

Don't Limit God In Your Body!

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Father, we just come to you. First; we want to say, Father we love you, second; we want to say, Lord we want to thank you. Father we want to say we love you first, because even if we would have died last month, we would have still loved you. We thank you because you extended our lifespan and it is no small thing! In this time of incredible fear and disease; it's a gift, everyday is a gift from heaven; not only you have given us life, you have given us strength, health and healing, Lord. We just want to thank you, Father. And this morning we are in your church, so many places; even in the most free country supposedly in the world -- your people have not been given the freedom to gather and in a nation like this where we are such a small number, we have been given the freedom to gather and worship you, Lord. So, Father, we just want to thank you, we just want to thank the governments too here, oh Lord, the Central and the State governments which is allowing us to gather and worship, for the freedom to worship, the freedom to declare your word in your house, the freedom to worship, to praise and to hear, thank you! thank you, Father! Now I pray Father as we hear the word, you will speak to us and you will continuously set us free. Teach us to walk in your word, Lord. For in Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

Like, we could sing! We could praise, we could worship and you think it's a small thing?! Almost all the churches in California are shut and those who are allowed to gather, are not allowed to sing. In the United States of America, congregations are not allowed to sing by law, saying that the parasite, the virus, the germ will spread and we can speak and sing! We are not understanding the privileges, God is so freely giving us.

So, let's go back. I hope you remember; you have done your homework.

We are with Elijah on Mount Carmel but today we are not looking at Elijah, we are looking at something else, but connected, okay. Remember, we are looking -- we are trying to bring order, like I said; most of you who are here are young, most people who are listening are young, or young in the Lord and one of the most important things you will need in life is to have that discipline, that order, that God can use us to the maximum extent in life, absolute extent in my life; so that when we stand before God, He should be able to say, "Well done! You did a fantastic job on earth, fantastic job. You ran well, everything I wanted you to do, to do through you, it could be completed. You know why? Because you had your fundamentals very strong. So, when you heard something; your body, your soul, your spirit cooperated and walked with me, worked along with me, we were co-labourers on earth, 'now well done my good and faithful servant, enter into my joy.' "Then He says, "Take charge: 10 cities, 20 cities, 100 cities..." The whole nation or may be the entire planet, Pluto, Mars, we don't know what all the Father has, His universe is so big, so big. We do not know what's waiting for, so always be motivated like I said: Our God is the greatest motivator ever...and what He promised is, no man has promised. Jesus says, "If you overcome as I overcome, you will sit with me in my throne and reign with me." Even the wicked kings when they were drunk, offered only up to half my kingdom. So, keep these things in mind and look at what God is offering.

In Ephesians 3:20,

we need to know; everyone who is saved, in whom Jesus is, the Spirit of God is; this is what the Bible says,

Ephesians 3:20

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Think about it: More than we can even imagine, our imagination will not meet what God actually wants to do through us, imagination; can ask or think, according to the power that works in us. The very Spirit of God who created everything and God has put it in nature itself, nature itself He has put, like nobody can see an atom with our eyes, even normal microscope, electron microscope also, you cannot see an atom; that's how small atom is but you split it, boom! We're all gone. The energy that is released from the splitting of an atom is called the nuclear bomb, the energy. Why did God put it all? To say that, "Do you know my power? And He says 'that's the power in each of you.' My Spirit resides in you. Do you know what you have in you?" He says.

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Romans 8:31, that same God says;

Romans 8:31

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Think about it, what a statement! Who can be! Who can be against us?! People do not realize, recipe for success in the kingdom of God; all you need is to be absolutely sure that God is with you. Don't take it for granted that God is with you. Just because God said: I will be with you, I will never leave you nor forsake you doesn't mean you are with Him, okay. We need to be very very sure about this; if God is with us, who can be against us. On Thursday, we had looked at it in detail; if there is one man who should have never succeeded, anywhere, in his family, he is the youngest and he has got ten against him, all ten are older to him; his own brethren. So, his odds are one against ten, impossible to succeed. He is sold by those ten as a slave and he ends up in Egypt as a slave. It's a huge household because it's a King's captain of his guard, maybe 300, 400, 500, okay, think about it. Abraham had 318 trained slaves and others and he is just a landlord, while this is the captain of greatest King then, on earth. So, how many? Odds are greater. Let us say, there were 500 slaves in that household and he is the only Hebrew, so, for him to rise up is one against 500. Then he is thrown into the King's prison. How many prisoners were there? Let us say 1000 prisoners, odds are even higher, he is just one Hebrew prisoner among 1000 others. But you know what? He was incredibly successful.

In Genesis 39:1-2, and mark verse 2 in your life, not just in your Bible.

Genesis 39:1-2

¹ Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. ² The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

The only thing about Joseph that made him successful is simply the fact; God was with Him. It is impossible for a man or a woman or a child, with whom God is to be unsuccessful, it is not possible. God was with little boy Samuel and he was successful in ministry. God was with Joseph and he was successful. Now, we are here talking primarily about -- not just world alone but spiritual in the new covenant. God said in the old covenant with Israel that, "you shall be the head and not the tail," spiritually, it does not matter where you go, you are the head and not the tail. Everywhere Joseph went, in his father's house, Potiphar's palace or in the prison or ultimately before Pharaoh, he was the spiritual head because God was with him, the most successful man. So entire focus, every day in our life is to see God is with us and God is first in our life. That's why we praise Him, that's why we worship, that's why we pray, that's why we study the word, that's why we meditate to understand God's ways, walk in those ways and then we know; He is with me and then we can boldly say with Paul and all the thousands of Saints who walked on earth; if God is for me, who can be against me. You can throw him into prison; Genesis 39:20,21, on a false accusation, absolutely guiltless, innocent man, thrown into prison. And the scripture says, the Lord was with Joseph.

20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

And the first thing you need in prison is mercy: Don't beat me up please! don't give me the toughest job in the prison, please! But he can't plead, he cannot ask but God says, "I am with you and I will see that you have mercy in this place." Not only that, you have favour -- before you have notice that he is the top there. And look at Jesus; why was Jesus the most successful man who ever walked on earth? Because you have to define man's success by the fruit which he brings even after death,

John 8:29

²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

The father has not left me alone, reason; For I always do those things that please Him. Now, what do we want? We want to do things that please Him -- even if you might be a young child, even the smallest here, not youngest also is 15 years maybe, doesn't matter. Within my little consciousness of understanding of the word, what do I know that I can do to please God? All

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little Samuel knew was to listen to what Eli said, and when it came to sleep; he chose the closest place to the ark of the covenant. And God spoke to him, one little thing.

So, there is Elijah on Mount Carmel, odds are all against him; he got 850 prophets of Baal, he got tens and thousands of people who will not make a move towards him; no decision, nothing, only at the end, after they saw Baal has failed completely, only they will make a move; the King, the armies, everyone is against him; he is standing there all alone but it doesn't matter, why? Because God is with him and God is for him. So, the odds does not matter. The odds if you look at him to succeed is one against maybe a million. The entire countryside should be full of people, it is spread because all Israel has been gathered; if you had been there in Mount Carmel, you would have seen the entire place is surrounded and one man standing alone and he is not afraid, he is not rattled by the odds against him. You know why? Because God is with him and this is what it says,

1 Kings 18:36

³⁶ And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

I am not the King's servant though I am serving the king, I am not the peoples' servant though I am serving them, I am your servant. You are the God of Israel, I am your servant and whatever that has happened here, I have done according to your word -- "My Father is always with me because I do what pleases Him." People must be upset, they don't understand what's happening, it doesn't ***** logic but what I have done is according to your word, I know it pleases you.

