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LESSON 7

HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING

GOD IS ABLE TO HEAL YOU!

There has never been a time when there were so many sick and afflicted. And there has never been a time when so many millions of dollars were solicited and spent in research in an effort to find a cure for devastating diseases. Multitudes are dying because they are depending upon that which cannot help.

God knows how to heal the sick. He is all power in heaven and in earth. God can heal a cancer in two seconds. He can stop it in a split second. He can raise you and heal you.

If you are sick, I do not believe you are in the perfect will of God. He does not want your body to be sick any more than He wants your soul to be sinful. I do not believe Jesus is coming back for a church full of sickness any more than He is coming back for a church full of sin. Paul said in Ephesians 5:27: "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

In the following scripture, the Bible tells us that when God brought His people out of bondage and out of captivity, He said He would take away sickness from their midst. "The number of thy days I will fulfil." Exodus 23:26b.

"And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

"There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of

thy days I will fulfil." Exodus 23:25, 26.

If God's people are sick, there is something wrong either with them or with the Bible. Since we know there is nothing wrong with the Bible, we know it is with the people.

God's people are not believing God. They are not paying the price. They are not claiming the promises. God will do exactly what He promises -- exactly what He says. He will take away all sickness from the midst of His people, and that means ALL sickness.

In our Miracle Revival Campaigns, about eight out of ten are sick, diseased and afflicted. Some are brought in on stretchers. Some are wearing hearing aids. Others are suffering from high blood pressure and from mental sickness. They are bound, sick, in pain and misery, in agony and woe. Very few of God's people are perfectly well.

DISEASES AND YOUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION ARE CLOSELY RELATED.

Many who claim to be Christians are bound in spirit. David referred to this when he said: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit." Psalms 51:10-12. In other words, he asks God to let a free spirit get hold of him because he is bound.

If you are bound today, there is no need for you to be. He will set you free from sickness. He will set you free from disease. He will set you free from a binding in your spirit.

JESUS came to set men free. "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

ARE YOU FREE TODAY? If not, you are BOUND. Isaiah 61:1 says it is like being in prison. Jesus came to open the prison to them that are BOUND, to set at liberty those that are captive. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"

If you are bound, the devil will use that very thing to depress and discourage you.

If you are bound in your spirit and bound in your soul, you will soon be bound in your body. When you become bound in mind and spirit, even your digestive organs are affected. All the organs of your body are affected. They cannot function normally when you are mentally oppressed and bound in spirit.

At least ten of the major diseases (perhaps more) are caused, not by germs, but by a mental condition. Doctors tell us that eight out of every ten who think they have heart disease, palpitation, etc., have nothing organically wrong with their heart (the organ) -- the trouble is merely psychosomatic -- something wrong with their minds, (mental conflict).

Doctors also tell us that stomach ulcers are due to worry and oppression and heaviness of spirit.

A man came to me with stomach ulcers and said, "I am on my way to Minneapolis for an operation and I believe God can heal me if you will pray for me. I gave him a special prayer card and marked a big capital N T on it.

He said, "What's that N T for?"

I replied, "Nervous tension."

"Nervous tension!!" he protested. "I didn't tell you I was bothered with nervous tension! I told you I had STOMACH ULCERS! What did you put Nervous Tension on that card for?!"

"Stomach ulcers, I explained, "are not a disease. They are a condition -- a condition your stomach is in because of worry and distress, because of anxiety and oppression, and because of nervous disorders. You have this trouble because of NERVOUS TENSION. You are under a weight. You are under pressure."

"You are right," he agreed. "I have never worried so much in all my life. I am under tension! I just worry day and night!"

"That's why you have stomach ulcers," I said. "You get out from under this tension, this worry and oppression, and you won't have stomach ulcers."

Ulcers are caused by a mental condition. You are so worried and distressed,

anxious and fretful that you can't digest your food. Every time you eat, there is something in your stomach burning like fire. You have to take Tums or something else, for the "stomach burns."

If you will get peace in your soul and peace in your mind, and become settled down in your spirit, your digestive organs will work right and you will find you do not have so much trouble in your body.

God wants to set you free in your spirit and in your soul. The scripture says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22a. Get your heart and soul right. It is better medicine than any you can buy. I am speaking of the heart medicine that comes right out of heaven.

