

GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby Schuller

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hello. (AUDIENCE – good morning) We're about to enter into worship and we are just believing more and more that God is drawing His community into a sense of deeper worship. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? (AUDIENCE – good thing)

Here's why it's a good thing. I think very often we forget what we're about to do as a people is we're going to war. Right now, we're going to war. Notice in the book of Chronicles, Jehoshaphat, when he goes to war, God says He's going to give him the victory, and instead of appointing, He says He appointed men not to fight, He appointed men to sing and to worship. He appointed men to sing and to worship. And when He did that, that's when they got the victory.

Who here knows that the weapons of our warfare are mighty for the pulling down of strongholds? So how do we do that? We do it through worship. When we worship, we dethrone Satan from our lives. Did you know our worship confuses the enemy? So when we do this today.. but the key is we have to humble ourselves. And a lot of us come into worship.. God can use any kind of music, any kind of style. That's not what's important to Him. What's important is the posture of the heart. He tells us to humble ourselves. Amen? When we humble ourselves and we do whatever we can to glorify God, and we put Him on the throne of our lives, we get the victory. Amen? Who's going to see a victory today? I know I am. I need your help today. The person next to you needs your help to worship. If someone standing next to you doesn't worship, it makes it harder for you to worship. It really does. When the person next to you is really worshipping, it makes it easy for you to worship. Isn't that right?

What's so funny, Fernando? Did you just say it to them? You're looking at the choir. Come on, choir, are you ready to worship today? Yes! That's what I'm talking about. That's good. Lift your hands with me. Come on, let's do this. Father, we come into your house. We thank you that you're here. We thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit. We thank you that we do not have to be afraid. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We thank you that we're forgiven, that we're redeemed, that we're called. We're going to war right now to declare the name of Jesus over our families, over our city, over our country, over our lives, over our bodies. We declare victory. Victory! We thank you, Lord. And it's in Jesus name we pray, all God's people said Amen!

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

SCRIPTURE – 1 Thessalonians 2:11-13 – Bruce Cramer

Take out your Bibles and turn with me to 1st Thessalonians, chapter two. First Thessalonians, chapter two. A very fitting verse for today. First Thessalonians 2, starting in verse 11.

For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children. Look what it says. Encouraging, comforting, urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and his glory. We also thank God continually because when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as human words, but actually as it is the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

MESSAGE – Bobby Schuller "Healing Through Hearing"

We're going to talk about healing today. Are you okay with that? Who here knows that God still heals bodies, and although not all of you have an ailment in your body, it's good to know when you get sick how to get well. God has an answer for that. And remember that the word for healing, sozo, also means to be saved or delivered.

Very often when we're talking about healing, we're not just talking about physical healing, although that's what we're going to focus on today, because we have the most scriptures for that. But we're also going to talk about.. who here knows that depression is something you get healed from? A lot of you have hidden sin, or some baggage you're holding in one hand, moving it to the other, how many of you know that's something you get healed from; delivered from. Today we're going to talk about how to get that. If you have your Bibles, would you open with me to Proverbs chapter 4 verse 20, Proverbs chapter 4. While you're turning, I want to ask you a question, and this is something we say in our house church a lot. We can know the answer for sure, and you don't need to Google it – how many churches are there in Orange County? (AUDIENCE – one) There's one! Right? There's one. One of the great breakthroughs we started getting in our church is when we started praying that other churches would grow; that other churches would experience the anointing. That other churches would have their financial needs met, right? Because other churches is our church, right? All of us go to Mariners. All of us go to Free Chapel. All of us go to Oceans. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) How many churches are there? (AUDIENCE – one) There's one, one church. One body. And a part of walking in faith as a church is believing that what we're doing in this building is important, but it's a part of a bigger church. Let me ask you – how many churches are there in America? (AUDIENCE – one) There's only one church in America? How about in the world? (AUDIENCE – one) Okay now I have a better question for you: how many churches are there in time? (AUDIENCE – one) Are you sure? (AUDIENCE – yes) Then why do you keep saying “the early church?” Why do you say the early church? Are we the early church? (AUDIENCE – yes) Are we the early church or no? (AUDIENCE – we are) Someone say we are (AUDIENCE – we are) the early church (AUDIENCE – the early church). Someone say God is the same (AUDIENCE – God is the same) yesterday (AUDIENCE – yesterday) today (AUDIENCE – today) forever (AUDIENCE – forever). We are the early church. It's still happening. If a thousand years on earth is as a day in heaven, it's been like two days since Jesus ascended into heaven. Is that right? We are the early church. And in fact, in second Timothy, chapter 3, there's a prophecy about what will happen in the end times and it gives this list of horrible characteristics that Christians will take on. And the final and fiercest one is that the church will have a form of godliness, but deny its power. Deny its power. Are there Christians today that have a form of godliness, meaning they're moral, they're put together, they're kind to their neighbor; they're polite. They attend church regularly, they tithe, but they deny the power of God?