1 Kings 18:37

³⁷ Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

"Search my heart, O Lord, I am not doing anything for my glory, I am not starting a ministry here and put it Elijah's ministries or anything, my entire intention is Lord, you will turn these people back to you, that is my only intention. You know my words, you know my life, you know my heart; this was all about you and bringing the people back to you."

You know what happened? The fire came, the fire came. That's what God is talking about. Odds don't matter. We are always looking at odds. I don't watch IPL, but those who watch IPL will always say, "which team will win? Odds are against these ones, odds are against that ones," because they look at those players in each team.

We are on God's team and be sure God is with you. Quickly, briefly, we looked through how we make ourselves sure God is with us and we are with God because we looked on Thursday from Psalm 78, and we saw the individual life of a person or a nation, how it can go bankrupt in spite of all the promises of God. No nation was promised like what God promised Israel and that nation went bankrupt and went into captivity. So, we will see why is it so important is because in Psalm 78:41, there is a verse,

Psalm 78:41

"Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel."

You know this is a God who cannot be limited, He is limitless, He has no boundaries, no end to anything, that is this God. This universe He created has no end, imagine the God who created this end but because we have been given free will to choose, we can limit Him in our life. Exceedingly great power, we cannot even imagine or think what God is able to do through who is in us but we limit Him again and again and again...Israel limited this God in their lives, while He comes and says, "I have come to give you life unlimited," the very life of God that overcomes everything, it's an overcoming life; it overcomes sin, it overcomes the world, it overcomes devil, it overcomes death; the devil can throw anything at you, you can overcome, "because I am with you and I am in you." That's what it is talking about -- but you and I can, through our choices, limit Him. That's why we meditate upon the word of God, that's why we learn the principles of the kingdom of God because this entire kingdom is yoked or connected with a person, the person of Jesus Christ and the first thing we look is Psalm 78:5-10,

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Psalm 78:5-7

⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; ⁶ That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, ⁷ That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

There is one thing He says: Every generation to generation, just pass them my ways, let them know who I am! What my ways are, and He says; You know what! you will be undefeated in life, Israel cannot be defeated. Even the children who are about to be born, teach them straight up who their God is! How to worship Him, how to praise Him, how to pray to Him, how to walk in His ways.

Psalm 78:8-10

⁸ And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God. ⁹ The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle. ¹⁰ They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law,

But because they did not obey, when the actual day of battle came, the day of trouble came, they drew back. Jacob had 12 sons; the blessed one was the 11th one, called Joseph. He was the blessed one because he obeyed in the ways of God. Joseph had two sons; Manasseh and Ephraim, right. Ephraim was the second one, he's is put ahead of his brother. So, if you look at Jacob's line, the best of the best is Ephraim; best is Joseph, the best of Joseph is Ephraim but Ephraim, in the day of battle turned back, you know why? Because Israel did not walk in obedience, that's what verse 10 says.

Psalm 78:8-10

¹⁰ They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law,

So, one of the first things by which we limit God in our life is by the sin of disobedience. We disobey God. You don't have to know all the laws of God, but what you know; do you keep? do you believe? do you obey? And when you fall, do you repent when you get back? Because, today we have communion, if we do not -- we limit the hand of this incredible God in our own lives.

The second thing we are guilty of... Verse 11;

Psalm 78:11

¹¹ And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

We are very good to forget right? God tries to put a discipline, for 6-months, 7-months, or whatever, He locked us down. For 60-days was complete lockdown, then little by little, little by little -- forget the world, it should have trained us: You know what, I don't need to go to world like before the lockdown, I realized; I can live very well without most of the things which I do, right? Did we learn this discipline now we are back from the prayer hall to the cinema hall and the shopping mall, back; old lifestyle, nothing has changed. October 15, they are going to open the theatres and everybody is itching and waiting. Have we changed? We forget what He has done, now, we are not talking about movies or this thing but how easily we forget the goodness of God in our lives! Is it a small thing we are all sitting here, and nobody was touched by COVID! Every time, every week, when I pray with Pastor Eric; one of the things I thank God is; for his wife, our child. The thing is that, unlike all other hospitals, every doctor almost got COVID, so, she was to do emergency duty, on top of that; no leave, nothing; patients, doctors, all with COVID and that child walks-in and walks-out and I said, "Lord, it is just you, it is just you, protecting and covering our dear ones, our doctors, our nurses, our healthcare workers, it's just you."

Psalm 103:3 says,

**³ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Lord, because you see, everything is free, we don't deserve anything. Why should God do anything for you and me? Why should He do? The sin of disobedience, the sin of forgetfulness, we are very good to forget what God has done. That's why, the protocol in the God's kingdom is, "Enter His courts with thanksgiving

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in your heart." That's why it has to become automatic ingrained, when you begin to pray, it should be, "Thank you, Father," it has become part of your life, you open your mouth and the first word is, "Lord, I just want to thank you, I just want to thank you, I just want to thank you. We will not forget what you have done, I will not forget what you have done."

Third one, verse 18

Psalm 78:18

***¹⁸ And they tested God in their heart
By asking for the food of their fancy.***

In their case it was just food -- you know, I spoke quite detail on that day and also in Nepali meeting on Friday. We all want fanciful things, fancy stores, it's not what we need; the problem is, what we ask and what we want. Nobody is satisfied with what God gives, they want fancy. Even in marriages, so many people are miserable because they asked for a fanciful husband, and a fanciful wife, that's what gets from novels and pictures, grew up in 'Mills and Boon,' now, they are grinding in the mill and there is no boon, boon means blessing. Everything is based on fancy. It didn't start -- it started with our spiritual forefathers in the desert, even in that desert, they are getting this incredible food, nobody is weak, everybody is strong, nobody is ill, God said: It is coming from heaven, cook it the way you want! Boil it, fry it, air-fry it, whatever you want! My sister will be laughing because she is always trying to sell us this air frier because you don't have to use oil on it, whichever you want to do it, eat it. They are not satisfied; they want fancy food. We don't realize; it kills us, it limits us, it destroys us, then in verse 19 and 20 -- this is the sin of flesh okay, the sin of unbelief.

Psalm 78:19-20

¹⁹ Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? ²⁰ Behold, He struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?"

If you come over there, this is called the sin of unbelief and unbelief can cripple you.

Look at what's happening in Jesus' own ministry, let us put it across as ministry;

Mark 6:5-6

⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And He marvelled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

He was shocked! we don't realize, the sin of unbelief will block, limit power of God in our lives. In Mark 4:40, this is what He says;

Mark 4:40

⁴⁰ But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

Hebrew 3:12-13, you know what He told about their forefathers?

