

Thursday 5th November Andrew Baddeley I Am the Lord Who Heals you!

Good morning, everyone. Welcome Thursday's devotion. I hope you're all doing well today. It's the start of lockdown but praise God, God's on the throne and we worship Him and we lift up His name this morning.

And this morning, I want to talk to you about a subject that is very dear to my heart. Good morning Paul, I'm glad you're watching this morning. And basically, I was going to speak on something else today and I woke up early this morning and the Holy Spirit really put it on my heart to press into this subject that I want to talk to you about, and that's healing.

So just a bit of a background of myself and I just want to confess this morning, I was going to be really open with you today and say that it's been a source of frustration for me recently as Helen, my wife, has been unwell recently. And, really wanting to see some breakthrough of healing in her body is something that keeps coming back. And I really want to see the breakthrough of God's Spirit coming and bringing healing in our lives and other people at home to get alongside and pray for and try and see a breakthrough in healing. And I felt the Lord really stir me these last few days and say no, it's time, you've got to keep pressing into this. Don't let go of God's healing presence around you. So this is why I want to bring this today. And I really feel I want to inspire confidence in you. Because I think we've all had the teaching, we all know what we're doing. Hopefully, we all know that God is our healer. And I want to inspire us to be confident to run after Him again and to press into His heart.

I feel a lot is really stirring me this morning, so come on, let's press in. For me as a young Christian, I remember being stirred by people like Mahesh Chavda. He wrote this book called 'Only love can make a miracle'. And I was really stirred. You know, as a 20 year old, 21 year old reading that book and seeing God that is so real that He is moving through men and women on this earth, to bring healing, to bring his spirit and bring life and bring healing in bodies. And I was just so moved by those stories. And then reading stories of John G Lake and how he started the healing rooms in America and went all around the world, just releasing and inspiring people to press into healing, the gift of healing in the church, and for myself, I have prayed through for many people to be healed.

But I guess in the last 15 years, particularly going on mission with Janice and good morning Paul again and with Paul Skelton, and really inspired by these guys who have inspired me and seen some amazing healings breakthrough. One particular healing in Uganda, we were on a crusade, preaching the gospel every evening, really, really exciting stuff. And this little girl, she came up to us on the first day, and she had a foot that was turned at a right angle. She didn't have any shoes. So we went to buy some shoes. Obviously we prayed for her, not really seeing any breakthrough and every night, she kept coming back to us. And I think it got to the fifth night that we were doing the crusade and we prayed for her again. And she came back with this huge joy in her face and she was running up to us. And her feet were completely straight. God healed her; God did a massive miracle in her feet. And we were able to put shoes on her feet. And for me, I'll never forget that story of this young girl of about eight or nine, who was completely restored. And God did a complete miracle in her foot on that day, and many miracles in the nations where people have got their voice back where they got their hearing restored, legs been straightened. I remember a time at Lox Lane with Paul and just seeing someone's leg grow miraculously.

You know, there are so many stories of healings that have inspired us and I'm sure you've got many stories as well that you can share with us. And sometimes when we go through times of the valley where we're not seeing God move so much in healing, it's easy to forget the miracles. It's easy to forget what God has done through us and through other people and through the church. But I just feel the Holy Spirit wanting to say just remind yourself of these miracles, remind yourself that I am the Lord who heals you. I am the miracle worker.

We were singing at Lox Lane last night, we had this worship around the fire time, fantastic time of worship. And we were just proclaiming claiming that He is a miracle worker, He is the miracle working God. And for

each of us today, if you're suffering with sickness in your body, or you're praying for someone, or really pressing in, let's decree this together, let's join together as the family of God, as the wider Body of Christ. And let's proclaim and decree that He is our healer and He is the miracle working God. And I really believe that we're going to enter into a time, particularly in our nation, where if you've seen the healings in the nations, that God is going to bring this and manifest this in our nation, and around us today. So I just encourage you press into these things, press into the heart of God, for healing today, and it's so easy to put it down, isn't it and I'm confessing this morning, I've gone through a season where I haven't picked it up as much as I have done in the past. So I encourage you today, pick it up.

So I want to read just one verse here. In Acts chapter 10, verse 38, Jesus says, this is what is written about Jesus, he says, 'How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, with the Holy Spirit, and power, and how he went around doing good, and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him'. And it's amazing, isn't it, I often come back to the Scripture, and just remind myself of the fact that Jesus went around doing good, the power of God was upon Him, and He healed all who were under the power of the devil because God was with Him. What an amazing model we have, you know, Jesus modelled mission, He did what he saw the Father doing. And He modelled what it was to follow the heart of God.

