

Releasing the Love and Healing of God

- I. **Revelation and power for healing came from Jesus' personal experience with the love of the Father.**
 - A. Example of Jesus healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-20)
 1. John 5:16-18—The Father is always working; the Son is always working; and healing is our everyday business also.
 2. John 5:19-20, “For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, and He will show Him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed.”
 - B. Example of India conference team member moved by compassion
- II. **We begin to release healing to others when we ourselves experience the healing love of God in our hearts through the Holy Spirit whom He imparts to us (I John 4:7-21; Matthew 5:43-48).**
 - A. Encounters of supernatural love are available to all who believe in Jesus—a love that “comes from God” (I John 4:7, 15-16, 19-20).
 - B. There is a love-feast, so to speak, with God that starts with our acceptance of Jesus' forgiveness of our sins (Romans 8:1, 2) and progresses as the Spirit takes us straight to the heart of the Father (Romans 8:14-16).
 - C. This internal awareness of the love of Abba (Daddy) takes us straight to the healing ministry of Jesus. “We love, because He first loved us” (I John 4:19-20).
 1. This love motivates us to try the impossible even when it makes us feel very vulnerable. “You give them something to eat” (Mark 6:35-38).
 2. “Whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater works than these...” (John 14:12-14).
 3. This includes loving your enemies and praying for them (Matthew 5:43-48).
 - D. My testimony: Hunger and pain will take you to experiences with God that heal and tenderize your own soul. “We love, because He first loved us” (I John 4:19).
- III. **God loves to rewire us on the inside so He can use us to heal others. Zacchaeus, the tax collector—a man ostracized and excommunicated from his own people but healed by Jesus (Luke 19:1-9)**
 - A. Our own experience of the Father's love in our weakness and sin teaches us how to appropriately heal the world around us.
 - B. Is there a Zacchaeus in your life, your family, your business—a traitor, an outcast—someone who is not so lovely right now (Matthew 25:31-40)?
 - C. In the end, God reduces us to this, “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love” (Galatians 5:6). The Spirit gives us the right balance of truth and mercy (I John 4:19-21, E.g., Brennan Manning and Larry Mulaney in The Furious Longing of God, pp. 90-93).

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