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Earlier this year, JOY! Travel hosted a Wellness Cruise with TBN and Dr Siva Moodley. It was my first time meeting Siva, and I was absolutely amazed at his knowledge of God's Word, his understanding of deep and complex spiritual matters, and his evident love for the Holy Spirit. Though there are many healing ministries (and just as many blogs and books that speak out against healing), I found Siva to have a very balanced, insightful, and Scriptural approach to the subject. —by Jackie Georgiou

You come from a Hindu background. Tell us about your conversion to Christianity...

My family were devout Hindus and my father would train Hindu priests on how to perform their duties; my mother would lead all the prayers in our community and in the family Hindu Temple. All of my brothers and sisters were fully committed to the Hindu faith and I was also very zealous for my religion. Many people tried to tell me about Jesus, but I simply debated them because I believed Jesus was a foreign God, and not for us Indians. One day I was asked a favour – some distant relatives had lost their father and needed my help to get to and from church; they attended a local Dutch Reformed Church and one Sunday, as the service was delayed, I waited patiently for them at the back of the church. The Pastor asked everyone to bow their heads in prayer and, being a good Hindu, I did the same out of respect for all religions. All of a sudden Jesus appeared before me in all His glory. My physical eyes were closed, but I could see Him. Somehow, I knew it was Jesus. A love radiated from Him that pierced me. Love, joy, shame, and guilt were just some of the emotions that flowed out of me at the same time. He never said an audible word, yet He spoke volumes to me. I knew then that my life would never be the same again. In secret, I visited a Christian family member to share what happened. She prophesied into the future about all the things that I am actually doing today! My relationship with Jesus, and later with the Holy Spirit, grew with great hunger. My Hindu family was visibly upset and initially thought that it was a phase that I was going through. As a result, to avoid them, I spent many hours every day locked up

in my room with the Holy Spirit, learning the Word of God and His presence. As the anointing of God increased, a confrontation with my unbelieving family was inevitable. Finally, I was given an ultimatum: either walk away from Jesus, or walk away from my mother, siblings, and inheritance. My choice was made the first day I met Jesus in that old NGK church. My biological family cast me out of the house onto the public road with my belongings put into two refuse bags. I spent that first night sleeping on the floor of a stranger's house, yet it was one of the most joyous nights of my life because Jesus was with me. Never again would anyone come between us. Years later, through much prayer and standing on the



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Word, most of the same family who evicted me got saved and are now serving the Lord. My most exciting moment was when my mother, at age 79, travelled 600km to my church to give her life to Jesus and be baptised.

How did you get into ministry?

Several months after my encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ, I was put into a situation where I had to minister to an emotional Muslim

friend. The situation was further complicated by the rejection this person faced from a Christian mother who had remarried. Not knowing what to say, I heard a voice speak clearly to me: "Step aside, I will show you how it's done!". The next moment my mouth opened and closed. The most beautiful, encouraging, and anointed words came forth, yet I was not the one speaking. I listened in amazement as my mouth spoke. My friend immediately gave her life to Jesus and later God restored her to her mom. I got home both excited and confused. How could my mouth speak on its own? "Am I possessed Lord Jesus?" I asked in ignorance. How could this be evil since someone got saved? The voice spoke again to me and instructed me to turn to Mark 13:11,



"For its not you who will speak but the Holy Spirit "leapt out of the Bible. My immediate response was – who are you Holy Spirit? This started a lifelong adventure with my best friend, the Holy Spirit, that literally propelled me into ministry. I have a great hunger for knowledge. I have studied at various academic institutions and am qualified in 12 different fields. In some fields, I have post graduate qualifications, yet the most important studies I undertook were in Theology. Having studied at four different Theological institutes/Universities (some denominational and others charismatic) has enabled me to get a broader, balanced view on the Kingdom of God. Yet, it is what the Holy Spirit teaches me in our time together that has brought powerful revelation and manifestation of God's Word. The miracles, healings, signs, and

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nine gifts of the Holy Spirit started operating and I knew exactly what to do with

wonders people all over the world experience through our ministry is based on a revelation of the Word of God and the presence of my best friend, the Holy Spirit. As the miracles increased, so the ministry exploded both on TV, radio, and through crusades/conferences. In my thirties, I was successful in my secular career, fulfilling various senior management roles. At the peak of my career, as I was being groomed to be promoted to a seven figure salary position, the Lord asked me if I wanted to remain in the secular world with all its benefits, or whether I would come live by faith as a pastor with my wife and two children. "I want to spend more time with You – not silver and gold" was my response, and still is today.

each gift (John 14:26; 1 John 2:27). Amazing miracles started taking place on a daily basis. Blind eyes, deaf ears, and the crippled started to get healed. As I began to learn more about healing from the Holy Spirit, cancers, AIDS, diabetes, and other incurable diseases started getting healed. Finally, God even raised the dead a few times in my meetings. First the local

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."

