



Introduction

This is a story about a journey. This journey is not like the other journeys in my life that I choose to go on by the decisions I conscientiously made. This journey is different. This journey was not chosen by the people who went on it. This journey is not the kind of journey that a person would ever willingly choose to take. In the beginning, I never would have chosen this journey, but now I cannot imagine my life without having traveled it. This journey has taught me things I might have missed altogether, such as; experiencing a depth of love I had never known before, discovering a way to find hope in the most desperate, darkest hours of need, obtaining an unshakeable faith, and securing a place of peace that this world has no access to! Now, I am most thankful for this journey. I feel extremely, abundantly, blessed to have been chosen to take this journey.

This journey began when my son and daughter-in-love received a doctor's report confirming that something was wrong with their unborn son. A virus had crossed the blood barrier and attacked my grandson's brain development, causing severe health impairments. We soon found out that our precious baby boy was going to need much more than just a healing; he was going to need a miracle! So the journey began. A journey in the pursuit

of the supernatural. A journey in the pursuit of the miraculous. A journey in the pursuit of Jesus, for that is where supernatural miracles come from!

Before we get into the details of the journey, I would like to share some biblical truths concerning healings and miracles. This is by no means an exhaustive teaching on healings and miracles. To cover the entire subject effectively would require an entire book of its own. However, there are a few biblical truths that I believe are significant factors in understanding how a person receives a healing or a miracle. First, in order to receive healings and miracles I believe it is extremely imperative to understand where sickness and disease come from. Unfortunately, many people believe that God ‘makes’ people sick in order to gain some kind of glory out of it. Others believe that God ‘lets’ people get a sickness or disease in order to teach them a lesson. These beliefs are both contrary to the word of God because sickness and diseases do not come from God; sickness and diseases come from sin, the fall of man, and the curse of the law.

Genesis 2:16-17—And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shall die.

Deuteronomy 28:15, 21-61—But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, (21-61 briefly

paraphrased) panic, anxiety, plagues, pestilence, lung disease , fever, inflammation, arthritis, infections, illnesses, and injuries, boils, tumors, insanity, dementia, depression, schizophrenia, hysteria, blindness, bewilderment in your mind and memory, weak knees, weak legs, skin diseases, and every plague and every sickness that is not written in the book of this law will come upon you.

Healings and miracles come from God; from the redemptive works of Jesus which were finalized on the Cross of Calvary! Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law and the fall of man, where sickness and diseases originated.

Galatians 3:13—Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.

Isaiah 53:5—but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24—who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

The next biblical truth that is significant in receiving healings and miracles is to know who God is. God is the creator, not the destroyer: Genesis 1: 27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Was God sick? Did God have cancer? Did God have heart disease? High blood pressure? Arthritis? Was God blind? Deaf? Did God

have a mental illness? No, and we were not created to be that way either. God did not create mankind only to destroy us by sickness and disease. I can most closely relate to this when I think about my children. I did not give birth to my children only to destroy them in some way. I would not ‘make’ one of my children drink poison and then take care of him in order to gain the praise of other people. I would not ‘let’ one of my children run with a sharp knife to teach him the lesson that running with a sharp knife is dangerous. God, in no wise, treats his children this way either. No, our heavenly Father made provisions to deliver us from sickness and diseases through the gifts of healings and the working of miracles.

In 1 John 1:5, John does a beautiful job describing who God is: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. Then, in James 1:17 we learn that: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to heal every manner of sickness and disease. Acts 10:38 records: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. This scripture confirms where sickness and disease comes from: the devil, the enemy of your soul!

Many people are deceived by the enemy into thinking that God ‘let’ sickness and disease attack their children, their loved ones, and even their self. The danger in that deceitful lie is that then people begin being angry with God and asking, “God, why are you letting this happen?”

You're God, why won't you do something?" I believe it is a difficult task to receive healings and miracles from someone you are angry with, someone you might even hate, someone you believe is responsible for your pain, heartbreak, and brokenness. That is why it is so important to know who God is. He is the creator of life, and God sent his Son, Jesus, so that we might have life and life more abundantly! (John 10:10). What is abundant about sickness and disease? God simply is not two different people: he does not plague people with sickness and diseases and then send his Son to heal people of the sicknesses and diseases that he put on them.