Hebrew 3:12-13

¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

That's why we preach daily, that's why we were so happy when the restrictions were limited, taken off and we come together. Some people are used to online, you can't exhort each other online. Jesus doesn't come online; Hi! This is me, Jesus; He doesn't do that. He preaches through His servants and we exhort each other, otherwise, the sin of unbelief will only grow harder and harder. Do you believe this morning? Because now, we are going to get into the message. Let me give you first Luke 5:17. Here is the preaching of the word of God, okay.

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Luke 5:17

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

What was He doing? Teaching, and it doesn't matter who is sitting there; Pharisees were there, all kind of people were there, young, old, good in the word, slow in the word or doesn't matter. This is the teaching of the word of God that's happening. If the word of God is being teach and the Spirit of God is there, the scripture says; "The power of the Lord was present to heal them." Will you be healed? is the question. Only one got healed that day and walked away. It's not because power wasn't there, faith was there only in one person. Wherever, the word of God is preached, and the Spirit of God stands witness, there is always the power of the Lord to heal you, of any situation, to set you free, 'coz that's why He came. We have to come prepared! We have to come prepared! Yes, we have so many things to do every week, but when you come back home -- I know sometimes, it's so easy to teach in rural areas; when I tell them, when you come back, even after working the whole day in the field -- do you have a MP3 player on your phone? "Yes." What do you do; get home, wash your feet, sit down and listen to some Christian music or a good word; let the word of God wash you, wash you of everything that you picked in this world; the worries, the anxieties, the temptations, everything, let it wash you. And when it comes to the ministry of the word at the end of the week; different country, different days, you are ready because, you have faith and the presence of the Lord, the power of the Lord is there in our midst to heal us. This is the problem. Otherwise, you know what will happen? Psalm 78:32-33, this is what the bible says, the danger...

Psalm 78:32-33

³² In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works. ³³ Therefore their days, He consumed in futility, And their years in fear.

I am telling you, if God were to expose your hearts, fear controls most of your decisions. You are not making decisions by faith, you are making decisions by fear and you know what happens? Scripture says, "I am there in you, it's power is unlimited but if you don't believe, your years will go into futility."

Let me explain you what it means: it doesn't mean you are not successful, it means your success has no meaning. Just imagine: you have a Prof. like Dr. Vijay Eathakota, you are in his class, you are an undergraduate engineering student who went to his class. You can call it luck or bad luck, but you ended up in his class and he told you to do a project. It took you 7-days to do the project. You work day and night, you hardly slept, you were on caffeine pills through the 7-days; you worked, you worked, you worked; to use a proper term, you worked your tail off and then you bring your project. He looks at the project and says, "Chee! What is this nonsense?" That's how lives in heaven when you reach will say, "Oh my gosh! my whole life work was futile, absolutely futile." What a waste! Lot of people when they have reached there: Is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? No! Go! Eternity. Others, you come through; all your works are burned in fire, all you come with is your salvation alone, that is His work, your work is not counted. What does it mean? Your years were spent in futility and God doesn't want that for His any children but we are struggling and fighting God to change His ways, instead of us changing our ways. This is what we need to understand. Today, we will STRICTLY look at one thing, because, right now, in this world, what is crippling the whole world is two-things:

1. Sickness

2. The fear of sickness: The fear of something is always worse than the thing itself.

Sickness and the fear of sickness, and how we limit God. And how should we just release the limits of God in our personal life. Listen carefully! Whether you are young or old! Doesn't matter whether you are young or old, everybody is afraid of this one disease and every disease. The nature of sickness or any illness is, it can come with absolutely no warning, absolutely no warning. All of you sitting here, healthy, smart, everything; tomorrow you can fall sick, like our dear child, Betsy; prime of life, I am not talking about the discussions we had, before she was diagnosed with cancer, tumour. Just before that chatting and talking about her wedding, "Shall I look for a boy for you? Uncle, 'look for a boy for me'." All conversations were going on and then one day, you had a headache, you became unconscious, you were taken and life changed, everything changed. This is the problem. Illness and sickness, infirmity comes, everything changes; no warning, it changes everything, your whole life goes for a toss. All plans are gone, literally, it's gone. Next thing you know, now, you are defined by your illness. You know in the Bible, God actually puts reality, the actual reality shows are all in the Bible, don't waste your time on TV, the real reality shows. You actually are named by your illness. So, Jesus comes down the mountain and there was a leper, do you know his

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name? No. His illness defines who he is, he is a leper. There was a woman with an issue of blood for 12-years. Do you know her name? Jairus daughter was sick and dying, do you know her name? There was a woman in the synagogue with 18-years of deformity, bend over. Do you know her name? There was a man sitting at the Pool of Bethesda with 38-years of infirmity. Do you know his name? Suddenly, you realize, your entire life is defined by your infirmity. We don't even know Peter's mother-in-law, but we know she was sick. The only thing we know about Peter's mother-in-law, she was sick and Jesus healed her and she served them. You know what illness does to you? You need to be careful. When sickness comes -- that's why I said, after this message, you will be very grateful, you are not sick, you will say; "Thank you, Lord." First this sickness comes or this young vibrant man, "BHOOM! BHOOM! BHOOOM!" and accident happens. You know what happens? Not only you are defined by your sickness, you lose control over life, and it doesn't matter who you are.

In 2 Kings 5:1, it's interesting;

2 Kings 5:1

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honourable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valour, but a leper.

It doesn't matter who you are, you will lose control over your life. Your control is gone, because you are a leper. That's why we always tell young people, "Be careful, wear a helmet, drive carefully, 50-maximum."

Wear a helmet, be a safe driver. Don't be a Daredevil driver, be a safe driver like me. 100s and 1000s of miles in the last 28, 29-years, not an accident, in every kind of road and where there was no road, just valleys and gutter in the North-East and all and there, I didn't clog all my vehicles, it could be 3 or 4 or 5000 miles, in these 28-years, not a single accident. 'coz you know why? I learned to drive right. It keeps you safe, your head in one piece. Why did I say that? 2 Kings 1:1-2,

2 Kings 1:1-2

¹ Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. ² Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so, he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury."

Now, Ahaziah, who is he? The king of Israel; "gir gaya aur haddi toot gaya," over...

What is the king going to do? He is being carried. What happened? Accident. He didn't look where he was going, it broke and he fell down. That's how accidents happen. That's why when we pray; my wife and I pray, we pray every day, "Lord, protect our children, our people; your children, our children; from every accident, every germ, every disease, their going-out, their coming-in, watch over our children, Lord, watch over, watch over, watch over, Lord." One accident can change your life, you lose control over your life. Your identity is gone, your control is gone, and all you know is uncertainty. You could be the most powerful King, the smartest king like Uzziah, one day, leprosy comes, after that you are sitting alone, living alone, all the days of your life. All your other records are forgotten, you are now defined by, your disease.

Third thing,

John 5:3-5

³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

You know what, whether you ask it or not, life re-assigns your positions. One day, you might have been the CEO of the company, next day, you are sitting at the ICU, you have been relocated. Your company has changed, you have been relocated. Now, where is he? With the lame, the blind, the crippled; your company has changed. This is what sickness does. God doesn't want to relocate you. God says, "The plans that I have for you are good," Mark 5.