I don't want you to come under condemnation, I just want you to know that there was a prophecy that in the last days there would be Christians that have a form of godliness, meaning everybody would say that is a believer; that is a Christian, but they deny. That's a choice we make. They deny, they reject the power of God. They reject, they deny the power. They have a form of godliness, they deny its power.

I for one, I don't want to be that kind of a Christian, I want to be a person who walks by faith, and spiritual power. And this will be a church that is full of power. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) Don't we have a TV show? What's it called? (AUDIENCE – Hour of Power) Hour of what? (AUDIENCE – power) We don't deny the power of God here, amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) And we don't seek power the way the world seeks power. The only power we have is on our knees. The only power we have is with a humble and contrite heart. The power we have is in faith, not in our power, but in the power of God, amen? Today we're going to talk about how the scriptures teach us to hear, to hear and be healed. Very common phrase in the New Testament. Hear and be healed.

But first, let's look at Proverbs, chapter 4, verse 20. Did you turn there yet? “My son” verse 20, Proverbs 4 verse 20. “My son, pay attention to what I say. Turn your ear to my words, to my words, turn your ear to my words, do not let them” what is them? (AUDIENCE – the words) The words, “don't let them out of your sight.

Keep them within your heart for they are life to those who find them, and health to one's whole body." The words, the word of God, is life to those who find them, and health to one's whole body. Is that true or false? (AUDIENCE – it's true) How important is God's word? (AUDIENCE – very) Can it heal you? Can God's word heal you? (AUDIENCE – yes) It can. It can. It does and it will. Hallelujah.

Declare with me: Father! (AUDIENCE – Father!) Come on church, declare with me: Father! (AUDIENCE – Father!) Your Word is life! (AUDIENCE – your Word is life) And health to my whole body (AUDIENCE – and health to my whole body) to every cell (AUDIENCE – to every cell). I receive every word (AUDIENCE – I receive every word) of healing (AUDIENCE – of healing) that flows from the mouth of God (AUDIENCE – that flows from the mouth of God). Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen)

Today, we're going to talk about hearing and receiving a word that can heal you. Hearing and receiving a word that can heal you, and it's not an opinion, it's just what I read in the text.

Turn with me again in your Bibles to Luke chapter 5. We're going to see this a few times. I won't belabor the point, but I'll show you what's there. Luke chapter 5 verse 15. "Yet the news.." Luke chapter 5 verse 15, "Yet the news about him," who's him? Jesus. "The news about Jesus spread all the more so that the crowds of people came to hear him and be healed of their sicknesses." If you have a pen, underline "hear him and be healed." Hear him and be healed. It's not just be healed. Hannah doesn't like to pray for the sick unless she can give them a sermon. Isn't that right, Hannah? Why? It's the Word that heals. Its faith in the Word that heals. It's not a prayer, necessarily. The prayer is releasing the believed Word. Amen?

