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GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Good morning.

HS: Hello friends. We are so happy that you are here with us today. The Bible says that all things are possible for the one who believes. Is this a church of believers? (AUDIENCE – yes) Yes! Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord. Thank you for being here. You are so loved.

BS: Today's going to be a special day. We're talking more about the gifts of the Spirit, and today in particular, we're going to be talking about healing and faith. And so my belief is that some of you are actually just going to leave here healed this morning just from hearing the word of God. And we want to know that that healing and remember that healing comes by God's word and through God's spirit.

And so one of the best things we can do if we want to see that happen in a church like this is to engage in the Spirit; to invite the Holy Spirit into the church. Amen? To lift up the name of Jesus. Wherever the presence of Jesus Christ is, there can be no sin, there can be no sickness, there can be no death. He's here to bring life. He's here to bring healing. He's here to restore you. Is that right? (HANNAH – yes) So we want to invite the Holy Spirit into the house this morning to receive the good gifts that He has to offer us. So let's pray. Lord, we just come to you in the strong name of Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords. We thank you, God that He has forgiven us of our sins. And in fact, we just repent now, and we say, please forgive us of anything we know and don't know. Just wipe it all clean.

And thank you, Lord, that we are coming before you, precious in your sight, favored and loved by you. And we come with open hearts. Our hearts are not hardened. We soften them this morning to receive all good gifts that come from you, and it's in the strong name of Jesus, all God's people said, amen.

HAVEN: Turn to the person next to you and say, God loves you and so do I.

SCRIPTURE – 1. Korinther 12,1-11 – Hannah Schuller

Would you open your Bibles with me to Mark 11:22-25. Let's read one of the most thrilling verses in the Bible this morning, Mark 11:22-25.

Have faith in God, Jesus answered. Truly, I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, go throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in their heart, but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Thank you, Lord.

DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

Let's stand together. We're going to say this creed together from our hearts. It's so easy to harden your heart. Life is hard. Jesus talks about the heart that's like the road. You know what a road is in Israel and Palestine in those days? It was a place that got walked on a lot. Some of you have been walked on this week. Some of you have been trotted underfoot, but not by the Lord. So we're going to loosen our hearts, amen, and open them to the things of the Spirit. So we'll do that now and remember that what we're about to say is true for you. It was not true in your first birth. It's true in your second birth through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We who are in rebellion against God, who are dead in our sin, were brought to life the beloved sons and daughters of God. Isn't that great? And so all of this is true for you. Hold your hands like this with me. Let's say this together: I'm not what I do. I'm not what I have. I'm not what people say about me. I am the beloved of God. It's who I am. No one can take it from me. I don't have to worry, I don't have to hurry, I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love with my neighbor.

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All right. We're going through the spiritual gifts today, and if you're watching at home or on YouTube or you're here in the church and you want the simple list of gifts, there's 15 that are mentioned in the Bible, we'd like to send that to you for free. And it's easy to remember, just email us at free@hourofpower.org, okay? Dot org. I always forget if it's org or com. It's org and we will send you the list, okay? And it's just a simple way that you can use in your Bible study group.

Today we're talking about the gifts of power. The gifts of power. These are three gifts, and the reason we group them together is they oftentimes happen at the same time. The gifts of power are healing, miracles and faith. Healing, miracles and faith. Who knows these gifts are for today. Who knows that one of the best ways that the good news of Jesus Christ can be spread around the world is through healing, miracles and faith. Who knows that Jesus hasn't just conquered sin, but He's conquered the results of sin, which is, what, sickness.

And He has given us power, I know this sounds weird, but in our hands, to heal the sick. And if you don't understand that, that's okay. Most Christians don't. We're going to learn today, okay? And we're going to put it into practice.

Mark 16, the gospel of Mark, which is really the Gospel of Peter written down by John Mark, because John Mark was a rich, erudite, educated guy, and Peter was a fisherman. So Mark wrote it, Peter told it, and it ends with this great commission, and the last bit of Mark 16, the last bit of the whole book says, "These signs shall accompany those who believe." These signs shall accompany those who believe. These signs shall accompany those who believe. Do you believe?

