

# ENGLISH TRAINING FOR MISSION



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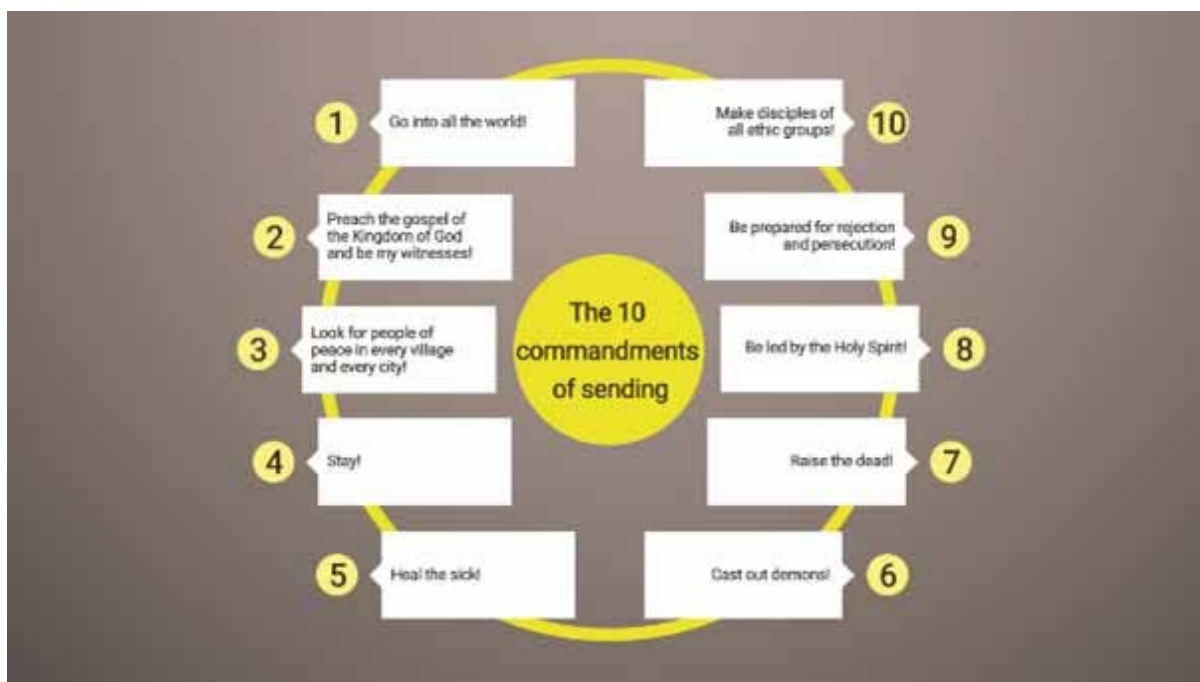
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## Training Unit 15

### 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment of sending: Heal the sick



Before sending out his disciples at the end of his ministry and on his behalf, Jesus prepared his disciples well during the timespan of three years. The disciples went through an intensive training of sending.

→ Before they were sent, the disciples had to meet the conditions for the sending

Summarized we have 5 spiritual realities we need to grasp and receive by faith before we are sent out:

1. Reception or recognition of Jesus' call/calling into the ministry of sending  
→ **Listen you ALL my followers: Make disciples of all ethnic groups by going to them, baptizing them and ...**
2. Taking part in an intensive training of sending  
→ **Teach them to keep everything I've commanded you to do**
3. Claim the promises for the sending by faith

1.

**Promise 1: I am with you always, to the very end of the age**

a) Then Jesus came to them and said:

***Matthew 28:18 and 20***

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*And go baptizing and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

## Promise 2: The harvest is plentiful

b) He told them:

### **Luke 10:2**

*He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

## Promise 3: A ripe persons of peace or an overripe harvest (=people who are ready and open for the Gospel) is ready

c) Don't you have a saying:

### **John 4:35**

*Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

## Promise 4: A ripe or an overripe harvest (=people who are ready and open for the Gospel) of persons of peace is ready EVERYWHERE

d) That doesn't only mean open and prepared people in general but people of peace as well

