

1. Does God want to heal me? Is He able to heal me?

**We only need to look at Jesus for the answers.** He embodies the heart and desires of the Father. *John 10:10*: “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” *Hebrews 1:3*: “And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.” *Colossians 1:15*: “He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” Jesus displays the heart of our Father in heaven in everything he does—especially healing. *1 John 1:38*: “The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”

2. Is it God’s plan? Is it for everyone?

**Jesus wants you whole—spirit, soul, and body.** He wants it so much that He staked his life on it. *Isaiah 53:5*: “He was pierced through for your transgressions, crushed for your iniquities, chastised for peace to come upon you, and by His wounds you are healed.” *1 Peter 2:24*: “...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” **Sin is to the soul what sickness is to the body. When Jesus went to the cross, He became sin and sickness unto death so that we might live in wholeness before God.** *Acts 10:38*: “And you know of Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and Power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.”

3. Do I have enough faith? I don’t feel like I do...

**Jesus is the author and finisher of faith.** Throughout Scripture, we see Jesus healing people regardless of their level of faith. Examples: *John 11*—Lazarus; *Acts 9*—Tabitha/Dorcas; *Mark 9*—a boy with seizures; *Mark 1*: a man with leprosy.

4. Do I have to do something to be healed? I brought this on myself...

*Ephesians 2:8-9*: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not of works, lets anyone should boast.” **Jesus never addressed people’s life decisions or sinfulness before He healed them.** *John 5*: a man at the pool of Bethesda. God is not afraid of your sin. He does not see it as an obstacle to Him touching you.

**Only after their encounter with Jesus does He correct people to “go and sin no more.”**

5. Is healing for today?

**The same way Jesus healed in the Bible, he heals today!** *Hebrews 13:8*: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” *John 20:21*: “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” **He never stopped sending His followers into the world to advance His Kingdom, including healing the sick.**

6. Is it my time now? Or later?

**Jesus never told anyone to come back at a better time to be healed.** He even healed on the Sabbath, which in His day was, in the eyes of the religious leaders, the most inappropriate time to heal. *2 Corinthians 6:2*: “For He says, ‘In the time of My favor, I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, now it the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”

7. I've been prayed for before...

**Healing is not about the anointed man of God but the anointed God of men.** It does not matter how many times people have prayed for you. **What matters is God wants to meet you and heal you today.** *Lamentations 3:21-22:* "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness." Everything before now is old and has passed away (*2 Corinthians 5:17b*).

8. Is God using sickness to teach me? Does it bring Him glory?

**Everyone who came to Jesus was healed** (*Matt. 8:16, 12:15*). **Jesus never refused to heal because God was teaching him a lesson or building character.** God will build character through any situation in our lives (*Romans 8:28*), but sickness is not one of His tools or gifts. Healing is! He's conforming us to Jesus, and He's given us the Holy Spirit to teach us. What parent would give their child a debilitating disease to teach her a lesson about life?

9. Is sickness my identity?

Just because you're in a certain situation doesn't mean you're supposed to stay in it. **Jesus' model for ministry is bringing heaven to earth. In heaven, there is no sickness, disease, poverty, depression.** *Matthew 6:9:* "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." If sickness has defined your life, God wants to redefine you. *Galatians 2:20:* "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..." Your identity is in Christ. *2 Corinthians 5:17a:* "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."