Then it says "if you believe, you will cast out demons, you will speak in other tongues. If snakes bite you or if you accidentally drink deadly poison," which is something we don't worry about as much today. But if that happens to you when you're traveling in the Roman world or whatever, it won't even hurt you at all. And the last one, he says, "and they shall lay hands on the sick, and they will, they will, they will get well." So notice how he doesn't say they'll pray for the sick. It says they'll lay hands on the sick and they will get well.

You've heard me talk about this trip to Thailand I took when I was a 16-year-old where I keep referencing it because I've never since and never before had seen so many gifts in operation so regularly, like every day. One of the ones that really stands out to me, we used to go out in these groups called mags, so it would be two teenagers and like an adult. And the adult that was in our group had come from a church that was a faith-filled church. She was a missionary and she went around listening to the spirit and she was pretty wild, to be honest with you. And we went to this marketplace, there was a father and a son and the son couldn't walk; no wheelchair. Thailand has changed a lot since; this is in the early 90's, but he couldn't walk and so he would sell wares like from his little thing, and then there was a bed 10/15 feet behind him.

So almost every day for him looked like scooching forward, selling his stuff and then scooching back to his bed, and he'd been like this for years. It was an adult man, young man, but maybe in his 20's, something like that. And we shared the gospel with them. The whole point of being in Thailand was to share the Word and the gospel of Jesus Christ. And then the man said, 'can you pray for my son? He hasn't walked in years.'

And I will never forget this. And I don't recommend this, by the way. I'm just telling you what happened, okay? Our leader, our fearless leader, what was her name? I think it was Rebecca. Our fearless leader looks at the father and the son, and said, 'God's going to heal you.' And she says this: 'If God doesn't heal you right now, when we pray for you, everything we said is a lie, and there is no God.' And I'm 16, right? And I'm not a theologian, but I'm like, I don't think the Bible says that. And so I'm, like, looking at her, I'm like, uh.. and right after, she goes, 'Lord, we just pray.' And as she says that, the second she touches him, he screams. Goes, (SCREAMS) like (SCREAMS). Like this weird scream. Stands up and there's like this marketplace. It's like a rectangle. I can see it perfectly in my mind even to this day. Begins to run around the market. And the whole market is like a stir. And we watch this guy run around and he's shouting something. And we don't know what's going on, because it's all in Thai, right? And we don't know what's going on. This had an impact on me. Is that okay? This had an impact on me. I've never forgotten it.

And not only did he and his father and many in that market come to faith, and we plugged them into the church, the local pastor was with us, but I noticed something. What did you notice about that prayer? Think about it. What's different about that prayer than the prayer we normally have for the sick? The first thing I'll tell you I notice is we didn't pray for him.

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She was about to. She goes, 'and Lord, we pray,' and then the second she touches him (BOOM), she didn't get the rest of the prayer out. It was the minute her hand touched him, okay? And I have witnessed many times that when there's an outpouring or a miracle, usually there's not enough time for prayer. The second the hand touches, (BAM), something happens.

Have you noticed, by the way, Jesus never prayed for the sick once in any gospel? Do you notice that? He never says Lord, I just pray for the.. Lord, I ask from heaven.. He prays all the time. You see Him go out and pray for hours. He prays, of course, the night before His crucifixion. He goes and spends time with the spirit, but when He heals the sick, He just heals them. He commands that they be healed. He doesn't ask, He doesn't beg, He doesn't even do it passionately, He just says 'be healed.' Is that right? Is that right, Hannah? Church, I need your help. (AUDIENCE – yes)

All right. That is right. You're thinking about it, aren't you? You've never realized that that Jesus never prays for the sick, He just heals them. Usually that's true with the apostles, too. "Silver and gold have I not. Rise up and walk." Where's the prayer? There is none. There's authority. There's a command, there's a declaration. And that command and that authority comes from belief, and the belief comes from this, the Bible, which is God's word to us. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

Okay, so what you see in Jesus is that He's always immersing Himself in the presence of the Father, immersing Himself in the power of the kingdom. Then He goes to the people and releases the power (BOOM). And then He goes back and He eats some more. He drinks some more of the Spirit. That's a model for us. Amen?