### **Matthew 10:11**

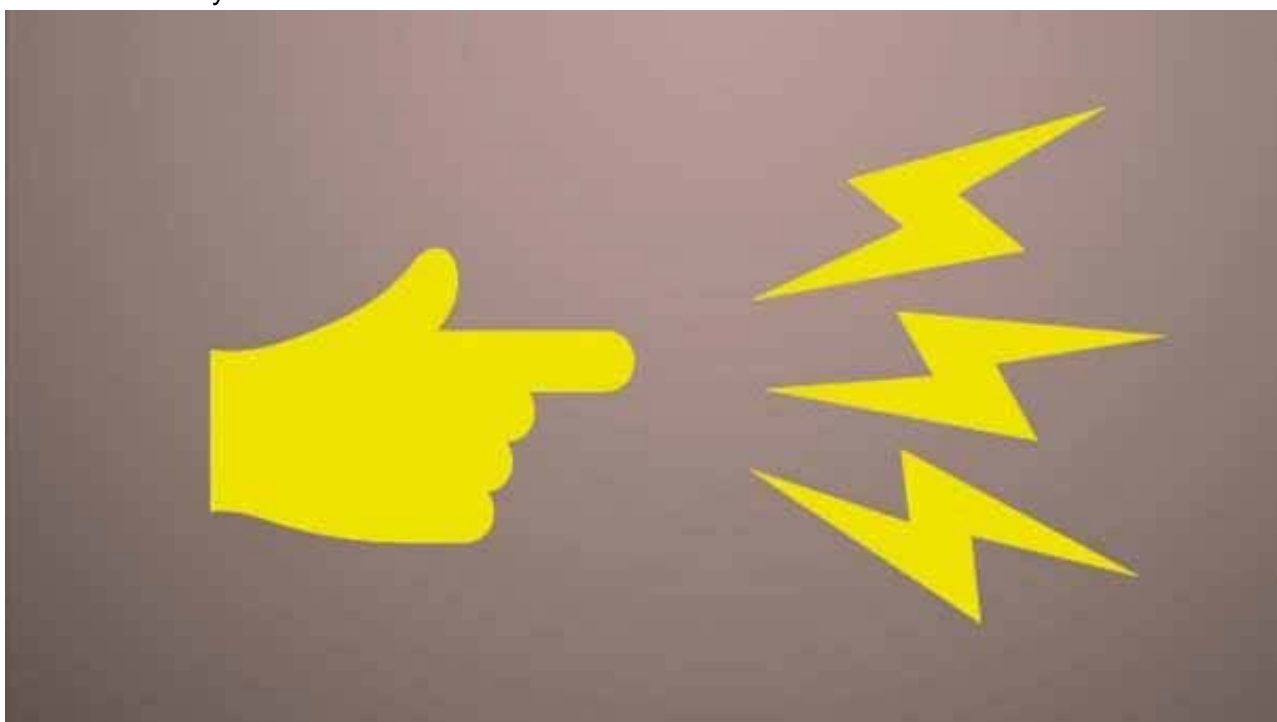
*Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave.*

4. Prayer for harvest workers

### **Matthew 9:37-38**

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

5. Receiving **authority** for the sending and the required **power** to carry out the task carefully



## Authority and power

- Authority and power are requirements needed to fulfill the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment of sending
- **In Greek we read:**
  - Authority = **Exousia**
  - Power = **Dynamis**
- After the Scriptures clearly said that we are all called into the ministry of sending, we must ask the logical question if we all have the same authority and power to carry out the ministry of sending.
- It's crucial that we understand that we are sent ON CHRIST'S BEHALF, like the New Testament says: **"We are the ambassadors of Christ."**

### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

- Because we go as ambassadors and representatives of Christ, he equips us with the corresponding authority and power he HIMSELF had received from the Father when he came to earth to carry out the ministry of sending.

