

# The Power Of The Kingdom

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Kingdom Healing describes the original ministry of Jesus to thousands, as he taught and demonstrated the Kingdom to the world when He was with us in the flesh. He then went on to teach this same healing ministry to the twelve, and then to the seventy-two, and then He left instructions in the Great Commission that it should be a part of every disciple's work until He comes back. Since Jesus commissioned it, of course Kingdom Healing works! Matthew 4.23,24 tells us that: "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them."

But it was not only Jesus. We can read about Peter, Paul, Stephen, Barnabas. Philip and any number of everyday performing Christians all manner of miraculous healings; astonishing those who watched, and bringing whole crowds to faith. How different this all sounds compared with much of the church's ministry today. Of course we can each recount examples of God's divine

provision, and give thanks for them. But Scripture shows us a whole community of Christians which expected miraculous healings as the norm, and who weren't disappointed as glory was brought to God time after time after time. Down the centuries since then though, the expectations of the healing ministry have in general changed and weakened beyond all recognition. Today we have not so much a dynamic street-ministry of healing for all, but more one of prayers offered in the hope of outof-reach blessings. In those far-off days they expected miracles - and they got them! Today we mightn't lack sincerity, as we pray with love, hope, compassion and even desperation, but we do see very little results in comparison to the events of the first century.

Why is this? Neither God nor His desire to bless people has changed. Rather, we have let slip away the knowledge of why and how the Kingdom of God responds to people's needs. In those days they knew how to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, so that the Holy Spirit could confirm what they were saving with signs and wonders. Quiet intercession is as wonderful as it is essential, but it isn't all there is to bringing about God's will for wholeness. Too often we have had to deny our disappointment, and justify an apparently silent heaven with all kinds of second-guessing of God's motives, and of the supposed problems He might have with healing us. The resulting effect upon the success of our evangelism is self-evident.

But Scripture promises that there is an incomparably great power available for us who believe (Ephesians 1:17-19); and specifically that the power of God resides in the message of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:17,18). In the first years of the church those early Christians didn't have access to the New Testament; they knew only the fact of the resurrection, and the

doctrine of redemption. But armed with those keys to the Kingdom they changed forever the lives of those with whom they shared. If only we could once again discern the message of the cross, and proclaim it effectively, we would witness the incomparable power for physical, mental and emotional restoration that dwells in that message, in the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Can we do it? Can we get back there, back to being emptied of self, and to being totally reliant upon the Holy Spirit? Just watch the early Christians as they walk to church on a sunny day, and the sick are healed as their shadows pass over them. And they are only people, no different from us! Of course we too acknowledge Jesus as the healer, but why does the disciples' ministry look so much more vibrant and fruitful than does ours? Through studying Kingdom Healing, the words and works of Jesus and of the early church, and by stripping away every other technique and supposition that has developed down the



centuries, we can indeed go back to those days of fruitful ministry, to the glorification of God through the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

We need to discard any discordant wisdom on teaching about healing: be it from books, healing theologies, logical discourses, secular techniques or people's opinions. Using only the Old and New Testaments as our inspiration, and allowing Jesus to release the Holy Spirit through us, we can draw from the eternal power of Calvary, as we march forward witnessing God's glory revealed afresh; the inevitable result of our reliance upon a totally



### **Wholeness**

Wholeness, according to the dictionary, is a state of total well-being. As Christians we know that the only source of complete well-being: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual, is God Himself. How wonderful it is to be recipients of His provision for us in that regard - in the new life He gives us in His Son. And how privileged we are, those who produce this magazine, to invite every reader to be seeking and claiming all that God has for each of us.

This edition of *Wholeness* is a tribute to so many faithful men and women who, by God's grace, have contributed to this publication over the decades. As readers may know, Wholeness began in 1957 as a vision given to Laurence Mulcock, a lay minister in Stratford, New Zealand. The mission was to present testimonies and articles related to the healing power of Jesus Christ in the world today. Wholeness continued to grow from strength to strength under its second editor, Christopher Lethbridge. Christopher's assistant, Joan Benge, had this to say: "It has always been such a characteristically positive little paper, and the following quote from an early issue explains why: 'We try to put in only such writing as will uplift, inspire, transform and renew." This was also the goal of my friend Ron Ammundsen, the third editor of Wholeness; and the evidence of God's guiding hand has been attested to by you, the readers.