We need the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Church, declare this with me: We need the Holy Spirit and His gifts. If you don't want His gifts, you won't get it. If you're afraid of His gifts, you won't get them. God does not dominate, He does not take over. That's what demons do, that's what Satan does. It's a gift. Right? It's a gift. And to take a gift you have to receive it. There has to be two people. It takes two to tango, doesn't it?

Turn with me in your Bibles to John 14. We have to remember that all of these gifts come from who? Somebody say the Holy Spirit. (AUDIENCE – the Holy Spirit) These gifts always and only come from the Holy Spirit of God, who can only be administered to those who have trusted in Jesus Christ.

John, chapter 14, verse 12. We read this last week, but it's worth review. It says "very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works." Somebody say the works. (AUDIENCE – the works) The works are the miracles, the power, the prophesying. Right? The raising the dead. Okay. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing." That's astonishing. But what's even more astonishing is what He says after that. "And they will do even" somebody say greater things (AUDIENCE – greater things) "they will do greater things than these because I'm going to the Father and I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." You may ask. You may ask. "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." It's either true or it's not.

And let me ask you. So there's a first question I have on that. How will God accomplish this? How will God accomplish this? And the answer is in the Holy Spirit. Keep reading.

Verse 16. He says, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another." Now this word, where is it? Okay, this is NIV. That's a choice. I mean, it's a good choice, but this is hard. This word in Greek is paraclete. One of the weightiest, hardest words to translate in the scripture. Paraclete.

Let's read it in NIV and then we'll read again in the Amplified. "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another paraclete to help you and be with you forever. The Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows Him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

Okay, let's read it again in the Amplified. The Amplified is one of my favorite translations because it's uber literal, and then it adds in parentheses, Zondervan and the Lachman Foundation's unpacking of what the word really means. But they can't do it because it's too clunky, and I like that. So let's see it in the Amplified. "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper." Now, notice how big that parenthesis is. Do you see how hard it is for translators?

So here are the choices you have. When you're a scholar and you're in seminary and you have to translate this to your professor, or if you're working at a Bible institute and you have to translate this word paraclete, here are the choices that you have: comforter, advocate, intercessor, counselor, strengthener, standby, helper. All these things. Who here needs help? Then you need the Spirit. He's your helper. Who here needs some comfort sometimes? Then you need the Spirit. Who here needs an advocate to argue for you against the enemy, against Satan, who is the accuser?

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Then you need the Spirit. Who here needs counsel? Where do I go? What do I do? What job should I have? Who should I marry? Who should I be? Then you need the Spirit.

Who here needs some strength? Then you need what? (AUDIENCE – Spirit) What do you need? (AUDIENCE – the Spirit) And who here needs a standby? You know what a standby is? That's somebody.. it can either be an ambulance, that can be an investor, that's somebody who's ready to help you when an opportunity comes, or ready to help you in an emergency all the time. Who needs a standby? Even if you don't need it, who wants one? I want a stand by. I want one of those. This is who the Holy Spirit is. This is who the Holy Spirit is.

And the second thing we want to see that you can't see in English, but you see it in the Greek, the word in Greek for Spirit is pneuma. Now, in English, we only have two genders: masculine and feminine, but in Greek, there's three genders: masculine, feminine, and neuter. And the word Spirit is neuter. So you would say the Spirit - it. I will send you the Spirit and it. That's proper grammar. But Jesus purposefully doesn't say, I will send you the Spirit and it will help you. He speaks in poor grammar here. He says, I will send you the Spirit and what? (AUDIENCE – he) He will help you. He will help you.

This is the second thing we need to remember: the Holy Spirit is a person. It's a person. It's not an it, it's a person. A third member of the Trinity. It's a person. It's God.

Okay, so how will He accomplish greater things in review? Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of angel armies. Is that right? Don't forget that last bit. How will we do greater things for God? By being born of the Spirit, as John 14 says. By walking in the Spirit, as Galatians says. By thinking in the Spirit. Being spiritually minded, as the scripture says. Is that right? And the Spirit binds us together. And when He binds us together, we get leveraged power in the Spirit for faith. That's why it's important we gather. The great miracles usually happen in communities of faith where people are aligned, where the saints are aligned in the scripture. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) That's why you see it in church. That's why church is important. That's why being bound together is important.