### **Matthew 10:1 and 7-8**

*Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.*

*As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*

### **These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them ... "AS YOU GO:**

- ⇒ Proclaim this message: The Kingdom of God is at hand
- ⇒ Heal the sick,
- ⇒ Raise the dead,
- ⇒ Clean the lepers
- ⇒ Cast out evil spirits"
- ⇒ In the Greek we find here the word „EXOUSIA“, which means
  - Authority
  - Might
  - Right and duty



- ⇒ If you receive Exousia, **then clearly the instruction and duty that follows is to execute** Exousia.
- ⇒ Authority is both a right and a duty!
- ⇒ When an ambassador in **times of peace** is sent into another country he receives a corresponding **letter of accreditation** to go with. This letter is the given authority or the authorization and enablement to carry out certain instructions.
- ⇒ The ambassador must show this particular **letter of accreditation** to his hosting foreign country to prove his being a legitimate representative.
- ⇒ He then is acknowledged and accredited to
  - Speak in the name of his government
  - Conduct negotiations
  - Deliver messages
  - Sign contracts
- ⇒ Whenever the ambassador speaks, his government speaks because he was authorized
- ⇒ Authority therefore empowers to do something one couldn't do otherwise
- ⇒ In **times of war**, the words of an ambassador are not sufficient anymore. Now tangible actions must follow his words!
- ⇒ It's not only about proclamation anymore but about demonstration **in power (Dynamis)**.
- ⇒ Power means specific **power ACTIONS**

**Power actions within war against the kingdom of darkness are according to Mark 16, Luke 9, Luke 10, Matthew 10 and Matthew 28 e.g.:**

- A) Proclamation of the WORD (the right and authority to speak, to call...)
- B) Powerful prayers
- C) Declarations
- D) Healings
- E) Deliverances
- F) Raising of the dead

Even the Apostles did their ministry using this power from above

### **Romans 15:18-19**

*I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—by the power (dynamis) of signs and wonders, through the power (dynamis) of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.*

- ⇒ When the Lord Jesus sent out his disciples, he gave them all authority (exousia) and power (dynamis) needed to bring the gospel of God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth and to be victorious against all power (dynamis) of the enemy!

### **Luke 10:19**

*I have given you authority (exousia) to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power (dynamis) of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

**Here some examples for what purpose the disciples had AND have the authority and power but also the instruction and duty:**

- Go into all the earth

- Be witnesses
- Evangelize, preach, proclaim, debate
- Lead people to repentance
- Forgive sins = declare the forgiveness of sins to people
- Call people to faith = Call people into following Jesus
- Baptize people in water
- Laying on of hands, so people are filled with the Holy Spirit
- Suffer
- Announce judgement = shake dust off their feet of people don't listen
- All kinds of healings
- Deliverances from evil spirits
- Raising the dead
- Bind/loosen
- Start discipleship groups = found «Communities of Faith» and/or spiritual families
- Educate/encourage/exhort/rebuke others
- Make disciples = training
- Bless
- Fasting and prayer
- Send

Exactly that authority and power (and much more) the Lord gives to everybody that seriously wants to follow Jesus.

#### **Matthew 28:20**

*And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> commandment of sending: Heal the sick!**

- ⇒ In the four Gospels, Jesus gives his disciples clear instructions to preach the Gospel, to cast out demons and to heal the sick
- ⇒ We are his disciples NOW and that's why these instructions are the SAME for US too!

#### **Luke 10:8-9**

*When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*

#### **Mark 16:17-18**

*And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

#### **Matthew 10:8**

*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*

#### **John 14:12**

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

- ⇒ The Kingdom of God spreads wherever the Gospel is proclaimed and is accompanied by signs and wonders.