So, the third thing is that your company changes, okay. First thing: You are nameless, you are now named by your illness, second thing: You lose control of your life, third: You are reassigned a new place to be. Fourth:

Mark 5:25-26

²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

Now, physicians are making you suffer. You go to one doctor, he gives you one paper; you look at what it is; blood test. Before you know, they have taken half your blood away. You come back, he gives you on set of medicine, nothing works; you go to him back again, another test, now you are sitting in this incubator kind of thing and MRI scan is being done; now, you are not suffering with this sickness alone, the physician is putting you into new set of sufferings, right? Everybody has gone to the dentist. Why do we go to the dentist? Because your tooth is aching. He says, first I will give you one shot, if it doesn't work, two shots, sometimes, 3 shots. Now, you don't know which is hurting more, tooth or injection? Thank God for doctors, because they are not hurting you, you are hurting yourself because you did not go through God's order and they are sent there by God to help us.

What happens? She had spent all that she had. What does sickness do? Takes all your resources away, all your resources are gone for something that was totally unneeded, if you had just walked with God and believed God and obeyed His ways. I remember one man telling: "Pastor, I went to the Middle East, I slogged day and night, I saved all my money; I came home, my father fell ill, and within two weeks, all my money went to the hospital; I had to go back and slog all over again, I had come back to retire." You know the bills you hear during this pandemic time? "Dead body's being taken, we will not release the body until you pay the bill, bill is 15 lakhs, 25 lakhs, 30 lakhs." You know what an illness or accident does! That is why the fight in America -- God's people, supposedly, believers, the largest junk of so called 'believers' in an overground free country, what are they fighting for, the biggest fight of this election, 'healthcare,' healthcare, healthcare, we want government healthcare; why? Because they know you fall sick, all your money goes. See, what the disease does! And what happens? "She was no better, but rather grew worse." You loose hope, 'coz you don't get better, you actually start getting worse. But, we don't want to look at healing alone, that is the mistake people make, during Jesus time, subsequently, and all of us make. Healing is a temporary solution, healing is a correction made, but that's not what God offers; He heals, He is a healer, that's not what God offers, what God offers is not just healing, what He offers is health. Healing is a correction for an error, but health is a life lived without those errors. It's a natural wear and tear, like your car -- if you have a car, if you really handle your vehicle well, like I do; I am not boasting, but my vehicles never have trouble, if I give to somebody else, it comes back full of trouble. That's why when people buy a second hand vehicle; one of the things in the advertisement is; 'Single Owner Driven,' people will take it, specially cars, because if five people have driven; one fellow will push the clutch all the way till the floor, another fellow will give it a gentle touch, another the fellow, the way he shift the gears, the whole box should come up. Of all the vehicles I have -- I tell my wife; you know honey, only one car doesn't give any trouble; the black car, I say it because it is automatic, so they can't play with the gears. Am I right? I am right, she says. Do you understand what God is talking about? He says, I don't want you to correct errors, natural wear and tear will be done, that we are all growing old, outer man is perishing, that was because of Adam, not because of you and me. When Adam fell, we all fell with him, the outer man is perishing, inward man is being renewed or should be renewed. So, if you look at Jesus, I read the entire account of Jesus in all the four gospels, He never fell ill, never fell ill. So, as far as possible, don't fall ill and if you fall ill, in spite of all the precautions, I will guarantee you something; God will pay the bill. 3-times I went to hospital, 3-times He paid the bill, every time He paid. One time, I went in, came out with more money than I went in because in the ICU also, in the strange city, where I did not know people, I got the offerings there. Which Pastor gets offering in the ICU! Because when I went in, I had only Rs. 1000, but when I came out, I came out with, I had Rs.2500. Because I was in a strange city, transiting through the city, I had this accident or whatever, I ended up in the bed no.1 in a coma, when I opened my eyes, the first thing I see is; Jesus heals, immediately, I was healed, all the test after that realized, I can be discharged, nothing is wrong with me. And then, offerings came, I love it! That's the way to fall ill. I am just -- what I am trying to say is not about me, I am trying to say is, we have a good God, we have a good father. Always, focus your mind on the goodness of God. Like, you hear from this pulpit so many times -- I talk about my father, have you ever heard me say anything bad about my father other than habit that he used to drink? Have you ever heard? But he whooped the life out of me. I don't think any one of you was whooped like I was, none of you. I am honestly telling you, nobody would have been beaten like me, when you were so small, when you are 6-years old, 7-years old. You know how I was whooped? To the mosquito rod under this thing with my hands tied behind, so that I couldn't escape, he whooped me. Couple of times, he whooped me until I was bleeding from my back but when I look back at him, all I can do is love him and remember his goodness. I look back and I realize, of the five children he had, I needed to be whooped the most so that he could straighten me for His work. Other than the word of God, all the disciplines I have till today, I learned from his whooping and his life. So, even when God whoops you, He is good, He is good. A good God can only

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give good things, He cannot give bad things. That's why He says, "You fathers, being evil, know how to give good things to your children, how much more your Father in heaven!" He is always good. So, we saw incredibly powerful, kind, good God and He is telling His people; you want healing, I want to be your health. In Proverbs 4:20,22

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

He says, "you know what my word is! You believe and walk in it, it's health for your body, your soul, your spirit." "It's not healing, it's health." "My word! my word"-- that's why we keep on waking up people, saying; don't tune off, come on time, prepare on Saturday, Saturday nights; listen to worship music and fall asleep early, wake up refreshed, ready, roaring to go to church; Lord you know what, your word is life! your word is health! Our God is a God, He is an awesome God! See, when you go to a big hospital, they call it as Multi Speciality Hospital, you see different departments; you see dept. called -- after you have a surgery, or you have a major illness and after that they will send you or if you are in the post-operative room or recovery room or whatever, one of the doctors who visits you is called a Dietician, and she will tell you, or he, usually, most of the Dietician I have met are ladies. Usually, they will tell you what to eat and what not to eat; what is good for you, what is not good for you, it's a Dietician. When my eldest brother -- he was five years older to me, so, he was in his final year doing his MBBS and for the senior students they had this big rooms with attached bathrooms and all. I was a rookie and I had just finished my 12th and had gone for my first year undergraduate, so I must have been around 18/19 years old. So, I used to stay with him for a few days until I got my hostel room and one of the subjects, they have is called SPM, it's called Social Preventive Medicine, basically, they take you about; what hygiene is, social preventive. And most of these kids who come for MBBS, they come from Malayalam medium, Telegu medium, whatever medium, so they are not very strong in English and I was very strong in English. So, MBBS student from first year used to sit in his room and I used to teach them SPM because I could understand it very well cos it's not medicine, it's about hygiene. But what we don't realize is, if you read the word of God, God is the first Dietician and His book is on Social Preventive Medicine on hygiene.

Leviticus 20:24

²⁴ But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

Now, He is not talking that; don't go to Israel and say, I never saw any white water, no! Milk is strength, honey is sweetness. He says, your life will be full of strength and sweetness till the end of your days. If you believe me, if you obey me, you will be strong till the end, your inner man will be strong and you will have the sweetness of God in your life, not like Naomi; bitter and angry but a sweet person, you grow sweeter and sweeter and sweeter. That's the land I am taking you: land flowing with milk and honey.