Hear and be healed. You're still on Luke chapter 5, just go to the next page, you probably just even glance to the right. Luke chapter 6:17-19, "He" who's he? (AUDIENCE – Jesus) Jesus. "He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of disciples was there, and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon who had come to" do what? "Hear him and be healed." Underline that, if you have a pen. Hear him. Hear him and be healed. Hear him and be healed. Hear him and be healed. "Because power was coming from him, and healing" a few of them. (AUDIENCE – no) What does it say? Power is coming from him and doing what? All of them. He was healing all of them.

Is there still power in Jesus today? (AUDIENCE – yes) Has Are you sure He hasn't changed? Has Jesus changed? (AUDIENCE – no) Is there power flowing from Him? (AUDIENCE – yes) So what's wrong? We got to find out, right? It's an important question. If there's still power from Jesus flowing to us today, but we're not getting healing, we're not getting deliverance, we're not getting joy, we're not getting set free from depression and anxiety, we're not getting purpose, we're not receiving our calling, we're not hearing from the Holy Spirit. If we're not receiving our healing, what's wrong? It's a good question. I'll show you! Okay, you're still in Luke, right? Okay just go now back to the left, Luke 5, verse 17. Now if you're reading this in the NIV, it has it wrong. This is ESV we're going to ready because it's more literal. NIV is the nearly inspired version. I love the NIV, but when they miss it, they miss it hard. So we're going to read from the ESV; there is no "to heal the sick" at the end.

"On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there." Okay, so as He was teaching, say it, who was it that were listening to Him? Pharisees and teachers of the law, who were sitting there, "who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea from Jerusalem." So in other words, it's like all these pastors and religious leaders. They're like we want to come hear this famous prophet.

"And the power of the Lord was with him to heal" them. It literally says the power of the Lord in Greek was with them to heal them. Them. If you got New King James, you'll see it. The power of God was with him to heal them. Who's them?

It's saying the power of Jesus was there to heal the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. Did they receive it? (AUDIENCE – no) So the power is flowing with Jesus to heal the Pharisees, but did they receive it? (AUDIENCE – no) Why?

This is the big question. Why didn't they receive it? Because they heard what He said, they heard His teaching, but they didn't receive the Word. When they didn't receive the Word, they didn't receive the healing. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law heard the Word of God, but they didn't receive it. And if you keep reading, we'll see who got the healing. It was a paralyzed man who received it. Amen?

The power was there, but the one who received the healing is the one who received what? The Word! The Word! To heal, to hear and be healed, you can't just hear the Word, you have to receive the Word, too. You can't just hear it, you have to receive it.

Proverbs 4 verse 10 says "hear, my son, and" what? (AUDIENCE – receive) "Receive my sayings." So notice how you hear and you receive. "Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many." Who here wants to live a nice long life? That's a promise. If you hear AND what (AUDIENCE – receive) receive, you can stand on that as a promise for long life. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear. Those who have hardened hearts and stiff necks, let them reject it. It's up to you. I can tell, even now, some people are rejecting this.

Acts chapter 2, verse 41, ESV. "Those who received his word were baptized." Those who did what? (AUDIENCE – received) Received his Word were baptized. "And there were added to that day about 3,000 souls." Now that's on Pentecost. Pentecost happens actually in the temple. And there were probably a hundred thousand people there.

Probably a hundred thousand people in the temple gathered for Pentecost. Most of those people probably saw the great miracle, and probably heard the gospel.

Let's say 50,000 heard. How many received? Three thousand. So 50,000 heard.. so all of them heard, but only 3,000 received. Are you catching it? You can hear and not receive. And actually, this phrase goes all through the book of Acts. They heard and they received. They heard and they received. Some heard and rejected, others heard and received.