For your benefit a large number of past articles are available on our website at www. wholenessinhim.net Also, past copies of *Wholeness* can be requested, and will be sent by email or by hardcopy in the post. Many of the articles we publish come from Sharing and from The Encourager; and there is information on the back page on ordering these most inspiring of magazines.

Please pray for those who produce *Wholeness*, that we may know the future direction in which God would take this publication. But most importantly, continue to pray for a revival of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in the world today. Each one of us has a role to play; and for it to be fully realised we need to be continually responding to the truth contained in Ecclesiastes 12:13, "After all this, there is only one thing to say: Have reverence for God, and obey his commands, because this is all that we were created for."

trustworthy Christ. Then we will really see the divine dynamics of the Kingdom of God in action, just as it was taught and practised by those faithful men and women of God long ago.

And the results when we get there? Testimonies too numerous to mention; joy that brings faith alive; grace and abundance that flow like a river; trust that drowns all cynicism; and lives governed by worship and thanksgiving. What a place to be! Is all this too good to be true? We mustn't forget that our God is a God of unlimited goodness, and His will is that we, and those to whom we minister, enjoy the abundant life His Son sacrificed His own life for. Our Saviour deserves nothing less than that Kingdom Healing brings all glory to his name. Let it be so!



Rev. Mike Endicott

### **Power Over Sinful Habits**

Canon Jim Glennon, St Andrew's Cathedral Healing Ministry, Sydney. Reprinted from Wholeness #82 1999

How often a wonderful blessing from God is followed by setback or disaster. I am convinced that on the mountaintop, thanking God for His provision, is a very dicey place to be. God-permitted difficulties give us no alternative but to depend on Him, but when blessing comes there isn't the same need for that reliance. Our fallen self-nature takes over again, and disaster isn't far away.

We need to continually depend upon Christ if we are to have power over sinful habits. They may perhaps not dismay us, but they can and do grieve the Holy Spirit; affecting the blessing we would otherwise be believing for from God. Just as faith appropriates the promises of God, so guilt limits our ability to be the beneficiaries of those promises. I'm referring both to habits that are

obviously sinful, and to bad habits that we may take for granted. Remember that "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:23)

A complaining attitude and the practice of criticizing others are acts of unfaith, for we could instead be believing for God to change the situation for good. They keep other people, and ourselves, in bondage to the issue, and spread a spirit of dissatisfaction and disunity. Another sinful habit we may well take for granted is unforgiveness. However, when we stand praying we are commanded to forgive others (Mark 11:25). Nothing grieves and quenches the Spirit more than unforgiveness, be it relating to matters large or small.

Sin is anything less than, and different from, the standards of Christ. Who, then, does not have sinful habits? We all need the power and grace of God to overcome them, because with nearly every sin there is a satisfaction. It is so easy for us to prefer to keep it, even as we simultaneously desire to overcome the failing. In order for us to draw on God's grace, that we might really turn from that sin, sometimes things have to become unmanageable in our lives. God



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can permit difficulties to bring us to a most uncomfortable place. Only then, when our fallen self-nature is flattened, is God able to come through with His grace and enable us to yield to Him and finally leave the problem behind.

"If we confess [our sinful habits], God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) We

sometimes neglect to claim this second part of God's provision - cleansing. We know what forgiveness means, but we are not always clear about cleansing, which is God taking away the sin itself. That's what God wants; He doesn't forgive us so that we can go on sinning, that would be hypocrisy. He forgives us so that He might cleanse and totally take away the sinful habit. So, after confessing, we need to believe for both forgiveness and for cleansing - God's complete provision.