You have a specific focus on healing and miracles. Why do you think God gave you this focus?

I spoke earlier on meeting my best friend the Holy Spirit. I would spend many hours with Him, learning about Jesus, experiencing the glory and power of Heaven. He would teach me the Scriptures and still does today. Then all

from all over the world travel to the *Miracle Centre*, our church in Randburg. One day God spoke to me and told me – "I have raised you up to tell the world that miracles are normal and not to be afraid of this". Many people say they want to be just like Jesus, but what does that mean? Jesus walked on water; multiplied 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed thousands; Jesus calmed the storm and sea instantly; Jesus opened blind eyes and raised the dead. Jesus lived and operated in the supernatural. If I want to be like Jesus then I too must live and operate in the supernatural. If one studies Scripture and does not see a manifestation of the Word, then maybe the intellect was used to discover God. But if we use the guide (John 16:13) to teach us the Word, then the supernatural will always manifest.

In your opinion, what are some misconceptions about healing?

- Sickness is medical – sickness according to God is always spiritual (Acts 10:38)
- God uses sickness to punish, test, and even show-off with us. (Ps 25:8; Ps 34:8; Jer 29:11)
- Salvation is more important than healing to God. Both healing and salvation are of equal importance to God. God wants to heal us just as much as He wants to save us. On the Cross He saved us (1 Cor 1:18) and



- healed us (Num 21:4-9).
- Not everyone who goes to a healing service will get healed. (Matt 8:16; Matt 12:15; Luke 6:19)
- Faith is all you need to get healed – only believe and you will get healed. Faith is one of several requirements to get healed. There are even examples in the Bible where people without faith got healed. I will discuss more of this in my monthly segment here in JOY! Magazine in the issues to follow.

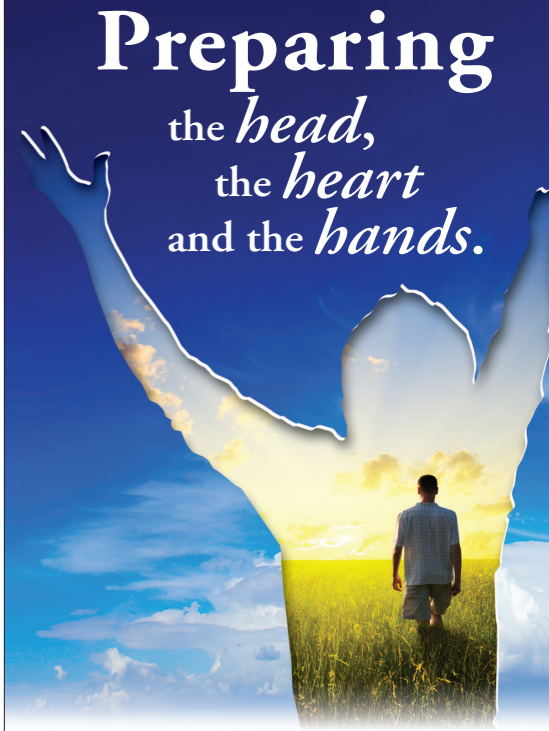
What do you wish all Christians would know about healing?

As humans, we struggle to see our loved ones suffering, especially our children. How much more does a loving Father God want to heal and restore us? There is a process we all must follow in order to get healed. This is why I wrote my book *The Healing Manual* to teach people about healing and the Biblical process God uses. Many people are ignorant to these processes or want to take a shortcut to get healed. This results in no healing taking place. None of the steps in God's process can be bypassed. When we follow the instructions of the Bible, healing is to be expected. When I pray for people to be healed, one of two gifts of the Holy Spirit will operate to manifest the healing. The gifts of healing (the word 'gifts' implies that there are different approaches God uses to bring about healing) is when God removes the sickness, hindrance, opposition, or mental state and the body recovers itself. Our human bodies are designed by God to self-heal. Have you noticed when we cut ourselves how quickly the body stops the bleeding and heals itself? When demonic

oppression (spiritual) targets the body's self-healing system (physical), God uses the gifts of healing to remove the spiritual oppression. Let's say a virus (spiritual) attacked us and our immune system (physical) is able to overcome it and defend the body. The gifts of healing will remove the virus and the body's immune system will restore the state of that person to normal. Since the immune system does not change the damage instantaneously but repairs the body, a person that was healed will see the change in minutes, hours or even days later. Yet the sickness was removed instantaneously. The working of miracles on the other hand is a gift where the demonic oppression has changed the state of the body (such as irreversible damage to an organ or bones) and God now instantly restores the state of that body. This gift operates when the body's self-healing system is able to fix the problem. A simple example of both these gifts