The rabbis in Jesus day who would use parables to teach, used to say when they felt like you got it, 'my son, you have heard and you have heard, and you have seen and you have seen.' So there's two ways to hear, and you might know the story of Nathan and David? David kills Uriah the Hittite to take his wife, and the prophet Nathan, under the anointing of the Lord, goes to confront the King, and he tells him a story. Instead of saying David you killed a man, he tells him a story. He said there was a rich man and a poor man, and the rich man had plenty of cattle, and lots of sheep, and lots of wealth, and his neighbor, who was a poor man, had one ewe lamb. He cared for the ewe lamb like it was his own daughter. Had breakfast with it, he let it in his house, it was like a member of his family.

You might say it's like a pet. The rich man, when he had a guest come, instead of killing one of his many cattle, took the poor man's ewe lamb and slaughtered it and gave it to the guest. And David heard and said this man surely will die. Has he heard? Yes? But has he heard and heard? No. He's heard, he's angry, but he hasn't heard and received. A lot of Christians are that way. I can't tell you how many sermons I give and everybody's thinking of somebody else that needs to hear that sermon. Oh my goodness. My friends got to.. I'm going to send this to my friend. Nathan says to David, the man is you. And immediately he says I have sinned and is contrite. Now Nathan, now the rabbis would say, David has heard and he has heard, he has seen and he has seen. There's some work that has to be done in our healing, that when we study the scriptures, we hear it, we hear it, we hear it, but there's something about certain scriptures that we've heard our whole lives that for whatever reason, whether it's the Holy Spirit, whether it's something happened in our experience, or whatever, we don't just hear it, we hear it and we hear it. We see it and we see it. We hear it and we receive it in a deeper way. That's where the healing is. Okay? That's where the freedom is. That's where the power is. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

Amen? What does it mean to receive? We just read it 1st Thessalonians 2:13. Here's what it means to receive – “and we also thank God continually because when you received” what? (AUDIENCE – the Word) when you received not heard. “When you received the word of God, which you” what? “Heard,” so you heard it and received. What you heard from us, “you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is. The word of God!” The Word of God. We say the Word of God. Do you believe that really? The Word of God, “which is indeed at work in you who believe.”

Here's what it means to receive the Word of God. Imagine the sky opened, literally, fingers came through the sky, wrenched the sky back, the face of God appeared to you and He said the Bible verse. Do you believe it like that? If some of you were sick, and you saw fingers come through the universe, tear it open, the face of God in a cloud said to you “by his stripes you are healed” and then closed it, would you be worried at all that you'd be healed? (AUDIENCE – no) No! You would take it as what it is – the Word of (AUDIENCE – God) God! Not some old stinky dusty book.

There are many of you here that if that happened and it went (MAKES NOISES) and God said you are saved, you're going to heaven, you'd be like yes, I know. Yes, I know. Is that good or bad? That's good! That's why so many of us are going to heaven. Because we believe it that way. But when it gets to the other scriptures, we say well. I don't know.

My friend, what I'm trying to get to you today is to believe the word. To not just hear it, but to receive it as it truly is, the Word of God. The Word of God. We should rejoice at this.

These promises are for our blessing. Why would we want to have a form of godliness and deny its power? Why? Why would we walk by sight and not by faith? Why?

Many of us.. I'm surprised that there's probably a lot of people in here that aren't sure they're saved. As a pastor, I do see that a lot. A lot of you who grew up in super religious environments, sometimes, gosh, you really don't really know. Let me just tell you – He who knew no sin, became sin that you would be called the righteousness of God. You are saved by grace through faith. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Stand on it. Just pretend that fingers came through the universe and opened and just said that to you. Okay?

Can we do that with other Bible verses? There's a lot of Christians that think they're saved, but God's mad at them and doesn't love them anymore. Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we should be called what? (AUDIENCE – children of God) Is it true or not true? (AUDIENCE – yes) All right?