To draw upon God's full blessing, so that we might be free from deeply entrenched sinful habits, we may well need to pray, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." (Genesis 32:26) We are called to persevere in prayer; not merely asking, but believing, thanking and praising. There is an old saying: "The journey of 1000 miles begins with the first step." Begin that journey now, to gain the victory over that habit that so grieves the Holy Spirit; for His sake, for our own sake, for the sake of others, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Victory is at hand, ... walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16)

### **Praying With Authority**

Malcolm Self, Sharing. Reprinted from Wholeness #226 2015

After a healing conference, Father Josh Acton was asked: "When you asked people to come forward if they were sick, or in pain, and you prayed for them, they experienced immediate and noticeable relief. It seems that when most of us pray for someone, our prayers last a long time with only mixed results. Why are your results different from mine, and how do I get that power and authority that you speak with?"

Father Josh's answer: "Jesus teaches us to pray with authority. This authority is not an authority that's ours, but His. We exercise it on His behalf. It's very much like spending on someone else's credit card. Imagine having the resources of Bill Gates available to you, along with full access to his account. Your name is on

the card as a joint cardholder, and so you have the full authority to spend. Another illustration is that of a Sheriff's deputy. Jesus has, in a very real sense, deputized you! He has given you the power to arrest and remove sickness, disease, and any malady -

spiritual or physical. Jesus knows this. The devil knows this. We, on the other hand, have trouble really believing it. But Jesus says He has given you authority to trample down all the works of the evil one. So when you pray against pain and sickness in the authority and in the name of Jesus that pain must obey. If we do not have success in our first prayer, we keep praying until we see that sickness leave the person in need. This is not just for the super-spiritual, but for every Christian!



Rev. Acton

We don't always see the results we want; but more often than not we do see results. We are commanded to keep praying in power: 'And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.' (Matthew 10:1) Don't

plead for power you already have; just command bad stuff to leave in the authority of Jesus! It takes risk to do this; but, as John Wimber said, "Faith is spelled R-I-S-K!"

Give me strength in my weakness. Give me faith in my fear. Give me power in my powerlessness. I'm trusting You. AMEN

### Waiting Upon The **Holy Spirit**

The Rev. Len Harris (condensed). Reprinted from Wholeness #56 1971

Jesus spoke of. "...the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive." 14.17) (John Bv "the world" He meant those who live as if there were



no God, those people who leave Him out of the reckoning altogether as being irrelevant. Truly, we can only see what we are wanting to see. A person who has eliminated God from their conscious or even subconscious thoughts never has the slightest inclination to wait upon Him or to listen to His voice. They would think it a waste of time.

Just as with the unbeliever, Christians can be distracted by the world, the flesh and the devil, so that we are too busy to give the Holy Spirit any chance to reveal His will. We can soon come to assume that our will is God's will; having become so involved in good causes that we don't have any time for eternal ones. How easy it is to become so busy working in our own strength that we never fully know the joy of God's power working through us.

We cannot hear the Holy Spirit unless we wait in silence, and prayer, and expectation. The Holy Spirit gate-crashes no man's heart; He waits to be received. So, let us pray our eyes will be opened to the wonderful things that the Holy Spirit brings to life within a human soul, so that we will prioritise time amidst the hustle and bustle of life to wait in silence for His coming and for His power. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40.31)

# Abiding

Bob Gass, Reprinted from Wholeness #217, 2012

If our need for a relationship with God is so deep and so constant, why do we fail to pursue it? One reason is we're convinced He remembers all the bad we've done and is quick to judge us for how we're doing now. That's not so. Think of the qualities of a best friend: they accept you and make time for you; you always leave their presence feeling better.

What you appreciate in a best friend is exactly what God offers you today. He wants to abide with you even more than you want to abide with Him! "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love." (John 15.9) If we were really abiding in His love we'd come away feeling so cherished that we'd rush back to Him at every opportunity.

The word abiding means to 'be at home' in God's love; to be convinced of your acceptance as a valued member of His family; to be at peace there, to be fed and nurtured by His presence, to feel protected knowing it's the safest place on earth that you'll ever be. Abiding is all about the most important relationship in your life. In abiding you seek, long for, thirst for, wait for, see, know, love, hear and respond to Him. Abiding means having more of Him in your activities, thoughts and desires.

