer Focus:** Imagine the scene. Jesus has climbed a hill to sit down for a moment, only to be swarmed by a vast crowd of people desperate for healing. They streamed toward Him, carrying the lame, leading the blind, and clearing the way for people with multiple physical difficulties. Matthew records very simply that “he healed them all.” No one left disappointed; no one was told to come back at a more convenient time. Jesus healed them all, instantaneously. The scene that followed had to be pandemonium as people ran and jumped with newfound strength in their legs. Those who had never been able to form a word were now shouting praises to God! Many of the previously blind were now joyfully taking in the sight of the beautiful faces of their loved ones. Only Jesus could produce such a scene of exhilarating joy! As a result, people knew that Jesus, as the God of Israel, was truly their God. When Jesus is truly present in our lives and churches, the resulting stories of those who are restored and given new life should bear witness to the glory of Jesus! We need to be walking testimonies of Jesus’ healing power to a lost world.

**Day 1:** Worship God as always loving and never changing.

**Day 2:** Give praise to Jesus for the ways He has healed you.

**Day 3:** Repent of times you have held back in giving Jesus all praise, honor, and glory to His name.

**Day 4:** Ask the Lord for boldness to tell your story of salvation and healing through Jesus Christ.

**Day 5:** Pray that Jesus will demonstrate His power through the Church so that people will be drawn to Him.

**Day 6:** Pray that pastors will boldly proclaim the name of Jesus and point people toward Him as their only hope.

**Day 7:** Pray that believers in your community will freely share powerful testimonies of the miraculous work of Christ.

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## Jesus Christ as Our Healer

**J**esus stunned the world with His healing power. Granted, people were amazed by His teaching and intrigued by His claims to be the Son of God. They watched with curiosity when He challenged the religious system of the day. But they were absolutely awestruck and changed forever by His compassionate healing touch.

Many times in the Gospels, it is recorded that Jesus healed every person, every disease, and every demonic stronghold that was presented to Him. Matthew relates that as Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching and preaching about the Good News of the Kingdom, He authenticated His claims through the power of healing:

...And he healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease. News about him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that the sick were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were epileptics, or were paralyzed—he healed them all. Large crowds followed him wherever he went... (Matthew 4:23-25, NLT).

The Gospels do not record times when Jesus looked upon the sick and told them that they should live with their illnesses. His heart of compassion always overtook Him, and the result was that multitudes of people were set free and restored in an instant.

The only time it seems that Jesus was hindered in His healing was in his hometown of Nazareth. Those who knew Him were offended by Him, and as a result He healed only a few of the sick. Their unbelief restricted the unleashing of mighty miracles (Mark 6:1-6).

It is obvious in reading through Scripture that Jesus' heart was for all people to be healed. Jesus' authority and power to heal went unchallenged by even the most dramatic and seemingly hopeless situations. If a leper needed to have his skin and body completely restored—no problem. The fact that Lazarus had been dead for several days was not an issue for Jesus when it came time to call him forth from the dead. Even those tormented by demons, with supernatural strength to break chains and terrify people, found instant freedom through Jesus' healing touch.

As you pray through Jesus Christ as Our Healer, invite the Lord to instill in you a renewed faith that fully embraces His power to heal and restore. Perhaps we need a refreshing of our belief!

## Transformation: Jesus in Our Midst

As we pray about transformation, we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

### A transformed community is:

- A neighborhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

### Community transformation is indicated when:

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God. (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9).
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31).
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state (Leviticus 26:4-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31).
- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty. (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13).
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20).
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community
- (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18).
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4).
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15).
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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