Leviticus 20:24-25

²⁵ You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

Why did He say that? Because He created them and specially after the fall, He knows which way even the animals went. He says; eat this, don't eat this. He was the first Dietitian. If you eat the wrong meat, you make yourselves abominable, you are playing with your health and I want you to be strong, I want you to fulfil my purpose in your life, so that when you come up there, I can tell you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant,"

Because you need a body to serve me. That's why in Romans 12, the first thing He ask is; offer me your bodies and this is how they taught them, practically to offer them, when it comes to eating habits, He was the Dietitian. He was very very strict with them about hygiene and He made it mandatory, whenever He tells them you are coming to me; wash your clothes, wash your clothes, wash your clothes. Sanctify yourselves, wash your clothes, wash yourselves. Every other religion learned from that living God. That's why you go to any of these ancient temples or all temples in India, they have a pond outside. You have to wash, bathe and come out. Where did this come from? It came from living God. Hygiene is important. Tell you young boys

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sitting here, hygiene is important. I don't know about girls; I will ask my wife to tell them. Hygiene is important, wash your clothes, shower regularly, daily, that's showing love to your neighbour and yourself. He was strong on this.

Leviticus 15:4

⁴ Every bed is unclean on which he who has the discharge lies, and everything on which he sits shall be unclean.

Let us imagine you have a sore, a boil and the boil is oozing and we don't have today's kind of experts who will tell you, it is communicable, non-communicable, it is infectious, nobody knows. God says; just give them a blanket

There are communicable diseases, infectious diseases, therefore; you see, "everything on which he sits shall be unclean," so, don't sit with him, maintain social distancing. It didn't come now, it came then.

Leviticus 15:5

⁵ And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.

By some mistake, you came and sat in his bed, and he says, "Don't sit over there, I have this problem," then you go back home and wash yourself and wash your clothes, because germs and bacteria spread. What are we told because of COVID-19 -- we learned new ways of washing hand right? One virus taught us to wash our hands, I was thinking, Lord, 55 years I wash my hands wrongly. You can learn new things -- usually, we say, you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but this old dog learned new tricks; how to wash his hands. See, these all came from God: "bathe in water, be unclean till evening." He is giving them a quarantine period also; just because you showered and washed your clothes doesn't mean all bacteria dies immediately, just give it a 12-hours period or 24-hours period, don't spread the disease to the rest of your family. Now fathers and all have learnt; you know, fathers and all, now, when they come back from work, they don't hug their wives or their children, they first go to the bathroom and take off, put it off, wash, shower and come nice and clean, and wife is so happy; honey, this is the kind of husband I always wanted, he is so clean. What COVID did to us, right? Chaste out lifestyle. 6000 years of what the law couldn't do, one germ did. Thank you, Lord!

Leviticus 13:1:4

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: ² "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body like a leprous sore, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. ³ The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore has turned white, and the sore appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a leprous sore. Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean. ⁴ But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his body, and does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate the one who has the sore seven days.

I am just giving you, read the law.

How many days of isolation? 7 days isolation; quarantine began in the law. Do you see our God! See, by the time when Moses brought the law, his name was Moses MBBS, MD; see, he was Doctor of Medicine and he never went to college! He went to the college in Egypt and learned to eat unhealthy, he came down the mountain and learned how to eat healthy. This is the difference what happens which college you go.

Leviticus 13:46-51

⁴⁶ He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

"His dwelling shall be outside the camp, isolate him, don't mix." Lord, how can you do this to me? "No, I love you, that's why I am telling you. I love you, I love the rest of them. Isolate him."

Leviticus 13:47-51

⁴⁷ *"Also, if a garment has a leprous plague in it, whether it is a woollen garment or a linen garment, ⁴⁸ whether it is in the warp or woof of linen or wool, whether in leather or in anything made of leather, ⁴⁹ and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it is a leprous plague and shall be shown to the priest. ⁵⁰ The priest shall examine the plague and isolate that which has the plague seven days. ⁵¹ And he shall examine the plague on the seventh day. If the plague has spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, in the leather or in anything made of leather, the plague is an active leprosy. It is unclean.*

I mean, such a detailed stuff was given. Absolutely -- what is the point, God is extremely interested in our health! And He is giving us guidelines; if you live like this, Israel, you won't fall ill. There is diet, hygiene, there is garbage disposal.

Deuteronomy 23:12-13

¹² *"Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; ¹³ and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse.*

What is this for? This is to relieve yourself. You see, until modern times; the Christian homes in Kerala, because of that symmetric culture we had of 2000 years, not a single house would have a toilet inside the house, it always would be outside. You know why? Because they pick it from scripture and the actual word you say in Malayalam is *****you know what he said*****which basically means, I am going to toilet, but that's not what it actually means, it means: I am going out and that's what it says, "where you may go out." You need to realize, how the kingdom culture of the law has permeated into my culture, that if you were going out, you exactly use scripture and I did not know; I did not know all the days when I said it, I did not know this was in scripture.

" you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse," why? Because, the God who created us, after the fall knows; there is virus, there is bacteria, there are germs, you relieve yourself, make a hole and then cover it. And if you look at the pagan nations, what do they do? They cover the earth with their refuse. Isn't it true? And when they *****the nation, because they understood what God was saying, they didn't understand the scientific implication, they always dug and this was in the desert; they dug every morning and they covered it. Not only they ate right! they lived right, therefore; for 40 years there were none ill nor feeble among them. God says: If you live the way I tell you, you don't have to keep running to me; Lord, heal me! heal me! You will walk in health. In 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, new covenant, He changes the paradigm even more!

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

¹⁶ *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.*

He says: You are my temple. Don't defile the temple, then I have to destroy you. How does He destroy us? Sicknesses come. You don't have to be sick, as far as possible, you don't have to be sick which is beyond your ability, don't worry about it. Like we all gather in the church office for different meetings okay, through the week meeting, but we will always see the difference between us and the young man who is hidden in that little room, Dr. Richard. When he comes in, it is almost ****why he is a doctor. Even when COVID was not there, they would be like that, because all in my family who are doctors, they will irritate you like crazy; every time, they are cleaning, they are cleaning....they drive you crazy because they know so well about the germ, that's what they spend their lifetime studying how these thing spreads. We, who are ignorant, are happy with dirt and we will also have statements like: "Dirt don't hurt." It is not true. God said; dirt does hurt. So, God is a God of hygiene, He is a God of diet. So, we are not talking about healing alone, we are talking about health. "My word is a health to man's whole body."

Second thing: why does sickness come?

2 Corinthians 11:29-32

²⁹ *For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleeps. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.*

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God says: You fall sick because you don't keep my law, you break my spiritual laws and one of the results that happens in your life is -- the chastening of the Lord is, He allows sickness to come into your body. You don't keep my word, you don't obey my spiritual laws, and therefore, what happens, sickness comes. It's a disciplining of sinful behaviour.

2 Kings 15:3-5

³ And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done, ⁴ except that the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. ⁵ Then the Lord struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son was over the royal house, judging the people of the land.