Too often in our rush to perform for God we simply fail to enjoy His company. Yet we were created to be incomplete with anything less. That's why David wrote, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God." (Psalm 42.1) May that be our heart cry too.

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#### **Sent To Heal**

What strikes you when you read Luke 9:1-6 (The mission of the twelve) and Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (The mission of the seventy-two)? These two passages have been so very much a part of my consciousness recently. What they have been saying to me may be rather self-evident to you, but I still think it's important to comment on them.

The twelve and the seventy-two had been with Jesus for quite some time. They had been shown what to do, they had received further teaching and guidance, and now they were given the task of putting all this into practice. They were sent out in pairs, having been given power and authority over all demons, to cure all diseases, to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and to heal. They were even told what to say to those who were healed: "The kingdom of God has come near to you." All in all, some very specific instructions.

One particular section keeps standing out for me, Luke 10:1: "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go."

This healing mission was to prepare people for Jesus Himself to come and be with them. It wasn't just for the sake of healing people, there was the extra dimension of getting folk ready to receive Jesus. It seems to me that much of our "putting the healing ministry into practice" through the laying on of hands and praying for people has lost this vital objective. If Jesus' instructions are still valid today (and of course they are!) this divine ministry in which we are involved should be leading people to Christ!

Our mission in the Order of St Luke has traditionally been the promotion of the healing

Rev. Bill Sim

ministry within churches, through teaching and healing services. And in this we have mainly preached to the converted, or at best we have expected non-believers to come to us. The one key aspect of leading people to Jesus through the ministry of healing - going to them - has not been an emphasis. And this failure, I believe, needs to be radically addressed.

Like the twelve and the seventy-two, we need to go out and take the healing ministry into whatever communities we are a part of: our families, neighbourhoods, workplaces, social clubs ... and yes, our churches as well! We all have interactions with the wider community as we shop for groceries, get petrol for the car, or just chat with people as we walk the dog. We are people of community, and we interact with others every day. And as we interact, do we ever come upon people who are sick and who need healing? Of course we do. I know it takes courage and commitment to offer prayer then and there. But we have received instruction, we have had the practice, and we have been sent out by Jesus to prepare the way for Him. How obedient are we being?

This, I believe, is the point in which the Order of St Luke, and indeed every Christian, is currently being challenged. We are being directed to go and exercise the healing ministry - the one that we have been given by Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit - to confirm the message of the Gospel. Indeed, this is surely what is meant by the concluding instructions in the Anglican liturgy,

> "Go now to love and serve the Lord. Amen. We go in the name of Christ."

Bill

# Why Doesn't God Heal Me?

Christopher Lethbridge, Wholeness Editor. Reprinted from Wholeness #88 1980

As a long-term disabled person, otherwise keeping in reasonably good health, my own healing doesn't seem very urgent. Of course I know all the reasons to keep believing for God to restore my wholeness: the need to keep faith in an unchanging God, the primacy of seeing beyond my symptoms to God's promises, the existence of conditions affecting God's ability to heal me, the requirement for personal faith as well as the faith of others, etc. All that aside, I have

received great enlightenment about my personal circumstances [as a quadriplegic] through reading Burton Seavey's book *Why Doesn't God Heal Me?* and in particular through meditating on that famous passage 1 Corinthians 11:27-30, in which Paul states categorically that one of the reasons many are sick, and some have died, is because they are eating and drinking the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus, unworthily, "not discerning the body".

I have been contemplating three aspects of "the Body". Firstly, the Atonement, with healing being promised in the death of Christ. Secondly, Christ's human body, with its perfection. And thirdly, the Body of Christ, the Church, with its unity and health requiring our total respect. This latter obligation has led me to consider my



Christopher Lethbridge

unforgiveness and resentment, my motives and disobedience. I began to see again how lukewarm were my reasons for wanting complete healing. God has given me some healing, but what would I do with the rest? Would I now burn with a greater desire to serve? Would I be more on fire for His glory?