If you find yourself in need of deliverance, cry out to God. "God, help me to get my heart right. I want some heavenly medicine. You promised to give it to me when I get my heart right. Uplift me! Let me get my heart right because I want to get my body right physically. Help me, Lord!"

BE PERSISTENT -- DO NOT BECOME DISCOURAGED.

"And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:"

"And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

"And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

"And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

"And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,"

"Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight."

"And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee."

"And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God." Luke 18:35-43.

Blind Bartimaeus had surely heard much about the great healings of Jesus and how the blind were made to see. It was no doubt his constant hope that some day he could be where Christ was and receive his sight. And as he sat by the wayside begging, he had time to ponder, to think, to hope -- to hope that some day Jesus would come by. He felt certain that whenever He did, it would be his time to receive his sight. Now the devil, knowing this, had already laid a subtle plan to hinder Bartimaeus from receiving his healing. Already, Satan had picked out certain religious leaders to do all in their power, when the time came, to see that he did not receive this miracle.

Bartimaeus had met with no opposition day by day as he had sat by the road, with a cup in his hand. A person never meets with opposition as long as he suffers and is patient in his afflictions. But when he begins to cry out to Christ for help, and begins to press his way through to victory, all Satan's forces are turned upon him in opposition. However, "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4b.

Jesus said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 18:39.

They were trying their best to discourage Bartimaeus, so that he would not receive his healing. The moment he cried out to the Lord for help, many charged him that he should "hold his peace." Luke 18:39a.

Satan had used this group before -- this group did not follow Jesus because they believed in what He preached and did, nor because they believed in what He taught, nor because they were receiving anything from Jesus. They made it their business to rebuke people for shouting, and even begged the Lord to rebuke them for rejoicing with a loud noise. They made it their business to discourage the multitude rather than encourage them. They made it their business to find fault, to criticize, murmur and complain, to stay between Jesus and others for the express purpose of keeping them from the Lord.

Even so today, when a person makes up his mind to reach the Lord, in order to receive a miracle from Jesus or through someone used of the Lord, he is sure to discover some kind of hindrance from Satan. Notice, those who went before tried to hinder him, they rebuked Bartimaeus "but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Luke 18:39b.

"THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE" in your case, may be a friend, members of your family, perhaps your minister, or Sunday School teacher -- anyone who would

hinder you from receiving your healing.

Many times those who seek healing or a miracle are not in need of deliverance from sin (open, gross sin) nor from cigarettes, narcotics, alcohol, drugs nor such things. Oftentimes they need only to be loosed from, or know how to disentangle themselves from, "THOSE WHO GO BEFORE."

As Solomon said there is a time for all things under the sun (Ecclesiastes 3:1), there was a definite time for Bartimaeus to receive his sight. That time was when Christ passed by. That was the time for his eyes to be opened. That was the time for Bartimaeus to deal with and overcome the hindrances. The healing was on the way. JESUS WAS PASSING BY!

More than healing was on the way! OPPOSITION WAS ON THE WAY, and it stood between Bartimaeus and the miracle. The crowd approached. Its noise became louder. A multitude was following the Master!

As the crowd began to pass by, Bartimaeus knew that Jesus must be somewhere in the lead. He knew with positive faith that this was HIS TIME TO RECEIVE -- this was HIS OPPORTUNITY!

"JESUS," cried he, with aloud voice and deep emotion, "THOU SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON MET! Mark 10:47b. This was a real cry of faith. It was his only hope! It was now or never! He MUST stop the Lord! He MUST receive a touch! Not later, NOW! This was HIS HOUR!

Notice in Verse 48, the faith of Bartimaeus. He would not be discouraged. He was determined to have his eyes opened. He knew that Jesus was the only one who could help. The more people tried to discourage him, the louder he cried, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Mark 10:48b.

When Jesus saw that Bartimaeus would not be discouraged, He stopped and commanded him to be called. When they brought him to Jesus, He said to him, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Bartimaeus replied, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." Mark 10:51. It was then that Jesus said unto him, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Mark 10:52.

Had Bartimaeus listened to the people, he would have been turned away and never would have been healed.

God is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Heb. 11: 6b). One must not be discouraged. It is very important to have a real determination to persist until victory comes.

AS THE NEXT STEP, REMEMBER CALVARY!

David said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:" Psalm 103:2. That is, "REMEMBER all His benefits." To be reminded of all God's benefits, we must go back to Calvary. The benefits mentioned by David include forgiveness for ALL sins, and healing for ALL diseases; not part of our sins, nor part of our diseases, but ALL; every sin and every disease. This is the benefit of Calvary.

