

## Why God Heals

- I. For his own sovereign purposes
  - A. No reason is given for the healing of the man with the withered hand (Mt. 12:9-13).
  - B. Sovereign timing makes some healings seem delayed (John 9 and Acts 3).
- II. Because He is asked
  - A. Mark 7:32-35
  - B. Let's believe God for the impossible, not the inevitable.
    1. "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this impossible, but with God all things are possible'" (Mt. 19:26).
    2. "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).
    3. "... You do not have, because you do not ask" (James 4:2b).
- III. In response to faith
  - A. "Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed from that moment" (Mt. 9:20-22).
  - B. "Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe"" (Mark 5:36).
  - C. "Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you'" (Luke 18:42).
- IV. To testify to Jesus and to the message about Jesus
  - A. "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know" (Acts 2:22).
  - B. "So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders" (Acts 14:3).
- V. To open wide doors for evangelism
  - A. After the healing of the paralytic Aeneas, "all who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord" (Acts 9:35).
  - B. After Peter raised Dorcas from the dead, it "became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord" (Acts 9:42).
- VI. To remove hindrances to ministry (Mark 1:31).
- VII. To honor his promise to the church (James 5:13-16).
- VIII. To glorify himself and his Son
  - A. "When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified'" (John 11:4).
  - B. "When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness