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Supernatural: Healing

INTRO

Apollo 13

- Apollo 13 April 11th, 1970
- James Lovell, John Swigert, Fred Haise
- In flight emergency April 13th oxygen tank explosion in the service module
- Famous phrase: “Houston, we’ve had a problem” Jim Lovell
- The plan did not work out

Have you ever had a plan that just didn’t work out?

- “this wasn’t how it was supposed to be”
- “why is God letting this happen”
- God, we have a problem...

God heals! And it’s according to His plan, not ours.

How does God heal? How can God heal me?

Turn with me to Luke 8:40-56

40 Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

41 Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house

42 because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.

The stage is set!

43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.

44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

45 “Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”

46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

48 Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

49 While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.”

50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. 52 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”

53 They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

54 But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!”

55 Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

56 Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

How does God heal? How Can He Heal Me?

1. In His Timing

1. Your timing might not be His timing

- In Arizona, we don't follow daylight savings time. We haven't since 1967. For various reasons. And boy do I love that! No longer do we have to put up with this whole fall back and spring ahead stuff. We're on a different time. God's on an entirely different time zone than us so to speak. He sees the whole picture-he's outside of time and space. It's incredible.
- Look at the story we just read. Jairus' timing was not Jesus' timing. And think about that woman. 12 years she had gone through this before experiencing healing. God's timing is different. He can heal instantly or He can heal over time. Or when we come to be with Him. His timing is not our timing.
- God knows things you and I don't!
 - The reason why you didn't get that promotion...
 - the reason for that breakup..the financial hardship you're going through. he knows!
 - That illness that you are going through where you are saying, God why have you not intervened yet!

How else does God heal? How can He heal me?

2. For His Glory

1. It all points to Him

- Did you see that super moon a couple weeks ago? It was amazing! The moon reflects the sun's light. it has no light of its own. The

moon doesn't get to say, wow look how radiant I am. We as followers of Jesus, don't say, wow look at me and my light, but rather, I'm just reflecting the SON!

- John 9 gives a great picture of this. There's this man born blind. And Jesus' disciples say, "who sinned, this man or his parents?" First of all, how insane of a question is that. Because this man is sick, he must have sinned. You might hear that today and that is poor theology! Can sin lead to sickness as a result of natural outcomes and consequences? Certainly! Does sickness always come from sin. Certainly not!
- Jesus says, neither of them sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.
- God wanted to display His works through this sick man! This goes back to timing. And it also shows that God wants to point others to Him through His healings.
- You see, the works validated the message. The point wasn't the healing, it was the healer. The works were simply reflecting the Son of God

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3. Through the Cross

1. We are completely healed and transformed through Him
- 1 Peter 2:24 says "By his wounds you have been healed." This at its core is our relationship with Him, our spiritual sin has been

healed. Our sin-sick souls have been healed. And the physical healings point to that.

- Mark 2 has this incredible story of Jesus teaching in this home. And these guys bring a paralytic man through the roof of the home. Can you imagine if that happened in your home?!
- And Jesus looks at the guy and says...”your sins are forgiven.” What?!
- And bc of the crabby religious leaders, he heals the man. He makes the point that the easier thing (healing the man) validates the harder thing (forgiving of sins).
- There is complete transformation here. We have it here, yes we have a taste of it. And one day, we will experience ALL of it.
- God has completely transformed us. We were stuck in our sin. And He has completely transformed us inside and out. And at the same time we’re in the process of being transformed. And one day we will experience the fullness of that transformation.
- 1 Cor 15:42 tells us we will have resurrected bodies! And in the meantime, we go through the struggles and the challenges. Romans 8 tells us these sufferings aren’t even worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us!

Conclusion

Some of you are going through unimaginable pain.

Physically...mentally...emotionally.

- Keep crying out to Jesus- Keep reaching out to Him
- Some of you are asking, “Why, God?”
 - That cancer diagnosis you’ve received

- Your body breaking down in different ways as you get older-
the aches and pains that you feel
- That broken heart from that person who abandoned you
- **I am so sorry for the pain you are going through**
- Maybe along with that Why, add in Where & How. **God where are you at work in this? And how do you want to use me in this?**

Prayer Team to pray with you or fill out a prayer card

Apollo 13 Conclusion

- On April 17th, 1970, the men of Apollo 13 made it back home safely
- It didn't go according to plan, but they made it home
- For you and I, God takes our plans that go awry..He meets us where we're at..He invites us home with him
- Our plans don't prevail, but His do
- Plans to Heal.. In His Timing, For His Glory..And through the Cross
- Let's reach out and take hold of his garment.

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Talk It Over

SMALL TALK

1. What's a plan or expectation you had that didn't work out as you had hoped, and how did you react to it?

VIEWPOINT

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.** What do we learn about hardship from Paul's experience and God's response?
3. **Read Revelation 21:1-4.** How does this help us have confidence in God's healing?

GETTING PERSONAL

4. Have you ever experienced a situation where you cried out to God for healing or help? How did that experience impact your faith?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

5. Think of one way you can serve or help someone who you know is hurting this week, whether through prayer, encouragement, or a tangible act of kindness.