Seven hundred years before Calvary, Isaiah looked forward to the cross. Upon that cross he saw a man dying for the sins of the world. Not only dying -- shedding His blood -- for the sins of the world -- but dying with His back bruised and bleeding from the stripes which He bore that we might be set free from sickness, as well as from sin.

Speaking as he was moved by the Holy Ghost, Isaiah cried out in prophetic utterance, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes WE ARE HEALED.!' Isaiah 53:3-5.

So, then, at Calvary we were healed by His stripes.

Sixty years after Calvary, the Apostle Peter declares, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye WERE HEALED." 1 Peter 2:24.

What difference does it make whether it be sixty years after Calvary, or nineteen hundred years after Calvary? Time cannot change God's eternal Word. The fact remains that at Calvary YOU WERE HEALED. The work was finished there. All God asks us to do is to believe it, then receive it. Only as you, dear sick suffering friend, believe in the stripes, can you receive healing for your body.

SALVATION for the Soul in the Atonement:

Only as a sinner believes in Calvary for the atonement for his soul can he

receive salvation from sin. Jesus Christ shed His blood to atone for ALL sins. The suffering Christ went through in His body, however, was not for sin.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious BLOOD of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

“In whom we have redemption through his BLOOD, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” Ephesians 1:7.

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood (not the flesh) that maketh an atonement for the soul.” Lev. 17:11.

(The following is my personal testimony, telling of my conversion and what it means to be saved. It will be of help to those who may not be sure that they have been “born again.”)

I have not always been a preacher. I was not even always a Christian.

I was born in a drunkard’s home. I grew up in sin. I learned to drink hard liquor in my parents’ living room. I learned to dance as soon as I learned to walk. I lit my first cigarette from one my mother was smoking. No one ever told me, until I was twenty-three years of age, that Jesus had died for my sins and that I could be free!

Many times my heart had cried out for a better life. Many a night, after a gay party, I have cried myself to sleep. Many a morning, with a splitting headache and uneasy stomach, I have declared, “If I ever get over this one, I’ll never go on another one!”

Thank God, one night I heard the old story of Jesus. I heard that He had made a way, that He would pardon my sins, cleanse my sinful heart, and set me free. I was told that I could fall on my knees at an old—fashioned altar, cry out to God for pardon, and that He would hear me. It seemed too good to be true! That night, as I knelt before the Lord, Jesus took my sins away. The “old man” who had lived a life of sin for twenty-three years died there at that altar, and a new man came to live and walk and talk through that old body. I WAS BORN AGAIN.

The old “True Detective” magazines, “True Romances,” “True Story,” all the

old reading material had lost its interest for me. I found a little old black bound book that has stories in it far more thrilling than any I had ever heard. Once, I would have cast it aside saying, "Who would read that?" Now I found that in it were the words of life. I read it morning, noon, and night.

The songs I had sung for years, the songs my friends had applauded, were no longer half so sweet as the new songs I had heard at the church – "There is Power in the Blood," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and "The Old Rugged Cross."

It became my greatest joy to tell my old friends about my new joy. Ashamed of my Jesus? Ashamed for them to know I had "got religion?" No! I wanted them to know my Saviour, too!

Since that night, I have told thousands of people about Jesus, about His love and power. I have seen thousands come weeping down the aisles, repenting of their sins. I have seen them rise from their knees, smiling through their tears, to go out to live happy, useful Christian lives.

The beginning of the Christian life is indeed the beginning of a NEW life!

The Christian life begins with a knowledge that your sins are gone, that old things have passed away, and all things have become new.

Some may have told you that you can never KNOW that you are saved, and that you are ready for heaven. There are those in the world today who call themselves preachers of the gospel who would say to you, "Just live the best you know how. Pay your just debts. Be kind to your neighbors. Attend the church of your choice. It doesn't matter so much what you believe just so you are sincere, and when you get to the other end of this life, then you will find out whether you have done well enough. No one can ever know until the final judgment whether he is going to make it in!"

How utterly foolish. How far from the teaching of Scripture! What a devilish deception! It will cause people to drift carelessly into hell!

God's Word declares that we CAN KNOW!

"We KNOW that we have passed from death unto life," 1 John 3:14a.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that YE MAY KNOW that ye HAVE eternal life," 1 John 5:13a.