**Mark 16:20**

*Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*

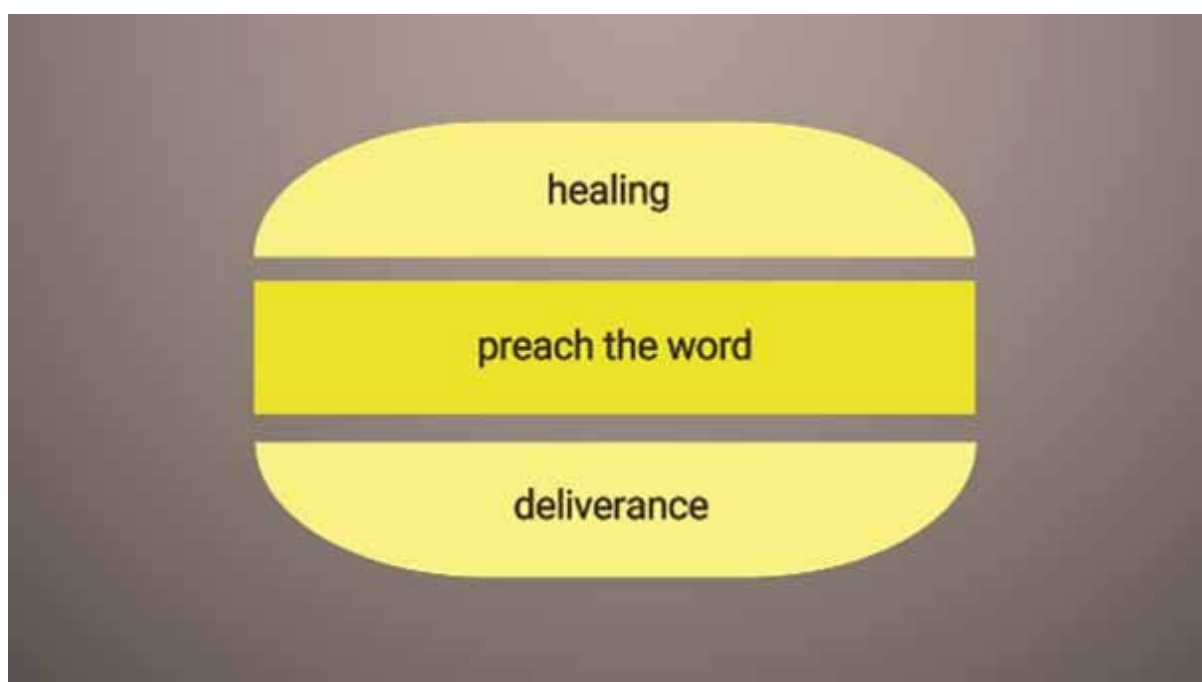
⇒ Paul also wrote:

**1 Corinthians 2:4-5**

*My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.*

**The three most common power actions within pioneer evangelism**

We call it the Gospel-sandwich:



➔ Proclamation of the Gospel is the center (meat)

➔ Followed by healings and deliverances (bread)

➔ **The Kingdom of God comes with power:**

**Mark 9:1**

*And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."*





### 10 thoughts concerning the power actions (healings and deliverances) and the proclamation of God's Kingdom

- 1) You cannot separate the **actions of power** (healings and deliverances) from the Kingdom of God
- 2) You CANNOT replace the **actions of power** (healings and deliverances) by programs.
- 3) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are demonstrations of God's Kingdom, they make it tangible and visible on earth. Many times, demonstrations of power (healings and deliverances) happen first and proclamations of the word (= proclamations of God's Kingdom) follow.
- 4) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are a true blessing for our lives.
- 5) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are an expression of God's compassion and love for people.
- 6) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** destroy resistance and catalyze the process of a new birth.
- 7) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are «fruits» and a specific expression of Jesus' work of redemption for people.
- 8) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are signs (**characteristics, trademarks**) of God's Kingdom.
- 9) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are signs that point to God's new world where there will be no suffering or diseases anymore. Future invades the present.
- 10) **Actions of power** (healings and deliverances) **worked by the Holy Spirit** are in a direct relation to our relationship with the HOLY SPIRIT.

### God's primary will is always healing!

As long as we really think that sickness and disease can be a «God-given» blessing, we WON'T really believe in healings.

→ That God's primary will is always healing can be seen in three ways throughout the Bible:

**A) The nature of God is love and he wants to bless and heal**

**Exodus 15:26**

*He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."*

**James 1:17**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

**B) God revealed his perfect nature and will in Jesus. Healing is from God, all kinds of destructive works are from the devil. Jesus never walked and ministered to spread diseases and sickness.**

**Acts 10:38**

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing ALL who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

**C) God sent his son in order to be beaten and sacrificed also for our healing.**

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

*He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

Jesus fulfilled this word from Isaiah:

**Matthew 8:16-17**

*When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."*

So the question is never: Is it God's will to heal?