Some of you don't know if you're called. God has called you. I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to prosper you. To do what? (AUDIENCE – prosper) To prosper you and not to harm you, to give you what? (AUDIENCE – hope) A hope and a future. Is it true or not true? (AUDIENCE – true)

Some of you struggle with fear. Fear about your kids, your kids can't go on a trip, your kids can't be around other sinners. Or yourself. You can't get on a plane. Every time you have a little crick in your neck, you hear a tormenting voice – that's cancer. No. You slap that down. Slap that down.

Somebody repeat after me: no weapon (AUDIENCE – no weapon) formed against me (AUDIENCE – formed against me) shall prosper (AUDIENCE – shall prosper). Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) This is the word of the Lord.

In the same way we treat all those other things, we need to treat sickness and disease. The Bible says bless the Lord oh my soul, and forget not His benefits who forgives all your sins. Some of your sins or all your sins? (AUDIENCE – all) We're good with that one. And heals all your diseases! (AUDIENCE – woo) If the first one's true, the second one's true! (AUDIENCE – amen) Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

If He forgives all our sins, and He heals our.. He doesn't heal some of our diseases, amen? We can stand on that.

Psalm 103 – bless the Lord oh my soul who forgives all your sins, who heals (AUDIENCE - all) come on! All! All your diseases, amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) Amen. Now we want to remember that we differentiate based on 1st Corinthians, in the list of the gifts in 1st Corinthians 12, that there's miraculous healing that happens instantly, but there's also healing that happens over time. And that's more common we see in the church where the tumor doesn't disappear, the tumor shrinks. Where the symptoms don't maybe disappear overnight, but they go back and then you're healed. Amen?

In the same way that you break an arm, it's going to heal if you set it, but it takes some time. Can God speed that up? Can He take a three month recovery and turn it into two week recovery? He can do that, right? And so in the same way that the gift of the Lord in common grace is working for all of us, saints and sinners alike, we're all receiving healing every day. God can do that and more when we walk by faith and stand on the Word, amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

Who's ready to receive your healing? (AUDIENCE – amen) Who's ready to turn it from bad to worse? From getting worse to getting better? I am, too. Amen. So again, let's just say this aloud that hearing and receiving (AUDIENCE – hearing and receiving) is what I do (AUDIENCE – is what I do).

Let's say this: I walk by faith (AUDIENCE – I walk by faith) and not by sight (AUDIENCE – and not by sight). Amen. (AUDIENCE – amen) Okay. So faith is so, so important.

I almost forgot. If you want to keep walking by faith, please subscribe. And you know you want to. You've listened to so many of my sermons and you still haven't subscribed. That's cool. That's cool with me. I'm just saying the button's right there. Okay. All right.

Faith is so important, isn't it? Without faith, you can't be saved because the scriptures say we're saved by grace through faith. Without faith, you can't walk the Christian walk because the Bible says the just shall walk by faith. Now without faith you can't please God because the scripture says faith pleases God. Without faith, you can't grow spiritually because Thessalonians says your faith grows exceedingly. Who here knows your faith can grow, can increase, and in fact Jesus' most common rebuke of His own disciples was not oh you of little love. It was not oh you of little service. Oh you who don't help the poor enough. His rebuke was not oh you of little joy, oh you of little peace, it was oh you of little (AUDIENCE – faith) faith. And maybe what He's teaching us to understand is that its faith that unlocks all these other commands that He gives us. Amen? Of course we love, want to serve the poor, want to help those in need, but its faith that makes it possible. Stingy people don't have any faith. Okay.

Faith always comes by hearing, and hearing what? (AUDIENCE – the Word of God) The Word of God. We cannot increase our faith through praise or worship, even though we ought to do that. That's a response from faith. We cannot increase our faith through prayer. Prayer is releasing our faith. These are wonderful things, we increase our faith through not only hearing but receiving, receiving the Word of God. We have to receive it. We have to hear it, and receive it.