This does not say that you may HOPE that you shall have eternal life, when you have come to the other end of life's journey! You have eternal life NOW, and KNOW that you have it, or else you have no eternal life! ETERNAL LIFE BEGINS WITHIN YOU WHEN YOU BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND ARE BORN AGAIN.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.

The life of the unrepentant sinner — even the best of unrepentant sinners — is one life, while the life of the repentant, born again Christian, is an entirely different life.

The Apostle Paul describes the life of a well-meaning, self—righteous, religious sinner, in Romans 7: 14-24.

“For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. . . For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. . .O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Romans 7:14,15,18,24.

But Paul had found the answer, and reveals it to us in the next verse. “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom. 7:25a.

“What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.” Rom. 8:3,4.

Friend, you who have not been set free by the Lord Jesus Christ, are in prison! You are in bondage! You are bound by sin! You cannot do what you want to do, what you know is right! Many a time you have been ashamed of the thing that you have done. Many times you have wanted to stop. You have “turned over a new leaf.” You have made New Year's resolutions. You have seen the new leaf smudged and the resolutions broken. Sin's chains are too strong. You may call it “habit.” You may blame your “environment.” You may feel that some day when you are older and when your circumstances have changed, then you will turn from your wicked ways. You will do better.

Only Christ can set you free! He whom the Son of God sets free is free indeed. (John 8:36).

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Cor. 5:17.

The change is so complete that God in His word has called it a REBIRTH (John 3:3).

HEALING for the Body -- in the Atonement:

Christ did not suffer in His body for our sins. He shed His blood for that. The stripes were for our healing! David says so. Isaiah says so. Peter says so. Christ Himself says so. That should be sufficient!

Many remember part of His benefits, but have forgotten that part which provides deliverance for our physical bodies. So far as they are concerned, they make the sufferings of Christ to be in vain. Paul refers to this very thing when he tells us why Christians are sick. “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” (die prematurely). 1 Cor. 11:30. The cause is found in verse 29. Failure to discern the Lord’s body. That is, not understanding, or failing to remember for what His body was bruised and broken. In this Scripture Paul is referring to the sacrament. Going back to the teaching of Christ on this same subject, we find that Jesus took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take eat; this is my body.” Matt. 26:26. In verse 27, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it unto them saying, “Drink ye all of it, For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matt. 26:27b, 28.

Here Christ shows a distinction between the body and the blood. This distinction is the reason that both the bread and the wine are included in the symbolism of the sacrament. The wine symbolizes the blood shed for our sins; the bread symbolizes the body broken for the healing of our sicknesses. Failing to discern the Lord’s body (1 Cor. 11:29) means forgetting half of Calvary, failing to remember that it was by His stripes we are healed. Isa. 53:5. No wonder so many were weak and sickly in the church at Corinth, when they had neglected the provision God had made for their healing, and it is for this same reason so many Christian people are weak and sick today. They have forgotten the benefits of Calvary.

Jesus’ last words on the cross, before He gave up the ghost, were: “IT IS FtNISHED:” John 19:30. What did He mean? He meant just this: He had borne the sins of the world, and carried its sorrows. “Himself took our infirmities and bare our

sicknesses.” Matt. 8:17b.

Since Christ bore your sicknesses, you no longer have to be sick. You can be released from sin and sickness by remembering that Christ finished your redemption for both, ONCE FOR ALL, at Calvary. Thanks be to God for Calvary!

THE NEXT STEP IS -- BELIEVE!

Believe. JUST BELIEVE. Believing is faith. Faith is believing that God DOES. Believing it, simply because God said He would do it, and you know that God CANNOT LIE.

Now you are ready for healing. You are ready to come, believing that according to His word, you will recover.

The victory at Calvary is applied in your case.

“Faith without works is dead.” James 2:20b. In other words, faith that DOESN'T WORK is dead.

Since real faith is ALIVE, it is ACTIVE FAITH. It works! It acts!

You absolutely believe that by His stripes you were healed. Since you absolutely believe it, you begin to act on God's word. Joy comes into your heart, as the realization of what God has done for you sweeps over your soul. Faith always brings rejoicing. Then as you rejoice in your victory, stand upon your feet! Rise up in Jesus' name and walk!

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Heb. 11:1. Faith is reaching out into the unseen, getting hold of that which is NOT, and holding on until it becomes that which IS. Faith is believing that we possess that which we cannot see; that which we cannot feel. Though it is unseen and unfelt as yet, we believe it is already done.

