

The Power of Readiness, Part 3

"That's Just Sick!"

Slide Notations

Recap 1: We must get the word in us so it can overflow from us... The world needs people who know the truth that sets people free... forewarned by God we are forearmed to inform our allies!

Recap 2: We should never, ever, bite the hand of the One who can help us! It's ugly, it's counter-productive and it's unwarranted!

"You have heard of the endurance of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." **James 5.11**

Job did not bite the hand of God... And God brought him out... blessed!

People say, "All's well that ends well..." but it's an eternity apart from: "The Lord redeems the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him will be desolate. **Ps 34.22** He redeems your life from destruction; and crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies... **Ps 103.4** He works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose! **Rom 8.28** ***So don't bite the hand of the only One who can help you out, with blessings!***

"That's sick, so sick, but just sick!"

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power who went around doing good and *healing all that were oppressed of the devil...* for God was with Him!" **Acts 10.38** "For this purpose was the son of God manifest, *to destroy the works of the evil one!*" **1John 3.8**

There was a woman – sick, *18 yrs!* Jesus laid hands on her and she was immediately healed! He asked, 'Shouldn't this woman *whom Satan has bound*, be set free?' **Luke 13.11-17** There was a man – sick of the palsy lying on a bed, and Jesus seeing their faith said to the sick man, 'Son, be happy, *your sins are forgiven you!*' And the man got up and went to his house healed! **Matthew 9.1-7** There was a man – born blind. His disciples asked, who sinned, this man or his parents? Jesus said, *"no one is to blame here!* But let's watch and see what God is going to do here to glorify Himself!" **John 9.1-3**

There was a man – with a son who was dying. Jesus spoke, and he was healed! **John 4.46ff**

There was a leper – who Jesus touched and he was healed **Mt 8.1ff**

There was a paralytic – **Mk 1.40**

There was a cripple – **Lk 6.6**

There was a servant – **Mt 8.5**

There was a deaf/dumb man – **Mk 7.31**

There were ten lepers – **Lk 17.11**

There was a cut off ear – **Mk 14.47**

There were demon possessed – healed!

"He that believes in Me will do the works that I have done and greater works than these because I am leaving to go to the Father!" **John 14.12** "These signs will follow those who believe; In My name they will cast out devils, speak with new tongues, remove serpents, be secure from poisoning, *lay hands on the sick and they will recover!*" **Mark 16.17,18**

The truth is simple... There are a lot of people in the world knocked down by sickness and disease. Jesus came and did something about it. Then He sent us out to do something – more. We believe in God's desire, Jesus sacrifice and Holy Spirit gifts for healing! But this isn't about God's desire to heal or about gifts of healing flowing through us! This is about a preemptive strike against doing the wrong thing when it's you! **Remember Job...**

"You have heard of the endurance of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." **James 5.11**

The purpose of The Power of Readiness is "forewarning..." Having His Words "for-warning" in us releases power so that when bad things happen, and they will, we are able to stand, fight and win!

For-warning "Creation was broken and waits for deliverance from the slavery of decay and ruin to be liberated with the children of God. It groans under our common calamity and travails for delivery with us! **Romans 8.21,22**

Bad things will come because the world itself is broken!

For-warning "When tested, don't let anyone say this is God doing it – He isn't tested by evil and doesn't use evil to test men – but men are put to the test when they're drawn away by lust and lust brings sin and sin brings death!" **Jam 1.13,14**

Bad things will come because sometimes we make wrong choices!

For-warning "keep sober and alert because your arch enemy, Satan, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking and plotting to take down and devour anyone unaware!" **1Peter 5.8**

Bad things will come because we have an opportunistic enemy!

For-warning "but we know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose!" **Romans 8.28**

Bad things will come but they will leave if we hold faith, steadfast!

There will be times when we have to fight our way to high ground! Sometimes we won't be healed until we "turn around!" Most times we will be healed as we continue on His way!

But it's just sickness...

And if you can keep yourself from being afraid... You can keep yourself composed for a miracle intervention! Like Job!

If the devil brings it on, there is deliverance! If we bring it on, there is repentance. If brokenness brings it on, there is restoration... ***Any way it comes on, there is God! Any way it plays out, there is God!***

"We know that if our earthly bodies '*halt for a night*' we have another body built by God, eternal in the heavens... and we groan, craving its possession... not that we want to divest ourselves of life but that we want to be fully vested in the life of God. And He made us this way and gave us His Spirit as the down payment of that life! Therefore we are *courageous* at all times knowing that as long as we're in this body we are absent from Him, and we are *courageous* to emigrate from this body to be home with the Lord – so we labor in faith to please Him. **2C5**