I was telling this to my sister, and she said I have a friend and she would say I've lost all my faith because I've studied the Bible. She said her Bible's all marked up and she's got book marks in it, and she's in a faith crisis. I said well what happened? She said well, when she went to seminary. I went to seminary, I loved it. I went to Fuller Theological Seminary, it was a great experience, I got an M-Div, but there is a reason they jokingly call seminary cemetery. A lot of professors are not teaching thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. They are not teaching that the Word is the bread of life. They are not teaching that man cannot live on bread alone but on every what? (AUDIENCE – Word) Word. Or that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. They're teaching it like westerners, not like Jewish people.

They're teaching it like saying the way that you understand a cat is by killing it and cutting it up and looking at all the limbs. That's not the way you learn about a cat.

You learn about a cat by buying one and naming it Toast. That's our cat. I'm like, oh that's interesting. I didn't know a cat did that. Amen? Matthew 13 verse 15 says this, "For this people's heart was become calloused. They hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and I would (AUDIENCE – heal them) heal them!" Heal them! If what? If they heard! If they saw! Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen)

Who's ready to receive your healing? We need softer hearts! Un-calloused minds, amen? We got to receive the Word! The scripture is bread. The scripture is bread. Here's what a lot of Christians are like – you go to mom's house, she brings out a basket of delicious bread she just made, you pull the towel back, the steam rolls up, and you say I believe that's bread. And you say I affirm. And we all affirm. Right? All of us. That is bread. We believe that it will nourish our bodies. We believe it will be filling to us, and it will be delicious, and we believe it's inerrant. Flawless. There's no germs in it, and your mom goes eat the bread! Eat it! Amen?

I believe in the medicine. Oh I believe that medicine will heal me. I affirm that it is clean and flawless. Take the medicine! Who's hearing me? (AUDIENCE – yes) Who's hearing me? (AUDIENCE – yes) Some of you are hearing me. You can't just hear the Word, there's just a deeper way of really getting it in you. Only some of that can be explained. The rest of it you have to kind of experience for yourself.

One of the most important things in life is to learn what to resist and what to receive. What to resist and what to receive. Most people, including Christians, have this backwards. They resist the Holy Spirit, they resist parts of the word of God. Remember, if you resist parts of the word of God, the whole word of God becomes powerless to you. I'll say that one more time. If you resist parts of the word of God, you resist the whole word of God.

People resist the word, because it's uncomfortable or it's hard or it's not culturally appropriate or whatever, and they resist the Holy Spirit, but they receive the world. They receive the world's news, they receive the world's opinion. They especially receive the world's music, the world's entertainment, the world's movies. The world's everything. But they resist what? The Holy Spirit, and the Word. I don't want anyone to come under condemnation, this is not legalism, I'm just saying that there's almost no resistance when you go to Netflix. And there's tons of resistance when you read the Bible. There's almost no resistance when you turn a radio on, or when you turn on your music to work out.

There's tons of resistance when weird stuff starts happening in church. True or not true. (AUDIENCE – true) We resist the Holy Spirit, but we receive the word of the world, rather. God has not given us what? A spirit of fear. So first of all, that shows us that fear is a spirit and the second thing we when we want to see is that if God is not given it to us, who's given it to us? Someone's given it to you. And they couldn't have given it to you if you didn't receive it. I said you wouldn't have had it if you didn't receive it.

There's some things we resist, and there are some things that we receive. Some Christians think you can't resist the Holy Spirit. Hogwash. It happened this morning in worship. You can resist the Holy Spirit. Acts chapter 7 verse 51, "You stiff necked people, your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors, you always resist the Holy Spirit." Now that's not for this church. We don't resist the Holy Spirit. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) I'm just saying, I'm just saying that it can happen and its always religious people. Faith is always the result of receiving the Word of God, not resisting it. Always, amen? Anytime someone in the Bible is acting in faith, or doing a miracle, they're responding to the Word of God. Even Peter.

