

A Second Touch

Jesus Did Not Always Heal the Same Way

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man – Mark 7:31-35

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² 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.

³³ 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. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida – Mark 8:22-26

22 They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. 23 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?" 24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." 25 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. 26 Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

Blind man spit made mud – John 9:1-7

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

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But Jesus, what's with the spitting? I don't want you to do it that way!

1. Jesus Did Not Always Heal the Same Way

He speaks a word, he touches, he commands, he rebukes, he lifts up by the hand, he spits, he makes clay, he says go wash, he shouts,

There is not a doubt that God heals – throughout the Bible he healed

- Old Testament – (see list 22) (Miriam, Naaman, Elijah, Hezekiah)
- New Testament – Jesus (see list 19), 41 miracles
- Acts of Apostles (see list 9) Peter's shadow, Paul handkerchiefs.

2. Jesus Doesn't Always Heal Every Sickness – Causes & Cures

1. Natural Causes - I Corinthians 6:13-17, I Timothy 5:23
2. Tests of our Faith - 2 Cor 12:7-9, Job 1&2, I Peter 1:6-7
3. God's Opportunity & Glory - John 9:2, John 11:4
4. Psychosomatic Illnesses - Proverbs 23:7
5. Chastisement of God - 1 Corinthians 11:30-32, Hebrews 12:13
6. Plagues Sent by God & Generational Sins - Exodus 15:26/20
7. Satanic Physical Attacks - Luke 13:11-14

3. Jesus Uses Every Sicknesses for the Glory of God

1. They can leave you bitter, or better (just like trials)
2. They can lead you to the Lord or away from him.
3. They can show His power through you to others
– Paul's thorn in flesh – Joni Erickson Tada

- Paul's Infirmities – Gal 4, 2 Cor 11
- Timothy's stomach trouble – 1 Timothy 5:23
- Trophimus – left sick at Miletus – 2 Timothy 4:20
- Ephaphroditus - nigh unto death. Philippians 2:27

In Luke 18:1–8. Jesus gives a parable of an **importune woman – persistent widow**: The first verse states the Lord's purpose, "*And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.*" The purpose of this parable was **to encourage God's people in the matter of praying; it was also to give them an incentive not to quit praying.**

Luke 18:1-8

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ” 6 Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

*Every impossibility is God’s opportunity.
Every miracle begins with an impossibility*

(ie) Winston Churchill Speech Read the full text of the *speech, Never Give In, Never, Never, Never*, given at Harrow School on October 29, 1941

Conclusion:

We all need a second touch time and time again.

Jesus taught us to pray and NEVER GIVE UP! Luke 18:1-8

We all need a second touch from time to time. When we are weary, worried, wounded, restless, troubled, tormented, tired, sad, sick, overwhelmed, depressed, discouraged, broken, hurting, bruised, backslidden, or we’ve lost our first love. Don’t be afraid to ask again for His second touch.

Come To Jesus (Untitled Hymn)

by Chris Rice

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O, raise your head, for love is passing by
Come to Jesus. Come to Jesus.
Come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain, so
Sing to Jesus. Sing to Jesus.
Sing to Jesus and live!

And like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk
Sometimes we fall...so
Fall on Jesus. Fall on Jesus.
Fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then
Cry to Jesus. Cry to Jesus.
Cry to Jesus and live!

O, and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside, then
Dance for Jesus. Dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world goodbye
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side, and
Fly to Jesus. Fly to Jesus
Fly to Jesus and live!