Salvation and healing are of equal importance to God. He died for both.

operating is found in Luke 17:11-19. Leprosy was removed through the gift of healing. As the ten lepers were walking, sometime later, they noticed that their bodies were healed (the body's self-heal system had completed its task). One of them decided to return to acknowledge and thank Jesus. The leprosy had eaten away parts of their bodies (maybe an eye or ear or finger was eaten away). The gifts »



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anything to happen, however in the glory, the rhema prophetic is critical for anything to “frame itself” (i.e. to manifest). God heals in one of 3 ways also. God heals through the laying on of hands, or through the confessed Word of faith, or through the glory. While a person must have faith to get healed in the anointing, an unsaved person

testing you or punishing you or showing off with you by putting sickness on you, then you need to repent immediately. Sickness comes from the devil and not from a good God. James 1:6-7 says that a person that confesses dual opposing views will receive nothing from the Lord.

2. Get rid of any sin or transgression that will hinder your healing. There should be nothing and nobody standing in the way of your miracle. Don't expect God to heal you first and then you will change. The cart never goes before the horse.
3. Ask God to heal you. God wants to heal you in His great compassion but cannot if we do not ask Him. Throughout the Bible, no one was healed unless they first asked God. Read James 4:2.
4. Get ready to release your faith when you pray or someone anointed prays for you. Remember the most anointed hands can be laid on you or the most powerful prayer spoken, but the miracle only happens when you make a decision to get out of the wheel chair, or get out of the bed or move that part of your body you could not move before. I often pray for people with back problems and then tell them to bend. The miracle only takes place when they bend.

of healing did not fix this. It's simply 'cleansed' the lepers. In other words, it washed away the leprosy. Now Jesus prayed for this man again and he was made 'whole'. The missing parts of his body immediately reappeared perfectly.

We need to prepare for healing; our thoughts must align with the Word.

How is it possible that unsaved people can get healed, yet they have no faith in God?

My ministry attracts unsaved people from many other faiths and even those who do not believe in God (they often come out of curiosity). People watch my programme on TBN/FBN or sometimes even on secular TV and they see the amazing miracles/ testimonies. They then come in desperation for a miracle, hoping something will happen. Sometimes medical doctors send people to our meetings for healing. In my early years in the ministry I would be amazed at how many of these unbelieving people would get healed. Sometimes people would tell me in my face that they don't believe and then God would heal them. Later the Holy Spirit began to teach me about the 3 dimensions in the supernatural. There is the dimension of the anointing, the presence, and the glory. Each dimension operates independent of the other and has different keys that activate it. In the anointing, faith is absolutely critical for

can enter the glory and get healed (if the one operating therein knows how to set the frame for healing). Let me give you a simple example. In Acts 3:1-10, Peter and John meet a beggar at the gate Beautiful as they are about to enter the temple to pray. The crippled man wanted money. He had no faith or expectation for healing (Acts 3:4,5). Then Peter said to the man “look on us”. When the man looked, although his expectancy was for money, he connected to the glory (2 Cor 3:18). Then Peter framed the healing atmosphere. He declared from the glory, ‘rise up and walk’ (Acts 3:6). The man without faith was instantly healed.

Is there anything a believer can do to ‘prepare’ for healing?

Get ready, God wants to heal you! To prepare, assuming you have given your life to Jesus,

1. We need to acknowledge that God is not responsible for any sickness or disease. If you have been confessing that God is

How can people learn more? Most of what I have shared here in this article is available in my book *The Healing Manual*, as well as my extensive CD/Dvd collection covering a host of topics that I minister on. If you would like to get a copy of this please email orders@sivamoodley.com or call +27 11 792 2266 for more info. You can also visit our website for upcoming crusades, TV broadcast schedules, partnership information, or to simply post a prayer request. ■

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