This kind of faith BRINGS DELIVERANCE!

Believe even though you are in pain. Believe even though you have tried to walk and could not! Keep on believing, and keep on trying to act upon your faith. It is the believing that drives out the pain that brings you forth from your bed.

The unbeliever says, “Let me feel and I will believe.”

God says, "Believe, and I will let you feel."

Real faith is believing without being able to feel. We are healed according to our faith, not according to our feeling. Feeling comes after faith has been exercised.

Do not look for feeling -- LOOK FOR HEALING!

Faith for healing is believing absolutely that we are healed in spite of such things as weakness or pain. It is simply believing that we already have the thing for which we prayed BEFORE WE SEE IT OR FEEL IT. This is exactly what John meant when he said, "This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM." 1 John 5:14,15.

Then, without waiting to see or feel, we believe that we have the thing for which we prayed.

ACT YOUR FAITH -- DO THE THINGS THAT YOU COULD NOT DO!

Step out on the promise of God. Leave your wheel chair. Throw away your crutches. Walk and run! Leap for joy! Speak! Hear! See out of obscurity and out of darkness! Do it in Jesus Name! Because you believe, you are healed! You CAN and WILL do the things you could not do!

Quit TALKING about your faith and begin to ACT your faith. If you have real faith, you won't have to tell people about it. They can SEE the results of your faith. Four men brought a palsied friend to Jesus to be healed. The result of their faith could be seen. "And when He SAW their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee." Luke 5:20.

People who have real faith act instead of brag and talk. Do not declare that you have "all the faith in the world," when you are still sick and afflicted. If you have that much faith, YOU OUGHT TO BE BRINGING DELIVERANCE to the multitudes of sick and suffering!

Do not say, "If I can only believe." Leave the "if" out, Quit "trying to believe." Simply believe, and ACT on the Word of God. "But be ye DOERS of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22.

TALK ABOUT YOUR HEALING. TALK ABOUT THE GOODNESS OF GOD. TALK ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES.

Quote every Scripture promise of healing that you know! Do not talk of failure! Do not speak of defeat! Quit talking about your doubts! Quit talking about your pains! Throw away your medicines!

Speak of your faith in God's promises!

Quit telling people what a wonderful job the devil has done of binding you with sickness. Quit glorifying the devil and testifying to his power.

Tell people what a wonderful work the Lord Jesus has done in making you whole and in driving away the power of Satan! Let your testimony glorify God! We overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony. (Rev. 12:11).

At this point, someone might say, "But I have pain." The pain declares that the sickness is not healed. We care not what your pain declares, nor what your feelings say. GOD'S WORD SAYS, "WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED:" Which are you going to believe: God's word or your pain?

God's Word declares one thing . . . your pain declares another. What do YOU declare? What is your testimony? Here is what it should be: "BY HIS STRIPES I AM HEALED."

Some might think this to be a lie, but it is not. God's Word cannot lie.

Many a time, after a person has gone through the healing line, the devil has some friend or loved one standing close by, who unaware of the fact that they are helping the devil, will ask the person, "How do you FEEL? Do you really FEEL any better? Can you hear out of that ear now?"

Don't let the devil make you talk in terms of what you feel unless your feelings agree with what God says. Feelings are good if they agree with the Word of God. But God's Word is greater than your feelings. If your feelings have not yet been made to agree with the Word of God, ignore them. Refuse to quote them. Quote God's Word. Stand upon it by faith. Tell those who ask, "By His stripes I am healed."

REFUSE TO BELIEVE SYMPTOMS.

You do not have to lie about your pains. That is wrong. It is wrong to lie. Do not say, "The pain is gone," when the pain is still there. Do not say, "I can hear everything clearly," when you can't. If you feel bad, it is a lie to say, "I feel well." IF YOU STILL HAVE PAIN, DON'T LIE ABOUT IT! Just refuse to discuss aches and pains.

Quote God's Word. His word is truth. Real faith must be based upon the word of God EXCLUSIVELY. You are not to believe you are healed because the pain is gone nor to refuse to believe you are healed because you still feel the pain. That pain has nothing to do with your faith. Feeling is not faith, and faith is not feeling. FAITH IS BELIEVING THAT YOU ARE HEALED BECAUSE GOD SAYS THAT YOU ARE HEALED.