He did not destroy the high places, okay. Now, this is a spiritual law; there are so many high places we have in our minds and in our lives, we won't bring it down; my way or the highway, not God's way and you know what, that very law which we break without bringing it to the subjection of Christ Jesus, whether it is a physical thing or mental thing, it will bring chastening of Lord into our lives.

Now, what happened? Not only the king was struck, not only he was isolated, somebody took his place, that is what happens; God strikes you as a chastening, you loose your job, and somebody is working in your place, somebody has taken your place.

2 Chronicles 16:10

¹⁰ Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

He didn't like the word of God.

2 Chronicles 16:12-13

¹² And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. ¹³ So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

Did you see? And this is God! You violate God's principles, His laws, and sickness can come. So God says: Walk! walk according to my laws, walk according to my rules which I have set before you, walk in it; you don't have to keep visiting hospitals, you don't have to run to the doctors, you don't have to come to me; Lord, heal me, heal me.

2 Corinthians 12:7, another way...God allows the devil for different reasons.

2 Corinthians 12:7

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

God allowed the devil to oppress whatever it was in his body, the messenger from the devil himself, so that he wouldn't get too proud. But something can happen to you because God allows it. Job was allowed to be struck in his body by God; the devil got permission. Was he a righteous man? He was the most righteous man but God allowed it. So sometime, God may allow you. It's a demonic attack.

In Acts 10:38, this is what scripture says about Jesus,

Acts 10:38

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The devil is a sickness bringer, all kinds of diseases he can bring. He is just waiting for an opening in our life to bring a disease, looking for somebody who disobeys God's laws, spiritual laws, he is just waiting for an open door. He couldn't touch Job because he was absolutely walking in the will of God, so he says; oh, of course, if you lift the hedge; you put a hedge around him, I am not able to break the hedge -- the Bible says, if you break the hedge, the snake will bite you. So, God allows the

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devil to attack you or you allow the devil to attack you, it can be either way. You open a door for devil to come into your life, so let God show you.

Fourth: God allows it for your own good.

Psalm 119:71

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

One of the most surprising things we will understand in heaven when we reach there is; most people who reached there, started their journey because of their sickness. All the crowds who followed Jesus, most of them were sick. The sickness caused them to follow Jesus, to receive a touch and in the process, they heard a message.

John 9:1-3

¹ Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

He says, no! This is for God's glory and for his good. let us see how the story ended, chapter 35-38,

John 9:35-38

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Let me ask you this question! If he had not been born blind, would he have been saved? No! He would not have been saved. You know the sickness worked for his good and for God's glory. So, sometimes sickness works for our good, God allows stuff to happen.

Another one, fifth one, all young boys and young girls too, older people too, listen!

1 Timothy 4:8

⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

It says, bodily exercise profits a little, spiritually, if the scripture was written: bodily exercise profits nothing, everybody would be happy, but it says, it does profit. One of the things COVID-19 has done -- because they realize -- early morning when I come from home to the office, all I see for the first time in my life, after the lockdown is over, the streets were flooded with people who are exercising, because they realize, you are more vulnerable to COVID if you are unhealthy. So, health is suddenly coming into the consciousness of the world and God says; bodily exercise profits, it does profit, you have to exercise, eat well and exercise. You know, the most powerful man in the world is now in the hospital; President Trump. But, one thing about him is; he doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, he has never done drugs and all the young people; who smoke, who drinks, who do drugs, you are very vulnerable to COVID. Lot of people who died of COVID are drug addicts. It makes you susceptible to COVID because if you are smoking grass, your respiratory system is vulnerable to this germ. Second thing; the highest casualties' rate is with those who are obese, obesity; you are at risk and if you look at President Trump, all his parameters are fantastic, except one; his BMI-Body Mass Index level is little over showing him obese. I like in so many ways, this COVID, it will bring a lifestyle -- I am not saying I like COVID, but it is bringing out a different lifestyle. Obesity! I am telling you, because if this is the beginning of the plague, next strain will be even more virulent, it will only get worse, it is not going get better. Now they tell you, wear a mask, next they tell you; wear a helmet. Please be careful! Lot of people do not exercise, they don't exercise at all, playing badminton for five minutes is not exercise, I see on the camera; once in 30 days, jumping on the roof is not exercise, that is just shaking the foundation.

Deuteronomy 34:7, look at this old man,

Deuteronomy 34:7

⁷ Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

You know why? Because he ate well and walked all the days of his life, 80 years he walked. Fit as a fiddle he died. You know why he died, not because he was ill, because God said; time up! Come home son! and nobody is going to bury you; I just love you and I am going to bury you personally.

Joshua 14:10, 11; when you have a healthy lifestyle of exercising physical exercise and diet and hygiene,

Joshua 14:10-11

¹⁰ And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. ¹¹ As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in.

What is he saying? I am as strong! 45-years ago Moses had sent me, I am as strong today as that day. You know what he says, this chote chote bache, they are not willing to take that mount and give it to me, I will give them a run for their money, I will fight that battle, you know why; because he stucked to God's principle of life; what to eat, what not to eat. How to live your life -- a sanctified; physically, we are talking about physically, hygienic, diet, exercise, they maintain it. That is how you offer your bodies as a living sacrifice. Otherwise, you are just a junky, even if you don't shoot drugs, you are just a junky. Can God still use Junkies?

Genesis 39:6

⁶ Everything that he owned, he entrusted into Joseph's care. He never concerned himself about anything, except for the food he ate.

Now, Joseph was... well built, how did he become well built? I will tell you how did he became well built; when he was bought and sold as a slave, new slaves are first all send into hard labour, let me tell you; the first guy with 6 packs in Bible is Joseph. Fit as a fiddle, hard laboured and he was good looking too, with his Hebraic symmetric heritage and Potiphar's wife looked at this young dude, handsome and built; and this is not gym muscles which is artificial, this does not come from butter and weigh, this comes from working hard in the field and outside wherever he was, he was well built. Because God wanted that man to rule over Egypt for years together, so it was his training, academic that he was going through. Why do I say this? Listen to me young man! All young man, including Ajay, listen to me young man! What happens is -- most young people today, who work, is a sedentary work and sedentary work is not the kind of work God likes, the kind of work He likes is the work His Son did; it's a hard work, He really, really toiled and if you can't do that, you work 8 hours, 12 hours, come back and run. The reason is this; Potiphar's wife was tempted by Joseph, Joseph was never tempted because hard work kills temptation, you wanna escape temptation; work hard and if you work a sedentary lifestyle, get back home and run for 2 hours; you come back, you put your head on the pillow, you are gone and God has given work as an antidote to temptation. Jesus was never tempted because He says, "I and my Father are working from the beginning and even now we are at work." He was such a hard worker, even in the storm He could put His head on a cushion in a boat and fall asleep. That was His power nap. I learned power nap from Him. So, know the heart of God, the ways of God, don't limit Him. When we don't do the things which he tells us to do in a practical way, we are limiting him in our life. Lord! I heard this, I want this, but He says; where is your body? Aiyoo appa, aiyoo appa, Lord use me, God says; by the time you reach the platform, time will be up. There was a sad video of a very big politician leader in US, big Press Conference is going, democratic press conference, the speaker of the assembly, the third important person and everything; and this man, in the middle of the all the cameras, he was slowly moving sideways and the whole thing -- YouTube said, he pooped in his diapers. You have reached to the pinnacle in your career and you poop in a diaper and you are moving sideways. What a shame! because he did not live the lifestyle which the God said you should live. I am not making this thing about -- I am talking about, we look at all these things and say, Lord, please help me! I want to live a life where you can use my body till the end. What is in my hand, help to do. Help me to walk and live according to your rules, o Lord, because your word is life to my soul and to my body. Therefore; know the heart of God, don't limit Him. Our God is a very very compassionate God, we know that wherever He went, He had compassion. In Isaiah 53:4,5 says, the entire healing of a man is part of the atonement.