And for all of you who are watching, I see all the time that people on YouTube and other places say, I wish I could go to that church. Isn't that cool? You're here, but many of you are watching say I wish I could go to that church. I live in another city. I live in another country. But we want you to know, all of us, from Shepherd's Grove to you, you are a part of this church. You are our brother. You are our sister. We pray for you. We think of you every week. We imagine you, even if you're watching this later in time, even if you're watching this 100 years after now, God is outside of time. Try not to overthink that, but it's true, that even now, we consider you a part of our church. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) That's right. We love you. And by the way, don't forget to subscribe. Do you love us? Okay. Just kidding.

So we're talking the gifts of power today. Last week, we talked about the gifts of revelation: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, and discerning of spirits. And if you're watching on YouTube, you can click on this video if you want to see that, okay?

But today are gifts of power, which are healing, miracles and faith. And they're grouped together for a reason. The foundation of miracles and healing is faith, so we'll start there.

Here's what faith means: faith is the supernatural belief that God's Word will come to pass. Okay? It's not just believing. It's not passion. It's not begging. It's not freaking out. Very often it's very calm. It's relaxed. Faith is relaxed. It's a supernatural belief that God's Word will come to pass. So a good father has relaxed children. They're not worried about eating. They're not worried about a roof over their head. Haven, you're not worried about that, are you? Not worried at all. She's relaxed. She has faith in dad, and she should. And we have faith in God, as we should, because we know His character and we know His Word. So faith is this foundation.

And faith is a result. Faith is a result of what? Of meditating on the Word. Now, I know I say this often, but it's worth repeating: faith doesn't come by prayer. Prayer is important. We pray every day. We pray to be with the Lord. We pray to fight in the Spirit, but faith does not come from prayer. Faith doesn't come from worship. Worship is how we silence the enemy. Worship is how we get sweet relief. Worship is how we take a piece of heaven and enjoy it now in the material, but that's not how we get faith, either.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing from what? (AUDIENCE – the Word of God) The Word. The Word. The Word. Faith comes from (AUDIENCE – the Word) the Word, the Word. And the Bible says that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

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Who here knows faith is a substance? It's a substance. It's a thing. And you can have more of it or less of it. You can have more faith or less faith. It's like fuel.

Who here knows petroleum is a substance? Some of you have more of it in your car, and some of you have less of it in your car. What do you do when you run out? (AUDIENCE – you fill it up) You fill it up. You go to the gas station. Who here knows food is a substance? Some of you got more in your belly, some of you got less. If you're hungry, what do you do? (AUDIENCE – fill it up) Right, you go to Dave's Hot Chicken down the street. It's good. Highly recommend.

If you need fuel, you refuel. If you need faith, you re-faith. If you need to re-faith, you read the Word and you stand on it, and you don't just read it, you meditate on it. You don't sit around asking, did God really say, is this really true? Believe it. And remember that faith in the Word is assumed to be in opposition to what is happening in the natural. Let me say that again: faith is often opposed to what is happening in the natural. If it's happening in the natural already, it's not faith, it's sight. So faith becomes sight, and when it becomes sight, there's no more faith anymore because you see it. Is that right? So faith means I see this, but I believe that. I see this, but I believe that. It's the absolute belief and trust that what God said is more true than what I see in the natural. It's not a denial of the natural. It's a rejection of the natural, and there's a difference. And we reject the natural by standing on the Word, and that bears fruit. You tracking with me so far? You seem like you are. We're going to keep going.

Here's another way of saying it: faith is, it is written. Doubt is, it looks like. And this is the mindset. When you see something, when you get a bad report, when you're on your knees, when you're crying, when you've had the worst day of your life, here's what faith says: it is written. And here's what fear says: it looks like. And these two are always in contention. And if you have faith, you will win, and if you have fear, you will lose. It's always true. It is written versus it looks like.

You get a bad report from the doctor. We love our doctors and we're grateful for the report. The doctor says something like, you got cancer. Your response can be, it is written or it looks like. A lot of people say, it looks like I'm going to die of cancer and I need to get my affairs in order, and this is really sad. Do Christians say that? (AUDIENCE – no) No! No! You shall live! Amen? Christians say, it is written. It is written. It is written! By His stripes we will eventually be healed? No, by His stripes we ARE healed.