The final biblical truth that I will address in this book concerning receiving healings and miracles is the truth of who your enemy is. Your enemy is not God! God did not make your child sick. God did not make your loved one sick. God did not make you sick. God does not make people sick. The enemy does that. Jesus described our enemy this way, "The thief comes to steal, kill, and to destroy (John 10:10). Peter described our enemy this way, "your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Moses described our enemy this way, "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field" (Genesis 3:1). The enemy comes to destroy our health, our children, our families, our lives, and then he subtly convinces us that it is God's fault so that we will turn away from the only hope we have of receiving our healing or our miracle! It is imperative that you know who your enemy is and how your enemy operates so you will not be led away from the truth. The truth that the enemy is the one who brings

sickness and disease and God is the one who gives the gift of healings and miracles.

Jesus said this about the devil, “he was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44 NIV). The devil will try many different lies to hold people captive to sickness and diseases. The devil will tell you that you are being punished. That it must not be God’s will for you to be healed or you would be. That everyone has to die of something; it just must be God’s plan. The devil will also continually blame God for the sickness or disease by posing subtle accusations such as; “why does God let that happen to innocent children? How can a loving God let your child suffer? God could do something if he wanted to!” You must know who God is and you must know who your enemy is so you will not be deceived by the devil’s lies!

I am thankful that I learned these biblical truths before this journey began. Knowing these truths is what will bring the much-needed healings and miracles to my children, to my family, and to my grandson! I would not want to travel this wonderful journey without knowing the truth of God’s word, God’s plan, God’s nature, God’s Son, and God’s promises! Now, on to the journey.

Day 1



The Day the News Came

*But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty,
and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer,
but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed...James 1:25*

It was August 14, 2017, the first day of the new school year. It was a busy day as every first day of school is. I was in my office when I got the call. I was expecting the call from my daughter-in-love with an update on her six-month routine checkup. However, I was not expecting what she told me, “Something is wrong with the baby; they are sending me to the hospital.” I quickly responded, “What? Why do they think something is wrong with the baby?” She proceeded to tell me that she had not been feeling him move as much lately, so she mentioned it to her doctor. Her doctor then decided to do an ultrasound to see if there might be something going on. There was. Her doctor wasted no time and immediately sent my daughter-in-love to the hospital for further tests.

Without even consciously thinking I stood up from my desk and started praying over the phone, “I bind the spirit of fear in the name of Jesus. Devil, you take your hands off my grandson right now. I pray for peace and comfort to come over my daughter.” I then told my principal I had to leave, and I drove home. By this time, my son had left work and met my husband and me at our house, and we all drove the 45 minutes to the hospital together. During the drive, we were all in agreement that no matter what evil report was trying to invade our lives, we would believe the report of the Lord. We would believe for divine healing for whatever it was that my unborn grandson needed healing for.

My daughter-in-love was dismissed from the hospital that evening after being scheduled for a series of additional tests the following week at a different hospital which was more equipped to run advanced ultrasounds and MRI’s. Outside of the hospital we all stood together on the sidewalk and declared a prayer of agreement. We all held hands and agreed that we would not accept anything other than health, wholeness, and healing for this unborn child that we all loved so much already.

I believed in our prayer of agreement, and I believe my children did also. But I did not know what was ahead of us, nor did they. I did not understand or even imagine what this

journey would entail. I thought this trial was about praying for the faith it would take to receive a miracle.

But if I could pray again...

Oh, Heavenly Father, I ask that you set my children's hearts on Romans 12:12 and give them the revelation of rejoicing in hope, being patient in tribulation, and continuing instant in prayer. Reveal to their hearts and minds the promise of Romans 5:2-4: that by faith, they can have peace with you through this situation. Help my children rejoice in their hope which is in Jesus and through his grace, so they can glory in this tribulation, which will work patience, patience will work experience, experience will work hope, and by their hope, the love of God will be shed aboard in their hearts by the Holy Ghost. Lord, I ask that you fill them with all joy and peace in believing, that they may never lose their hope through the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13). I speak Hebrews 10:36 into their spirits right now, that they may feast everyday on knowing that they have need of patience continually and that after they have done the will of God by standing by faith, they will receive the promise. As quickly as my children entered this trial; they will want this trial to end. Help them, Lord, to comprehend James 1:2-3 and be able to truly count it all joy for falling into this trial; knowing that the trying of their faith will work the patience they will need for the road ahead. That when patience has her perfect work, my children will be made perfect and entire, wanting nothing because they will have, by being patient, received the promise! Finally, Father, I ask in the name of Jesus, that you strengthen my children with all might, according to your glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness so that they are able to endure this journey with gladness (Colossians 1:11). Amen.