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Isaiah 53:4-5

⁴ Surely, He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

What is the first thing a man wants in his soul: Peace. Right now, you have peace, it is a false peace because you don't have issues in your life. The day you have to stand on your own feet, that's when you know whether you have peace or not. Now, everything is taken care of for you. You don't have to worry about where is my food coming from? Where is my fee coming from? Where is my roof over? Everything is taken of, but the day, when you have to stand on your own and fend, then you will know whether you have peace or not. That's something of the soul.

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1 John 3:8 says,

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⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

So, remember, health and healing, healing is a part of it and also when people are healed -- because they come for healing and then we go back to health, okay.

Let's quickly go through, how do I limit God from being healed, if you have an issue in your life, whatever it is! How do I limit God!

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We limit God by unconfessed sins.

Mark 2:3-5

³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So, when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Sometimes, you don't realize your sins are limiting God from healing you. Jesus looked right into him and he's repentant and probably, tears were flowing down his eyes, He looked at him and said, "Son, your sins are forgiven." How do we limit God's healing, his life, his health from flowing into our lives? It's by unconfessed sins.

Second: Matthew 18:32-34, this is a man who refuse to forgive, okay.

Matthew 18:32-34

³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

You know disease is a torment! You have to fight it. You should not get bedridden as far as possible. On July 3rd, when I had my surgery, in the midst of the pandemic, it was postponed because of the pandemic, I had my surgery, I said; Lord, I am going home tomorrow. So, Friday, I came and I said I am preaching on Sunday, I ain't going to bedridden; yes, it was a major surgery! yes, it took 3-4 hours; I am not going to give into that, I DON'T want to be bedridden because it will torment you. You know God puts them into sickbed when we do not extend forgiveness, or you are healthy but your heart is a mess, no peace at all, your soul is in a bed of torment.

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Look at Revelation 2:22

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22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

He says, "I will cast you into a bed of torment until you repent." Like I said, finally when you end up bedridden and your back is facing earth and your face is up, that is where you reach ICU. Lot of people is restored from the ICU. Sometimes, you need to realize...

Luke 13:11-13

11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Sometimes, somebody needs deliverance before they can be healed, understand this, people need deliverance before they can be healed.

Fourth:

Matthew 9:22

22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her, He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

You need faith. Often, you will realize, your faith itself makes you well because faith is the channel through which God's power flows, and power is right there! but channel is blocked. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God.

Matthew 9:28-30

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

We have to believe, we have to believe. So many things to be taught, okay. God wants to heal you, but after that He wants you to walk in health, fundamental lesson. The problem is sometimes, when you are not ready to obey, it is good not to hear. That's what God says in the book of Peter, "It was better for them not to have known the way of righteousness because when you don't, you are just like a dog, who goes back to it's vomit." You heard about what to eat and what not to eat, and after hearing, you go to the Bunty and buy.....just like a dog. It's better if you had not. At least, the ignorance gives you bliss, you don't know you are killing yourself, you are cutting short your destiny, you are robbing off your eternal rewards, you don't know you are happily enjoying. The other fellow...Pastor said "destiny," "destiny," "destiny" after some time it doesn't taste good at all because, every bite, it is echoing in your head, "destiny," "destiny." Finally, 'ny' is gone and "death," "death," is coming and the other fellow is eating happily; how can he eat so happily? That is ignorance. With young people, it was to be told this way, I am telling you, I have lived a regime like that; two years I was working with underground church, I did not eat from outside, I woke up at 4 in the morning, I cooked my breakfast, my lunch and my dinner. I knew I was on mission and I couldn't afford to be ill one day because I used to have upto 13-14 services a week, all during the week; nights and on a Sunday, upto 5 to 6 services, I simply couldn't afford to fall ill and I know, one of the ways is, cook your own food eat it. At least, you know what you are doing. Do you know what you are doing? You have to believe, children, you have to believe. This all comes with purpose. See, why was He giving these rules to Israel? Because He was making them a nation of purpose, "You, the smallest, I am going to make you the greatest. You shall be a sign and a wonder to the world and they shall look at Israel and they will say, 'Wow, their God is God!'"

"One of you shall put a thousand to flee, two shall put ten thousand and they will say: how can do they do this, unless their Lord is their rock and their rock has hold them." That was the purpose, but they never wanted the purpose, so God let them go. So, you can have all these rules, you are not going to obey it unless you are defined b]y the kingdom of God: Lord, I have

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a purpose and doesn't matter what it is, even when if it is to be seen by nobody and spend the rest of my life, that is 40-years or 25-years in my prayer closet in praying, I pray Lord, I will kneel and pray and I will not allow my body to stop my destiny. When I reach heaven, it will be told, "you prayed my church through, you ate well, you exercised well, you gave your body over, nobody saw you but I saw you."

Remember, nobody saw Saul of Tarsus, 3 days, he was shut in his room but God said, "Behold, that man is praying." This is destiny and we are looking at eternal rewards. Then, you will get a new body, no sickness, no tiredness, no sleep, no slumber. Imagine a fellow, by some chance, by hook or crook; you can't make it to heaven but let's say, he made it by the skin of his teeth. Most of his life on earth, he spent sleeping but he made it to heaven in the last minute; he reaches heaven, he gets a new body, his mind is saying; I want to sleep. But I don't know whether you sleep in heaven. He is looking down at life and saying; 40 years I slept, what a waste.

like I said in yesterday's Q&A, you are tough on certain sins, very gentle in others, but God is not. The glutton, the drunkard, the slothful, the adulterer, the sodomite; we pick on the sodomite, the glutton is sitting on the church, the drunkard is sitting in the church, the fornicator is sitting in the church; oh, pick on the sodomites, I am on the movement, we will not allow the ..., God is saying, wait a second: we all are on the same plane; the covetous, the idolators... See, we like magnifying certain sins and certain sins... coz we are involved in that. That is why the day of judgement will be very surprising day.

