

Good Morning Friend,

Do you believe in healing?

Do you believe that God is able to heal?

Assuming that you say “yes” to both questions, I have another question about His ministry of healing. Here it is. How does God heal? That is . . . what is His method of healing?

As a student of the Scriptures, let’s ask the Bible . . . How does God heal people? As I thumb through the Bible, I look for answers. Here is a part of what I have discovered.

1. A visit to the river. The account is found in II Kings 5. God told Naaman, who was afflicted with leprosy, to dip himself into the river Jordan seven times. Indeed he was healed.
2. The use of mud. Jesus made mud balls and put them on the eyelids of the boy born blind. The story is told in John 9. He was healed.
3. A touch of Jesus’ robe. Matthew 9 speaks of the woman with a serious blood disease who had been ill for many years. She simply touched the hem of Jesus’ garment and the Bible says . . . *the woman was healed from that moment* (9:22).

These are three instances of God healing sick individuals. We could jump to a conclusion and say that God heals through the process of jumping into a river, placing mud on the body, or touching the garment of Jesus. At least that was the method that God used in these three incidents. But we have only one illustration of each method. So evidently God wasn’t confined to any one method.

Many years ago, while I was a student at Trinity College in Chicago, our President, Dr. T.B. Madsen, was involved in a life-threatening accident. He was hospitalized for a long time with a lot of physical injuries. On the first day back to school, he spoke in chapel. He began his message by saying, “God has healed me.” As a young Christian, I was stunned by his comment. I knew that he had been through a bad accident. He had sustained lots of injuries. The healing process involved surgeries and drugs. Yet he said “God has healed me.” I thought the surgeries and the drugs had healed him. I learned something that day. God had healed our president.

A couple weeks ago, I celebrated the tenth anniversary of my life-threatening accident on January 22, 1999. I was given a two per cent survival probability. But . . . thank God, after eleven weeks I was released from the hospital. Lots of surgeries, lots of drugs, lots of therapy but . . . I was alive. I was healed. I was doing well.

I return to the pivotal question that I asked at the top of this page. . . HOW DOES GOD HEAL? . . . WHAT IS GOD’S METHOD OF HEALING?

- In the Scriptures, stated above, we observed that once He used dipping into the River Jordan. Another time he used mud balls. On another occasion, He used the woman’s touch of His garment.
- In the areas of physical need, He used (and uses) drugs, surgeries, and rehabilitation
- We also noted that he still uses care as a healing agent . . . sometimes clinical care and sometimes pastoral care.

So let's put it all together. . .He has used a variety of methods: The river Jordan; Mud balls; a touch; Surgery or no surgery; drugs or no drugs; clinical care, pastoral care or other care. Sometimes He uses you in the life of another. Or me in the life of another. Sometimes He uses someone else.

Here's the most important truth to remember . . . **GOD IS THE HEALER.** He might use a variety of methods. He might use nothing at all to convince us that **HE**, that's right, **HE ALONE IS THE HEALER.** May we forever praise Him for His sovereignty, His wisdom, His power, and His love.

Be encouraged,

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