

Healing Through Unity

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A woman was spontaneously healed recently of constant pain at a recent service here in Coweta County as we focused on the unity of the Body of Christ. This was the LORD's demonstration to us of the power that is available to us when we are in greater unity in His Spirit in Him! As we linked arms, stood close to one another and introduced ourselves to one another, we maintained for a lot longer than we are accustomed to a close 'touching' of personal space, to which we are also unaccustomed.

As a result, the Holy Spirit was able to bring forth enough oneness of the people gathered in His name longing to experience His power that He could heal that young woman of her constant pain without anyone laying hands on her or praying for her while we were gathered there.

I experienced the same thing recently while I was visiting with a long-time Christian sister; we spent most of the time we were together talking and praying about the unity of the Body. When I left her, she realized her back had been healed and it has remained pain free ever since. She was able to cancel all her doctors appointments.

I have been praying and meditating on "discerning the body" because the Lord tells us in His Word that our failure to do so is causing many of us to be sick, perhaps even to die. (1 Cor 11:22-32) So we should expect that when we love the Body and care for it, properly discerning it by the Spirit of God, that people will be healed. And so it was!

I implore you . . . DON'T MISS THIS. It is a sign to us of the power that will be unleashed as we draw closer and closer to one another in the love of the Father for His Son's Body.

Francis MacNutt, in his book "Healing", which I read many years ago, wrote that their teams had learned to spend one-half of their available time for prayer ministering to one another in love, constantly seeking to lay aside their differences, annoyances, and anything that threatened the unity of our Lord's body, because it was then that they saw much greater power to pray for healing. He wrote of them praying for a man with an arm that was much shorter than the other. They prayed week after week and noticed that when they were in greater unity and love his arm grew, but anything that broke their unity prevented the arm from growing that week. We can see from this simple example that the Body of Christ is too often stunted by our lack of unity. It was a true miracle that his arm grew eventually to normal adult size in proportion to his body, but an equally great work of the Spirit was the unity into which the team grew, little by little into oneness in love.

Our theme for the last Wed night was "unity and missions"... They are really the same, if only we can see it. When we are One Body in Him, then He directs us to go, and we go and do what He tells us. We sing songs about unity and it is good that we are saying these things with our lips, but it is even more wonderful when we grow in our responsiveness to Him our unity.

One day I was driving alongside a FedEx truck. When we stopped at a red light, I could see through the open door of the truck that there was a man in the passenger seat in a uniform who was having a seizure. All his limbs were jerking wildly about; it was really incredible to see. He obviously had absolutely no control of His body. There was a lot of traffic and I could do nothing except pray ... The light changed quickly and I had to move on, but I have never forgotten the total spasticity caused by the seizure of that young's man body, and I wonder, I really wonder, if that is how the Lord's body looks to Him.

Lord, you say we are your Body. How incredible this is. How very grateful we are. We don't want to be a dismembered Body and we don't want our members to be out of control. We are praying that you would bring us into such unity with one another and we would be so responsive in love to you, our Head, that there would be no sick among us. Thank you for the healing we are seeing and experiencing, but Lord, we know you want much, much more for your Body. You tell us as we move into this supernatural unity, the same oneness with which you and the Father are one, that THEN the world will know you are the Son of God. Help us with great joy to enter into this supernatural oneness that you have provided for us through the power of your Son's death and resurrection. We say "yes" to your amazing plan! We say yes, we want your amazing love for one another! We want to make You famous right here in Coweta County. We want to be living demonstrations of the power of Your love which passes our understanding. Amen+

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