The Bible says, you shall lay hands on the sick and they shall be made well. The Bible says no word from God can fail! You don't deny that there's cancer, but you reject the cancer. I reject it. I reject it. Satan wants you to have cancer. God doesn't want you to have cancer. Satan wants you to die. God wants you to live. And if you're full of the Spirit, you want that person to live, too, because you're a good person. Do we serve a good God? Amen. We do.

You lost your job. Somebody says, that's it. I'm not employable. All downhill. I'm going to lose everything. I'm going to lose my house. Is that what Christians say? No! Never! Christians say, it is written! My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory. My barn shall be filled to overflowing. This is an opportunity. God guides my path.

Many Christians hear a demonic voice that says, you're not really saved. Look at your life. You're not really saved. In fact one pastor friend of mine, he's got a lot of young men in his church that are struggling with pornography and they can't break free from that, and he's taught them, stop saying you're a sinner all the time. Start declaring, I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, which is what the scripture says. They go, I'm a sinner. Look at what I'm doing. So stop saying that. Start declaring, is it true or is it not true? (AUDIENCE – true) But they're pornographers. Is it true or not true? It's true. So they declare over their lives a new reality, even though they don't see it in the natural.

Are you saved? Are you saved, church? (AUDIENCE – yes) Amen. You are. So am I. You are not a sinner. You were a sinner, but not anymore. You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Is that right?

Turn with me in your Bibles to Romans, chapter four. Romans, chapter four. Verse seven. I'm just going to read one verse. "As it is written." Somebody say, it is written, (AUDIENCE – it is written) "he is our Father." He's talking about Abraham here. "As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations. He is our Father in the sight of God, in whom he believed. The God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not."

King James says it in a prettier way. It says that He calls things that be not as though they were. He calls things that be not as though they were. God names a 90-year-old man, Abraham, which means father of many nations, and he has no children. Is it true that he's the father of many nations?

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(AUDIENCE – yes) Yes, that's a good response. But in the natural it's not true. Notice how he has no kids, he's close to death, especially in a bronze age, but God says, no, you're not even close to death. You're not even close. And by the way, you're going to have so many kids it's going to outnumber the sands in the seashore.

And what did Abraham do? What did he do, Hannah? (HANNAH – believed God) Abraham believed God. And what did that do for him? The Bible says it made him righteous. Belief in God made Abraham righteous. He believed God. It was accredited to him as righteousness. Y'all are hearing me, I can tell. I can see the wheels turning. I'm breaking some chains in your life, I can tell. He calls Abraham a father of many nations, even though he's almost dead and has no children. He calls things that be not as though they were and they became true.

Jesus raised a girl from the dead. We talked about it a couple weeks ago. She's cold, her mouth is open, her eyes are gone, they've turned white, and He says, this girl is not dead. She's sleeping. Is that denial or rejection? He's rejecting it and He raises her from the dead.

Peter and the guys, they're fishing on one side of the boat. Can't catch anything all day. Jesus says, I know the problem. Just throw the nets on the other side of the boat. Now, I have been a fisherman my whole life. Can I tell you that whether your nets go on the left side of the boat or the right side of the boat, it's all the same ocean. Who knows fish can swim about four feet from one side to the other. And they're thinking to themselves, this dummy, what is he talking about, right? No, what do they do? They obey the Word even though it seems silly. They have so much fish, they don't know what to do with it. Can I keep going? I need more time. So it's not denial, it's rejection.

Okay, declare with me: I believe God's word. (AUDIENCE – I believe God's word) Church, I'm your pastor and I love you, but I need more conviction. I need you to open your heart, do not be hard-hearted. Don't be stiff-necked, and you're not. You're the beloved sons and daughters of God, full of faith. So open your heart and declare this with me. I believe God's word (AUDIENCE – I believe God's word) over what I see in the natural (AUDIENCE – over what I see in the natural). By His stripes, I am healed (AUDIENCE – by His stripes I am healed). By His hand, I have abundance (AUDIENCE – by His hand I have abundance). By His cross, I am saved (AUDIENCE – by His cross I am saved) in Jesus' name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus' name), amen (AUDIENCE – amen).