But instead: How do I get authority to receive healing and to heal others?

→ The simple answer is: Jesus took up and bore all our infirmities and diseases already – so we simply need to believe in what he has accomplished for us on the cross and the power that comes with it!

→ Sickness is never God's primary will!

→ BUT if someone is sick and DOESN'T get healed, it's clear that God also moves within that circumstance. He alone can use this difficult circumstance and turn it for the better (in all things, God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose...Romans 8:28).

**The power of the Holy Spirit lives in us:**

**Romans 8:11**

*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

- ⇒ In the Gospels, we read about around 30 healings that happened through Jesus
- ⇒ In more of 10 of the situations, Jesus had to deliver the person from evil spirits so the person could be healed
- ⇒ Among the 661 verses in the Gospel of Mark 209 talk about miracles and signs.

### **Testimonies of Florian Bärtsch**

#### **1. Marsha from Irbit**



➔ **The blind see**

#### **2. Rajneesh from Madhya Pradesh. Deaf-mute from birth**



➔ **Deaf hear**

#### **3. Anatoli from Bashkortostan.**



→ **The lame walk**

4. Evangelism with demonstration of power



→ **Actions of power**



5. The man with the hat is a former Imam

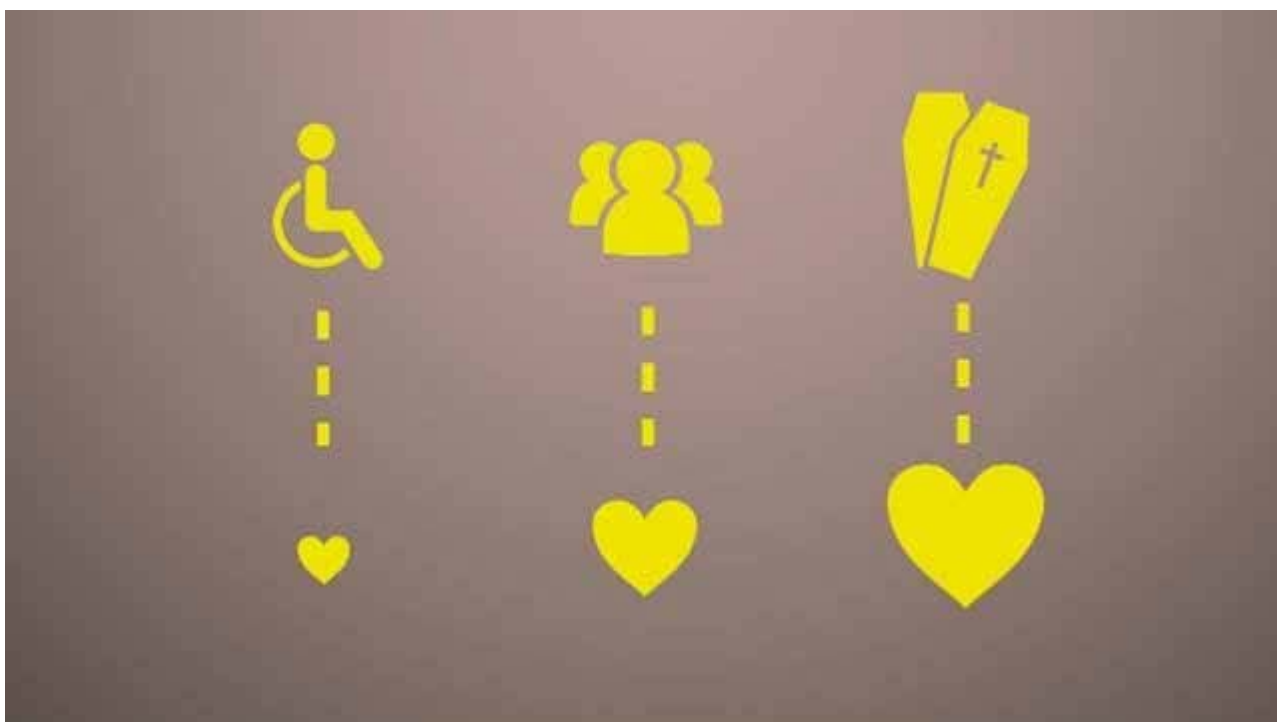


→ He experienced healing

Within these 4 days out on the streets in the Hindu- and Islamic villages of South East Asia approximately 1000 (one thousand!) healings happened! When the people saw the power of God move they opened their hearts wide for Isa (= Jesus in Islam) and declared they want to follow him. Sometimes, the presence and power of God was so tangible that all people present were completely healed. They heard the Gospel of God's Kingdom and decided to become Isahis (= followers of Christ). In these moments, they knelt down and devoted their lives and their settlement to Isa.



### Measure of faith



➔ 1:100, 1:50, 1:25

When people pray for the sick today, complete miracles don't always happen - even people that are very experienced in the ministry. Sometimes, after we prayed for a few people, we saw the «big miracles» happen. Normally, we see a big miracle after having prayed for 25, 50 or a 100 people.