God has given me many blessings, but the Bible says, "to whom much is given much is required." (Luke 12:48) And

so there is no ignoring the key principle of obedience. How often God has given me very clear instructions about something, and while I have listened and heard and intended to obey, I have not done so. I have too often ignored God's commands, and broken my earlier vows to obey them always. And I have then gone on to ask God for more guidance!

I am still not healed of my disablement, but I have had a most wonderful bath in God's forgiving love. I have great joy ... but for other provision I guess God is waiting to see if my heart stays warm, and whether I will really obey those directions He has given me, and the ones He is giving me. In any case, it is my response, not my physical condition, that will define both my life and my destiny.

#### Being Whole

E. L Mulcock, Wholeness Editor Reprinted from Wholeness #80 1978

To be whole a person must be fit not only physically and mentally, but also emotionally and spiritually. To achieve this, it is necessary to be at peace with God and man. This means that we must love God, and love our neighbours as ourselves. This calls for



E.L. Mulcock

self-examination, confession, repentance and restitution. In theological terms these relate to baptism, a drowning of the old self to sin, and a new birth to righteousness. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ ..." (2 Corinthians 5.17,18)

## We All Have Ministries

Ron Ammundsen, Wholeness Editor Reprinted from Wholeness #191 2005

Don't give up because you think you are old. Just offer yourself to God's service and He will find something special for you. You may be in a rest home, a wheel chair, or confined to bed, but He will listen to your prayers, intercessions and praise wherever you may be. He is always ready to open an exciting new door of ministry for you.



Ron Ammundsen

## Why Does God Heal Us?

Frank Rigg, Communion Address at OSL Conference, Rotorua. Reprinted from Wholeness #80 1991

Jesus doesn't want miracles for the sake of miracles; He wants people committed to Him, people who want to forsake sin. Of course, the more we fight sin in our own strength the bigger the mountain becomes. Conversely, the more we abide in Christ the more surely the power of sin loses its hold and we are



Frank Rigg

set free. The battle becomes His battle; He being the Master, we being the servant. We no longer worry, but commit and release ourselves and our loved ones to the Lord. We can bind and cast out the influence, be it evil or sickness, but we must leave it to the Lord to minister wholeness. We are merely letting in the Light that dispels the darkness. The light is Christ, and Christ in us is the hope of glory! Rejoice that the scripture doesn't say: "If anyone is in Christ he is going to be a new creation", it says: "If anyone is in Christ he **is** a new Creation." Abide in Christ and sin **has** been defeated! Amen.

The goal of reading the Bible is not to read the Bible, but to know the God of the Bible. (Dave Whitehead)

## With Us In The Storm

John Ryeland, Connections 2009. Reprinted from Wholeness #207 2009

It is a fascinating account, Jesus stilling the storm as recorded in Mark 4:35-41. The disciples, some of them hardened fishermen, are in the middle of such a frightening storm that they fear for their lives. Jesus, we read, is asleep in the boat, until they wake Him up and He stands before the storm and stills it. This is a truly astounding testimony of Jesus' power over anything and

everything. However, the strangest thing is yet to come as He turns to the disciples and tells them off. "Why are you so afraid?" he asks. I can understand exactly why they were afraid; they thought they were going to drown. Did they have no faith? Actually, they had enough faith to wake Him up. Why then does He seem so annoyed with them?



When He asks why are they so frightened, what He is really saying is this: "Don't you realise that I am with you?" Sometimes it may seem to us that He is asleep, or that His attention is elsewhere, sorting out a bigger problem. But the truth is that He is always with us, as surely as if we could see Him physically standing there beside us. Let us really take that seriously, and

recognise Him with us in all the storms that might come our way - in all the storms that will come our way. Let us determine now that when those times next arise we too will hear those words: "Why are you so afraid?" And let us determine now, then, and always, to know the One who is saying them.