Again, just in review, the gift of faith is important. It is the faith that changes the world. It is our faith. It is our faith. Corrie ten Boom said, "If you have the faith, God has the power." And I remember I posted that on Twitter once and somebody says, what if I don't have the faith? Does God not have power anymore? And I didn't respond, but I thought, yeah, I mean, God has power. God has power. The car still has power, but you got to turn it on.

Here's what the scripture says. Bleeding woman who touched Jesus. Everybody else was touching Jesus, but she just touched the hem of His garment, and what did He say to her? Daughter, (AUDIENCE – your faith) who's faith? (AUDIENCE – your faith) Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free from your suffering.

You know what I want to do here again, I know we've just declared. Some of you are daughters, some of you are sons. So I want you to speak to yourself. Soul, speak to yourself. We're going to say this together. If you're a man, say son. If you're a woman, say daughter. We're going to say it to yourself. Let's declare this together. Ready? (AUDIENCE & BOBBY – Son, your faith has healed you.) Put the rest of it up there, sorry. Okay. We're going to do it again, ready? (AUDIENCE & BOBBY – Son, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free from your suffering.) Amen. Some of you just got healed. You're not even going to realize it until you get home. Your shoulder's not going to hurt anymore, and you're like, what happened? It must have been church.

Okay, so we talked about faith. Very quickly, we'll finish by talking about healing. We've kind of already talked about that, and miracles. Here's the difference between healing and miracles: healing is God supernaturally restoring health, often quickly over time. Now, this is very common in the church. This is like the 10 lepers that walked to the temple, and as they were going, over time, they were healed. Now, you can be healed naturally of leprosy, and it could take years, but in this case, it took about a day. Some of you, it might take a year. And some of you, you might have a disease that's not curable, and you don't get an absolute miracle in a moment, but over time, you see it improve, improve, improve, or it's getting worse and worse and worse. And this is what we mean by the gift of healing.

Sinae, can I tell your story? Is that okay? Sinae works for us here on the team. Just last Tuesday, we prayed for another person, Jamie, and I didn't ask if I could say this, so sorry, Jamie, if you're upset, but we prayed for Jamie.

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She has a cane and her hip hurts, and we prayed over her for healing, and then we asked her to do it. She sent me a text that now she can walk several steps without a cane, and her body's been improving. Isn't that great? Now, it doesn't look like she's 100% there, but she'd probably say she's 70% away there. That's healing, okay.

And then what was funny is Sinae said that while we were praying for her, she didn't raise her hand to ask to be prayed for, but her frozen shoulder got fixed. Isn't that right? Sinae, stand up, testify to the Lord. Is that right? Is your shoulder better? The Lord healed you. See? Thank you, Sinae. Amen. That's it. So this is real.

So those are small miracles, but they're healings. Okay. A miracle is something that happens instantaneously. Instantaneously, like something growing back or Jesus walking on water. It's an instantaneous, supernatural, visible transformation or manifestation. Again, if you want a list of these, we can email them to you or you can take a picture with your cell phone.

Now, there are people who have a gift of healing. All of us can lay hands on the sick and heal them, but some seem to have an extraordinary gift or a momentary gift for healing. And here is something that I've learned, and this is just something I believe, and I may be wrong, but my belief is people with the gift of healing are those who have done the work. Those who have done the work of what? Meditating. Not once a week at church. Day and night, as the scripture says. Can I tell you, Hannah has a gift of healing. She's not always had the gift of healing. Her healing is the result of the work. It is hard for me to keep up with her, and I'm a pastor. I do this for a living. And she's got kids to raise, and she's doing more than I am. Every morning, every night. You will not get away with complaining about any sickness or ailment in Hannah's presence without her stopping you, grabbing you by the arm, laying hands on you, and healing you. (HANNAH - I was miraculously healed, so I can't help it.) She said I was miraculously healed. I can't help it. Amen. But you have done the work. And not for a little time, for years. For years and years.