## What should we do if we pray and healing DOESN'T happen?

- Pray a second time!
- Pray until God heals or speaks to us (compare Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 ... a thorn is given into my flesh ... three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.")
- Even through Paul, not all were healed (2 Timothy 4:20; Erastus stayed in Corinth, Prothimus I left behind sick in Milet)
- By the way, even when a «big miracle » happens, it doesn't mean automatically that people will start following Jesus. Few that experienced healing through Jesus really started following him.
- John Wimber simply said: "If we prayed 50 times and DID'T see any healing manifest we take a short break and pray for another 50 people."

## Healing is related to the following:

- A) **Word of God** (commands us to heal the sick and promises healing)
- B) **Spirit of God** (we were filled with the Holy Spirit and in this power, we can pray for the sick, the Holy Spirit moves and does a miracle)
- C) **Faith** (by faith we as his disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and by faith in the promises of the word of God we lay hands on the sick and they WILL recover)

### **James 5:15**

*And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.*

### **Luke 17:19**

*Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

## Healing by faith

Healing is a part of the work of Jesus and by faith we can release healing

- a) Jesus Christ reveals the Father to us
  - b) The Father wants us healthy
  - c) It's always the devil that wants people to be sick and remain sick
  - d) Jesus took up all infirmities and bore our diseases on the cross for us
  - e) We must believe in Jesus as a healer
  - f) The key for healing, is to apply and use our faith
  - g) If we pray by faith (in the finished work of Jesus), healing will manifest
- D) **Empathy– compassion**
- Matthew 9:36**
- When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*
- Mark 1:41**
- Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"*

