

## New Creation Realities

### Lesson 5 “Healing Our Inner World”

#### I. Introduction- We are in the fourth week of a series called “New Creation Realities.”

A. We’re doing this series because the Bible says we are a new creation so we want to learn what that means and what our new reality is. It’s different than our previous reality.

1. **Week 1** - We talked about what it means to be a new creation. We get a new spirit, not a new soul, or body. As we spend time renewing our mind, our soul will align and release the power of the spirit into our soul and body.
2. **Week 2** - We looked at how Jesus discover His identity in the word of God and how we must discover our identity from the word (not our feelings, emotions, opinions of the world, etc.)
3. **Week 3** - We talked about the renewed mind. The renewed mind isn’t just one that knows truth, it is a mind that sees from God’s perspective. This comes by revelation of the Holy Spirit.
4. **Week 4** Last week we talked about the we have been made righteous/innocent before God. Our innocence in what positions our heart to receive the rest of the promises. We are are the new temple of the Holy Spirit/new creation! Heaven and earth passed away metaphorically and God has made us His temple!

B. Tonight we are going to look at the reality of healing. I’m going to spend two weeks on this subject because there is a lot to deal with.

1. I’m also going to teach this in inverse order of how I would normally teach it.
2. Normally, I would teach the legal side of healing first and how healing was provided in the atonement, but I felt like tonight God wanted me to focus on emotional/soul healing and how this is a key to receiving physical healing.

#### II. The Healed of God

##### A. 3 John 1:2

1. **hugiainō** - to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine):—be in health, **(be safe and) sound, (be) whole.**
2. Soul - **psyche** - mind, will, and emotions.
3. This passage is saying that I will walk in physical health as my soul (mind, will, and emotions prosper). This means if I am battling sickness in my body (particularly long term ailments) its a sign that my soul is not prospering.
4. Many sicknesses are linked to things like unforgiveness, rejection issues, condemnation, etc. People see things wrong on the inside and this manifests on the outside. Sometimes these people want someone like me to pray for them to b

be healed of a physical ailment to be healed and I can't (didn't say I won't - I can't - why). Until they are willing to change how they think internally, they will block their own healing. Ex: cancer

5. **Proverbs 17:22** A crushed spirit dries the bones.

## B. **2 Kings 5:1-15 The Healing Of Naaman's Leprosy**

1. We're going to see an external change after an internal change is made.
2. Leprosy was a sign of sin in the Old Testament. It was incurable and the Jews who had it were required to separate from everyone else.
3. The king of Syria sent a letter to king of Israel requesting Naaman be healed of his leprosy. The king of Israel freaked out because there was nothing he could do. The principal is sometimes there is nothing the government can do, humanity with all of its wisdom can do, etc. Sometimes we are only left with God.
4. Elisha hears what is going on and gets involved. He tells Naaman to wash 7 times in the Jordan River and his flesh will be restored and clean (physically sound/uncontaminated).
5. Naaman became angry. Why? He wanted the healing on his terms where the man of God waved His hands over him and he was made whole (that sounds like what a lot of people want me to do for them).
6. God wanted Naaman had to dip in the Jordan 7 times. Why not 6? Why the Jordan? **Those are great questions, but miss the point. God wanted Naaman to surrender. The first key to changing our inner world is surrender.**
  - a. Why did Elisha want to send him to the Jordan? Metaphorically it was a picture of anointing. This is where the priests crossed over in *Joshua* with the ark and the waters parted. It's where Elisha did his first miracle (picked up Elijah's mantle when it fell to the earth and the waters parted).
  - b. Naaman asked why couldn't I go to the better rivers in my own country? **This is a picture of wanting to do things our own way/not let of the offense/not forgiving oneself, etc.**
  - c. Naaman's servants offered great advice. They told Naaman if the man of God told you to do something great (write a big check, defeat a great enemy, walk 1,000 miles, wouldn't you do it). He was like, "sure." They then asked why he wouldn't do something little. Before Naaman could receive his outer healing, he had to be willing to surrender his inner world.
7. Naaman dipped in the Jordan 7 times. How tempting would it have been to stop at 5 or 6 and say, "this isn't working." Picture of **Ephesians 5:25-27**.
  - a. Chocolate milk under faucet example.
  - b. God wants to wash our inner world - this happens through surrender. It also takes as long as it takes to go back through past wounds, hurts, etc.
  - c. Jerry Garcia story
  - d. Grieving/healing the soul example (grieving situation so God can heal us).

8. When Naaman comes up out of the water healed, he comes up worshiping God! **God's greater goal for Naaman than healing His body, was healing His soul and turning him into a worshipper of Jesus!**

III. Conclusion - Pray the Holy Spirit reveals truth to those who need inner healing in their soul.

A. Offering Verse - **Luke 4:18**

B. Call Up Prayer Team and Pray Closing Prayer