And so what happens is Hannah's full of faith, which is a substance, full of the Word, and she believes God's Word, so when she lays hands on people, she gets results. If you want results, you need to do the work. You cannot be a lazy Christian and walk in victory.

So how do we heal the sick then? And I think we'll close with this, but we're going to pray for you, too. You're not going to leave here before we lay hands on you. Okay, here's how. Number one, you stand on God's Word. You stand on it the way an attorney stands on the law. You stand on God's Word. You don't beg. God, we beg you. We beg you. We beg you. Stop. That is fear and weakness. You are not afraid. You are not weak.

We don't shout. I mean we can, but that doesn't help. Your volume doesn't help. It helps when we're stirring up our faith, I guess, but it doesn't help when you're praying for someone. We stand. Do not say, God, I hope you heal this person. God, we think it would be great if you please.. you might as well be saying, twinkle, twinkle, little star. Really. Here's how you pray for the sick: your Word says we believe it, now we lay hands on the sick and they are healed. That's how you do it. You don't doubt.

Okay, here's where I'm going to lose a lot of you. Do not be hard hearted to this, but you need to hear what I'm about to say. It is always God's will to heal the sick. Always. Always. Now, somebody here who's wanted healing for a long time and hasn't gotten it. Usually it's somebody like a spouse or a child who's wanted it for a long time. I have a son who's been sick for a long time. He's getting better. So I'm in the same boat as you. We know it is always God's will to heal the sick. And you say, well, why aren't they well? Well, let me ask you, is it always God's will that all men be saved? Is that true? Is it true that it is my will that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the glory of God? Is that what the Bible says? It does say that, doesn't it? Are all people saved? No. Does it grieve the heart of God? Yes.

When you sin, when I sin, is it God's will when I sin? But I still do it. You still do it, sometimes. It's not God's will. Is it God's will that someone is sick? No, sir. We are at war. We are still at war. The kingdom has not been established yet. So to fight the war, you need a sword. You need a sword. What is the sword? What is the sword? What does the scripture say? (AUDIENCE – the Word) This is the sword, right? (SHING) This is your sword. And you stand on this and you get well.

So it's always God's will to heal. If you don't believe that, you will never heal the sick. You have to believe on laying on of hands that God wants this person well. Just as when I baptize someone, I have to believe it is God's will that they be saved. Is that right? And they are always saved. Okay. All right. The second thing the Bible says Jesus says to His disciples and to the church, you heal.

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Now we know Jesus does the healing, but it's important that He commands us to heal the sick by the laying on of hands. It's a command. It's a command. If we want to obey His commands, we need to lay hands on the sick and they will be made well.

In the story of the centurion, he gets it. The centurion comes to Jesus and says, I'm not worthy for you to come in my house. Roman soldiers understood authority. He just goes to Jesus and says, I just need you to say the word and I know it will happen. I know you'll heal my servant. Right? He says, permission to be healed, sir. Is that right? Permission to be healed, sir. And Jesus says, permission granted. And it's so. This is how Christians need to understand how the scripture teaches us about healing.

Finally, the last thing, don't pray for someone or lay hands on the sick and leave it to hope. Have them do something. Have them do something. Hannah always says, do what you could not do before. It takes a lot of courage, doesn't it? But if you don't believe that God's going to heal them, you're not going to ask them to do something. And if you believe, you're going to want to see it. Ask them to do something. Be not just hearers, but doers of the word.

In James 2 verse 17, it says of us, "In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead." In the King James, it says, faith without works is what? (AUDIENCE – dead) So there's two types of faith. There's two types of faith. There's living faith and there's dead faith. Dead faith is what Satan has. I believe, and I shudder. I believe and I shudder. There's living faith, and that is I believe and I do.

Okay, are we ready to get well? (AUDIENCE – yes) All right. We're going to pray for the sick. Stand with me. Some of you are going to get a real miracle right now. Some of you are going to get it as you go. Some of you only have enough faith to believe that it's not going to get worse. That's fine. Let's start there. Some of you are going to have the faith that over time, it's going to improve. That's really good. Some of us are going to receive the miracle now.