### **Matthew 20:34**

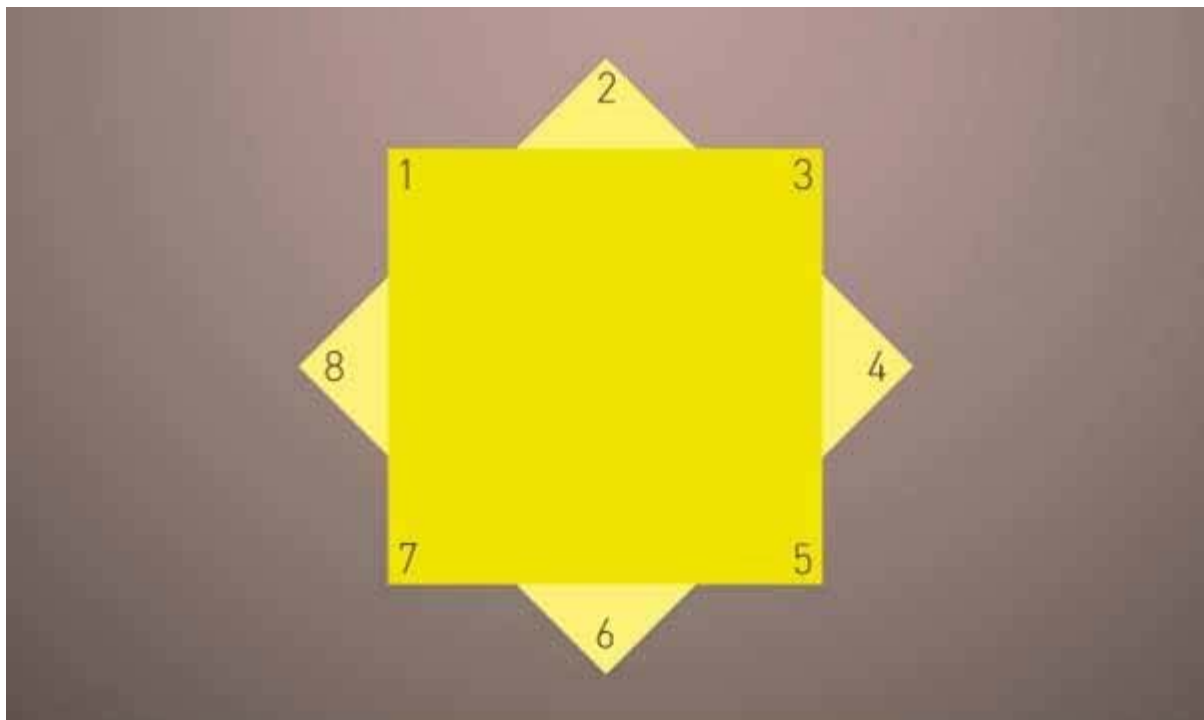
*Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.*



## Healing practically

When we precisely look at Jesus we can see 8 ways how He healed people practically.

### 8 ways/«methods» for healing the sick practically



#### 1. A) To lay hands on a person

##### **Mark 16:18**

*"...they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

#### 1. B) To lay hands on a sick part of the body

##### **Matthew 20:34**

*Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.*

→ It's not even mentioned if Jesus prayed or declared healing

#### 2. The sick person touches us

##### **Mark 6:56**

*And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.*

#### 3. Lay hands on the person, speak to the sick person and declare healing

##### **Luke 5:13**

*Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.*

4. **Lay hands on the person, speak to the person and instruct the person to do a step of faith**

**Acts 3:6**

*Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."*

5. **DON'T lay hands – simply speak to the person and declare**

**Mark 3:5**

*He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.*

**John 5:8**

*Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."*

**John 9:7**

*"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.*

6. **DON'T lay hands – simply speak to the pain or the disease and order it to leave**

**Luke 4:38-39**

*Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.*

7. **DON'T lay hands – simply anoint with oil**

**Mark 6:13**

*They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.*

8. **«Other methods»**

**John 9:6**

*After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.*

**Mark 7:32-33**

*There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.*

**Mark 8:23-25**

*He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.*

**Acts 19:12**

*...so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.*

## **Final thoughts**

- ➔ We have authority and power to heal the sick
- ➔ Let us gladly go and heal the sick
- ➔ Personally, the author (Florian Bärtsch) has seen how the Lord has tremendously blessed people who are willing to BEsent to the lost and reach out to them!

## Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

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- b) Group discussion.

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- c) Write down personal revelations from the teaching.

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- d) Pray for the sick people among you now. Note what happens.

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e) Plan an outreach where you can heal at least 10 sick people.

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f) Each group presents what they've learned to the other groups.

### Part III: Outreach

Regular practice of **GOING** (2-3 times a week, 6-9 hours in total) to the unreached of the ethnic group God put on your heart. This should be accompanied by 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) each week.

1. PRAYER – Prayer walks with a partner/ the team ☐
2. GOING – (2:2 or as a team) to the unreached of the ethnic groups God put on your heart ☐
3. FIND people of peace ☐
4. PREACH – the Gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
5. SHARE – the way of salvation ☐
6. EVANGELISTIC DBS with people of peace ☐

- 7. SHARE your personal life transforming testimony with 5 people ☐
- 8. CALL to repentance and into FOLLOWING Jesus ☐
- 9. FAITH, repentance, baptism and reception of the Holy Spirit ☐
- 10. PRAY FOR AND HEAL 10 people within an outreach ☐

**BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!**