But then listen to this scripture, where it says, 'The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in you'. So what does that mean? So that means that the anointing that was on Jesus is living in you, the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, is living in you today. So that means we've got access, we've got access to this anointing, the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You know, it says, to eagerly desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and one of those gifts is healing. Now, ask him, eagerly get on your knees before Him and say, God, I need this gift of healing. We want the gift of healing in the church to manifest. You know, we want more anointing of the Holy Spirit, pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. You've been filled with the Holy Spirit so pray for His anointing to increase, that we may stand together and see a breakthrough in the power of healing in our midst.

And I believe as we stand together more and more and increasingly press into this, we will see the dead raised, we will see the lame walk, we will see the things that we know that have been promised to us and we've been proclaiming and preaching. We've been having so much teaching on this. But I believe this is the hour where God wants to inspire confidence in us to press in again. We know that when Jesus died on the cross that He conquered sin and death, the three words He spoke, He said, 'It is finished'. He has finished the work, it's a done deal. It's not something that we have to plead God for. We stand in confidence, as we know, in our declaration, as Jesus modelled, be healed in the name of Jesus. So it's quite straightforward, isn't it? So we can run into Him this morning in confidence. Proverbs 18, verse 10, says, 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and are safe'. And then in the passion translation, it says, 'The character of God is a tower of strength for the lovers of God to run into His heart and be exalted on high.

Now, the reason I wanted to read that this morning is that if you look at who God is, the very character of Him; if we know someone's character, we feel it's like a sense of strength, isn't it of well being that we can trust them, that we know that actually their character is strong, and with the Lord, His name is, let me just read out what it says about Him: 'Jehovah Jireh, The Lord is my provider. We know that He's our provider so we run into Him, into the name of the Lord because He is our provider. He is Jehovah Shalom, The Lord is our peace. Jehovah Rohi, The Lord is our shepherd; I spoke about that on Monday and Jehovah Rophe, The Lord is our healer. And in Exodus chapter 15, it says, 'I am The Lord who heals you'. So this morning, we can run into the name of the Lord. Because as you run into the name of the Lord, you know that you are safe. He is a strong tower, He is our healing and our refuge, we can run into His name, at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow. And as you pray for people, as you declare healing over people, we can declare that in the name of Jesus, you will be healed.

So this morning, and I'm already running out of time, but I really feel I just want to inspire confidence in you to press into healing again, remind yourself of the words of God, remind yourself of what God has done on the cross for us, remind yourself of what it is to stand in confidence, to proclaim healing over our brothers

and sisters, over yourself. So maybe this morning that you need healing in your body, you know, you're waking up and you're thinking, God, I need a touch of healing again, why don't we just do some praying together now?

Why don't we just spend the next couple of minutes and just ask God to fill us again, with the power of His Holy Spirit to inspire us again, to press into healing again, to press into praying for one another, to press into, to seeing breakthrough again. So if you've got sickness in your body, why don't you just put your hand on that part of your body this morning, and we're going to do two things. We're going to pray for you, I'm going to pray for you. But we're going to ask God to renew our hearts and renew our spirit, renew our faith to press into this again.

So Father, we just want to say thank you, God, that you died on the cross, that we can press into this this morning, we can press in and see the sick healed. Lord, you said to go into all the world, and make disciples of all nations, and that we would lay hands on the sick, and they would be healed. And Father, we just want to take hold of that this morning. And if any of us are sick today, Lord, I just want to pray for your healing anointing just to come upon us afresh, that you would just come in the name of Jesus. I just felt this morning, particularly someone who's got this really bad throat issue, got either a very severe sore throat or suffering in the throat. I just pray in the name of Jesus, I speak healing over you, I say, be healed, and be set free this morning from this pain. Anyone with back pain this morning, we say be healed, and be released from this pain this morning. And any vertebrae issues, I just say be healed, and be set free from this.

And so Father, I just pray for your Holy Spirit to come. Your healing anointing to be poured over us this morning afresh. Lord, I pray that you would inspire us for God to press in for healing in this time. Lord God, I pray, I pray for testimonies to rise up this morning I pray for a new wave of your Holy Spirit to come and inspire us in Jesus' name. So we welcome you Holy Spirit. We welcome you, we welcome the power of healing to rise upon us afresh today. In the name of Jesus, come Lord God, come Lord God, fill us again, fill us again with the power of your Holy Spirit. Fill us again, oh God, we have a new confidence to run after you, to run into the Lord, who is our strong tower. Ho! come Lord Jesus, fill us, again, we pray, fill us again as we start this day, Lord God, let us press into this again in a new way. So God bless you. Have a great day. And let's share our testimonies with one another with what God's doing. Amen.



Transcribed by <https://otter.ai> Ed Perrys