So what we're going to do is, all of us, not me, but my prayer is just as powerful as yours. We're going to lay hands on the sick. So if you need a prayer today, and this is not for your spouse or your friend or your aunt or your cousin's brother, this is for you. And even if it's a little thing like you have tinnitus, or your shoulder hurts, and you think, oh, this is just a dumb thing. I don't want to bother anybody with this. That's Satan literally just trying to stop you from getting a healing.

Raise your hand if you want a prayer today for sickness. Okay. See those.. okay, we're going to.. okay put your hand back down. We're going to pray for you in just a minute. That was a lot of hands. So I'm wondering who's going to do the praying. So if you didn't raise your hand, raise your hand now so I can see how many people we got praying. Okay. Who knows we just need two or more. That'll do. And what we can do is we can lay hands on one another even if we're being prayed for. That's good. We'll do that.

So first let's pray for the forgiveness of sins for all of us. Repeat after me: Lord Jesus Christ (AUDIENCE – Lord Jesus Christ), forgive me of my sins (AUDIENCE – forgive me of my sins), all the ones that I know (AUDIENCE – all the ones that I know) and all the ones that I don't (AUDIENCE – and all the ones that I don't). I don't make excuses for it (AUDIENCE – I don't make excuses for it). I ask you to forgive me (AUDIENCE – I ask you to forgive me) according to the cross of Christ (AUDIENCE – according to the cross of Christ) and by your blood (AUDIENCE – and by your blood), in Jesus name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus name), amen (AUDIENCE – amen). Okay, now you're like Brita water filter, man. You are ready to go. All right?

Now if you need a prayer, raise your hand one more time. Look around those, even if you're raising your hands, use your other hand and lay it on that person's shoulder. We're going to touch.. laying on of hands right now. Come on, let's do it. Get around that person. If you need a prayer, if somebody's far away from you, step out of the aisle. Go to them. We're going to lay hands on them. Come on now. Don't be afraid. Raise your hand if you need a prayer. You're going to receive a miracle. Who wants it? Okay. Somebody's raising their hand and they don't have somebody laying their hands on them. Go find them, lay your hands on them.

Okay, here we go. You don't need to repeat after me. I'm going to pray this prayer. Just agree with me in faith. Lord, we thank you that what your Word says, that the Bible says you shall lay hands on the sick and they will be made well. Church say, I believe (AUDIENCE – I believe). Lord, your scripture says by His stripes we are healed. Church say, I believe (AUDIENCE – I believe). In Jesus name, you who are sick, be free now from your suffering. Be free now. Be healed. Every cell in your body come in line with the Word of God. Do not leave here without your miracle.

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Receive in Jesus name. Church say, I receive (AUDIENCE – I receive). And I receive it too, Lord. And we thank you in Jesus name. Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen)

Let's give the Lord a shout of praise. Thank you, Lord. We praise you, God. We worship you for the victory. Now we did part one. Did we do part two yet? Now try it. Do what you couldn't do before. If you had a shoulder thing, if you had a tinnitus thing, if you had a thing. Try it. Who's got some improvement? What happened? Pain's gone on your knee. Anybody else got something? Some improvement. What happened? Shoulder feels better. Great. Anything? Back is totally fine. Thank you, Lord. Anybody else? What happened? Your pain in your leg is gone. Thank you, Lord. Let's give the Lord.. anybody else?

Okay, we're going to pray again. Okay? If you still need a miracle, raise your hand. We're going to pray over one more time. You still want something? Lord, we pray in Jesus name. We thank you, Father. If you saw somebody raising their hand, lay your hands on them. Father, we pray in Jesus name for your miracle working power that those in bondage will be set free. We thank you that this is a house of miracles. We thank you that this is your house, not my house. You live here, you dwell here, and where you are, there's a miracle. If you saw someone raise their hand and they're on the other side of the room, just go lay hands on them. Don't let them leave here without a touch from God.

And so church say, I receive (AUDIENCE – I receive) in Jesus name (AUDIENCE – in Jesus name). Amen (AUDIENCE amen). All right now. Thank you. Okay. Now we're going to believe and continue. The Bible says that the Word of God, it falls in the soil and it grows over time. So some of you, it's going to take some time, but continue to stand on the Word and receive a progressive healing. All right, let's give the Lord a shout of praise. We thank you, God. Amen.

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And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.