# Join The Dance

John Borman, Faith for Daily Living. Reprinted from Wholeness #211 2010

"You have turned my sorrow into joyful dancing. No longer am I sad and wearing sackcloth." (Psalm 30.11)

It's easy to miss the beautiful things in life, despite the fact that there are so many of them. It's possible to be too busy to enjoy anything. And there have been many people who have turned the necessary disciplines of the Christian life into a list of forbidden practices. In fact, Christians

have often been labeled "killjoys" for their supposed opposition to the simple pleasures of life. But what the verse above shows so clearly, is how the psalm-writer's meeting with God, in the depth of his pain and anguish, led to his finding spiritual renewal; producing such great joy that he had to dance and sing in sheer exultation. The spiritual experience literally burst forth into bodily celebration!

Christianity is a religion of joy. Joy is not a carnal emotion, which degenerates into orgies of self-indulgence and undignified debauchery.



*(Psalm 30.11)* Faith in Christ leads to holy joy that honours and celebrates the love of the Father for the Son, and of the Son for the Father. The joy of the Lord adds depth, warmth and comfort to dreary days and the toughest of situations. It enables the disciples of Jesus to sing through

difficulties and trials, and to endure hardships and disappointments. It lifts their spirits when sadness would otherwise overwhelm their hearts.

Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives, so let us believe the prophet when he tells us, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord..." (Isaiah 12.3, 4) And this very day, let's make a conscious decision to really, "... joy in the God of my salvation." (Habakkuk 3.18)

## Wholeness - The End of an Era?

Greetings reader. We ask you to please be in prayer with us as we seek God's will for the future of this publication. While finance continues to be an issue, it isn't nearly as daunting a challenge as the one we are now facing in regards to the loss of key personnel. We have recently had our Secretary, Assistant Editor, and two of our four proof readers resign, and by the end of the year we will be losing our Treasurer, our Packing & Posting Manager, and two of our four Trustees. None of these people are unhappy; their decisions are simply the result of changes in their personal circumstances.

So, if you are inspired to consider contributing in one of these roles, particularly if you are in the Hamilton area, please contact us. Otherwise, the sense of our Trust Board is that without God's provision of managerial support, and more importantly without fresh spiritual impetus, this may well be our final edition.

Until you are advised otherwise, please don't send any further donations. Should we cease publication then any remaining financial assets will be given to the Order of St Luke, who have been unstinting supporters of the Wholeness ministry.

In the meantime, please pray, and do ask others to pray, in support of the Trust Board as we seek wisdom from God; so that our decisions will be made in the knowledge of, and in fulfilment of, our God's will.

Blessings to you Michael Ferri Chairman, Editor

#### Live by the Spirit

Dave Whitehead, NY City Church Reprinted from Wholeness #207 2009

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." (Galatians 5:16)

How many times have we made New Year resolutions only to find ourselves discouraged by the 2nd week, or maybe even the 2nd day! How often do we intend to stop this or lose that, while maybe already resigning ourselves to the assumption that we won't make it. But the apostle Paul gives us the key principle regarding what it takes to truly change: we don't make a decision to keep away from the desires of our sinful nature, we make a decision to live by the Spirit! We need to focus our gaze on where we want to go, instead of looking at what we want to avoid. No matter what the time of year, let's take our gaze off our weaknesses and refocus it on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. When we do that, we find that He changes us in a way that good resolutions can't. "And we ... are being transformed into his likeness with everincreasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)



Emily Gardner Neal The following item was published in the first edition of Wholeness in 1958.

Today's miracles of healing, both spiritual and physical, signify the greatest revival of spiritual power the Church has known since the apostolic days. She is again the proclaimer of that vibrant and expectant faith which can move mountains.

The evident spiritual growth and influence of those churches which have revitalized the healing ministry suggest that the Church's ineffectiveness in the past has been due to the fact that she has been preaching an incomplete Gospel. An impressive number are now agreeing with Dr. Bell [a contemporary of Billy Graham] when he says, "We are at last beginning to understand that healing of the sick is a must in Christian obligation. Jesus said, 'Preach the gospel, heal the sick.' He meant what he said."

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