Acts 9:32-35, if you are sick in your body, understand God's pattern, if you are well in your body, then also understand God's pattern:

Acts 9:32-35

³² Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. ³³ There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. ³⁵ So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Can you imagine a man bedridden for eight years? Our God is a healer. He heals you, now rise, next thing He says is, "Start your life, new, fresh; start having order in your life." What do you do first? Make your bed. That's how you should wake up. That's the first thing you do. Get up, fold your sheet, put your blanket. He is teaching a life of discipline; as I get up, I am bringing order into my life. He is telling him, there is a lesson there. He says, "Arise, Jesus of Nazareth heals you." Now, bring order into your life. A life of order is what God can fill, a life order is what God can use; these are simple things! And then you are alone, otherwise, get on your knees and give thanks to God for the gift of life; it's order, you don't have to pray for 15-20 minutes if you don't have, just get on your knees and say; Lord, I just thank you, I just thank you for life, I thank you, I am alive, I thank you for the roof over my head, food on my table, clothes on my back, I just want to thank you, Lord. Order; do it for one day, do it for 6 days, do it or 7 days, you will realize, something is happening inside of you. You are changing, you know why! Because the order has come and the Spirit has started flowing into you and through you. People even do this basic, fundamentals of Christianity of a life of faith and they wonder; why God doesn't speak to me. Who in their normal sense would tell a man who is paralysed for eight years, and bedridden to make his bed? Only God. You know why you ended up in your bed? Because you have no order in your life. It was a life of disorder. Start back with order! You and I need, Order. We need order, that's what God is talking about. Scripture says, Jesus is teaching and Pharisees and all kind of people had come from everywhere, Judah, Jerusalem and the scripture says: The power of God was present there to heal them, the power of God is always there to heal us, the question is: Do I want to be healed? Do I walk in my healing? It's two different things. Do I want to walk in my healing and fulfil God's purpose? Look, Look, how October began, entire world things changed. You know why? Because the most important man, right now, living was diagnosed with COVID-19, the mark has crashed, all the capitals, nations are*****because they do not know which way it is going now; just because the one man, the germ attacked him. Everything, 500 points, the stock market crashed and it started crashing all around the world, because what is world saying: This man and his decisions are propping up the entire world market. So, when he fell ill, uncertainty came. And God is saying, "Do you want that kind of uncertainty in your life? Can you just surrender and start right when you are young?" Eat healthy, cut down on junk. Honestly, I am telling you young people, I believe a generation of destiny, because the best should be the last, because He said the glory of the later house shall be greater than the formal. In the baton race, where you pass the baton, the best are in the beginning and at the end. That was Joseph, that was Daniel; all young people. That's what God is talking about. I was telling them in the week, that devil's trap is pleasure. Pleasure should be a by-product.

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It is not what we follow. You know, people eat for pleasure, people read for pleasure, people listen to music for pleasure, people watch movies for pleasure. You know what? You are just an addict. You need to have pleasures, little time, that's fine, but life is not pleasure, life is purpose. You know why we eat? For strength. Pleasure is a by-product. And once we have lived that way, when we reach heaven, we will really understand what pleasure is, because in His right hand, there is joy and pleasures forevermore. I was teaching the church on Friday, that it is Elijah's training; you will have to stand up on the Mount Carmel, I will teach how to eat. First, I will teach you how to eat. You will go to Cherith, and you will hide there, and you are going to be brought bread and meat twice a day. How much food a Raven carry in a mouth, can you understand? By the time he came to Zarephath, you could see his belly was sunk. Two meals a day, not three meals a day, because you are a man of Prayer, so I want you to be the man of fasting too. The discipline in the kingdom of God is fasting, not feasting. He was preparing for a great day and I am going to be very careful, I am not going to send you in a rich home in Jerusalem; I am going to send you to a poor widow in Samaria, at the most she will give you is, roti and pani for the next three years. By the time he ascended Mount Carmel, he was ready to face the devil himself because he was fit in his body, he was strong in his spirit, and he could face hell itself.

You have to see yourself that way. Now, we are not saying; live a lifestyle of Elijah. If you read 2 Kings, that king, who fell from the lattice, sent his servants to Baal, whether he would recover or not; on the way, he met a man; is there no God in Israel? Why are you going to Baal? But they did not listen to him. These people went back and he said, a man met us. "What man?" Strange man. "What was he dressed in?" He was wearing a leather belt and a skin coat; that's Elijah.

How many years have pass by? Because the next chapter, Elisha will be revealed and Elijah will be taken to heaven. We see him in 1 Kings 17, we see him in 2 Kings; 15 years have gone by, he has not changed his fashion, he is not dressing for pleasure, he is dressing for purpose and therefore, he could be identified as one, separate from the others.

It's a pleasure driven generation, not a purpose driven generation. Understand! Tighten your belts! Live healthy! Walk healthy! Read healthy! Watch healthy! And when the time comes, when that outpouring comes, which 6000 years, all of humanity believers have waited, where He promised, I will pour out the former and the later rain together. God will have a set of people, who will be ready, prepared and they will say; fill my vessel, Lord! That's what happened in Acts 2; hundred and twenty steps forward and all of Jerusalem listened, who are these men? Unlearned man, how do they speak like this?! Prepared vessels. Don't waste your life, don't waste your time. We have very little time left to prepare.

Shall we stand, shall we pray!

Closing Prayer:

I will pray for you, pray with your hearts with me. I have written down the prayer, so I will go through what I have written down for all of us. Close your eyes, let's pray.

Lord, my life is in your hands, and your word says, "All things work together for those who love Christ Jesus and are called according to his purpose," Lord Jesus, I come, and acknowledge every misuse of my bodies and my soul, which is your temple. I renounce all forms of sins, whether it is overeating, drug abuse, illicit sex, anger, rage, bitterness, unforgiveness, whatever your Spirit shows, Father, I acknowledge and I renounce it in Jesus' name. And in the name of Jesus, I renounce every work of the devil in my life, I cancel every claim of the enemy over my body and my soul, through the blood and the body of Christ. Your blood was shed for the remission of my sins and your word says I am healed; I confess and I proclaim, I am redeemed from every curse, inherited or by self, because your word says, "Cursed is the one who hangs on the tree." You have said in your word, that your desire for us is that we may prosper in all things, and be in health even as our soul prospers. Lord, I pray, now, prosper my soul first, Lord. Teach me your ways, cause me to obey you and to walk in your ways. Lord, set me free, set my mind on things that are above and not on things that are below. Make me a man or a woman of purpose, a purpose of the kingdom of the king. Make me whole, oh Lord. On that day, when you walked on earth, nine were healed, but only one was made whole; just don't heal me, Lord, make me whole, for I want to serve you all the days of my life. I don't want you to end my years in futility and my years in fear, I want you to end my years with purpose, and with boldness and with power, for the power of the Lord is here, in this place, to heal and to set the captives free and I pray Lord, people will reach out by faith and believe and receive the power to be set free. For this purpose, the Son of man came, that He may destroy the works of the devil and we allow the Spirit of God to destroy every work of the devil in our body, in our soul and we will walk with God and we will confess; if God is for us, who can be against us," and it will be written about us also, one day, as it was written about Joseph: The Lord was with him, with him and he, she was successful. Thank you! Thank you, Father! Thank you, Lord! We praise You, we worship You, we glorify You, Lord. We commit our body, our soul, our spirit into Thy hands for Your purpose. Be glorified in and through us, oh Lord. For in Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

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Benediction:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, rest and abide with each one of us, Amen! Amen!

God bless you! Don't take the message lightly. Make life changing decisions and you will see what God will do!