Peter, when he sees Jesus walking on water, he doesn't just get out of the boat and walk on water, he needs a word first. So he says to Jesus, Lord tell me to walk on the water, and I'll come to you. And Jesus says, walk on the water. Come to me.

Now when Peter is walking on water, he's not just walking on blind belief, he's walking on a command. He's walking on Word.

There is no scripture in the Bible that says we Christians can and should walk on water. That's why none of us here can walk on water. No matter how much faith you have, you can't walk on water unless you receive a command from heaven, either through a Word through the Holy Spirit or especially through scripture, then you can walk on Word. See? Peter could not have done that without the command of Jesus. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) He's walking on spirit, which is crafted by Word. It's like an invisible glass. And in the same way, in fact when I had taught this recently, really good student said well pastor what about the bleeding woman? That's a good example of someone who doesn't seem like she was healed by the word because Jesus didn't give it to her. But if you do a close reading of the text, before she is healed, she says to herself, she does what? She says to herself. Is it important what we say to ourselves? (AUDIENCE – yes) She says to herself, if I can touch the hem of His garment, I'll be healed. Does she have scriptures to support that claim? Like in Isaiah – by His stripes we are healed. She sure does. She says to herself. It is important the words that we're living by. Any electricians here? People in construction? What's a conductor for electricity? A conductor for electricity is something with little resistance. If the power of God is like electricity, the conductor has little resistance. Wood has a lot of resistance. It can be touched by the power, but it can't receive the power. Plastic, rubber has a lot of resistance. But copper, gold, silver has little resistance. Anybody?

In fact there is something called.. who wants to be a conductor, by the way, for the Lord? Let me think.. okay, six of you want to be a conductor. Anybody else? I want to be a conductor! How do I become a conductor for the power of God? Somebody say little resistance. (AUDIENCE – little resistance) I'm not going to resist the Spirit, I'm not going to resist the Word. I don't care what I see. I'm reading the scripture. I'm standing on the Word. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) That's why I walk by faith and not by sight. There's also this thing called a super conductor. A super conductor has no resistance. Who wants to be a super conductor? (AUDIENCE – yes) Me, too. You got to be a conductor before you can be a super conductor. Is that right, Fernando? A little choir joke there. Lord, we want to be super conductors. We want to be a church that's electrified by your Holy Spirit. We're not going to resist the Holy Spirit, we're not going to resist your promises, we're not going to kill a cat to understand it, we're going to eat the bread, we're going to take the medicine, we receive it in Jesus name. Amen? (AUDIENCE – amen) Amen. That's enough. Thank you. For all of you that are watching online, by the way, I want to encourage you, we are looking for monthly supporters to support our YouTube channel. We had three people become monthly supporters last time and we all stood up.. you have no idea how big of a deal it is to us. We were all standing up, high fiving, getting excited. And so of course we always do this for free, but there's lots of things we want to do and our only constraint is financial. We want to grow, and if you want to help us grow, I know God will bless your gift, so there's a link in the description below if you feel led to do that. Church, stand with me. All right, lift your hands with me. We're going to bring this before the Lord. Father, we come before you in Jesus name and we desire to be conductors and super conductors. We are asking, Father, that you would heal us and heal through us. We are asking that you would teach us and teach through us. Father, we are asking that the power of God would rain down on us and we decide today to be people of little resistance. Little resistance. No resistance! We ask, Holy Spirit, that you would fall in power where the spirit of Lord is there is freedom. Not by might, not by power, but by the spirit. We need your Holy Spirit, Lord, and today we want you to know that we have faith. We have faith in you. We are not going to look at the bad report, we're going to look to you. We're not going to look at the symptoms, we're going to look to you. We thank you, God that you set the captive free, that you declare the year of the Lord over us now. This is the year of the Lord, 2025. It's going to be a year of breakthrough for us. We declare it in Jesus name. We thank you, God, and all God's people said: Amen.