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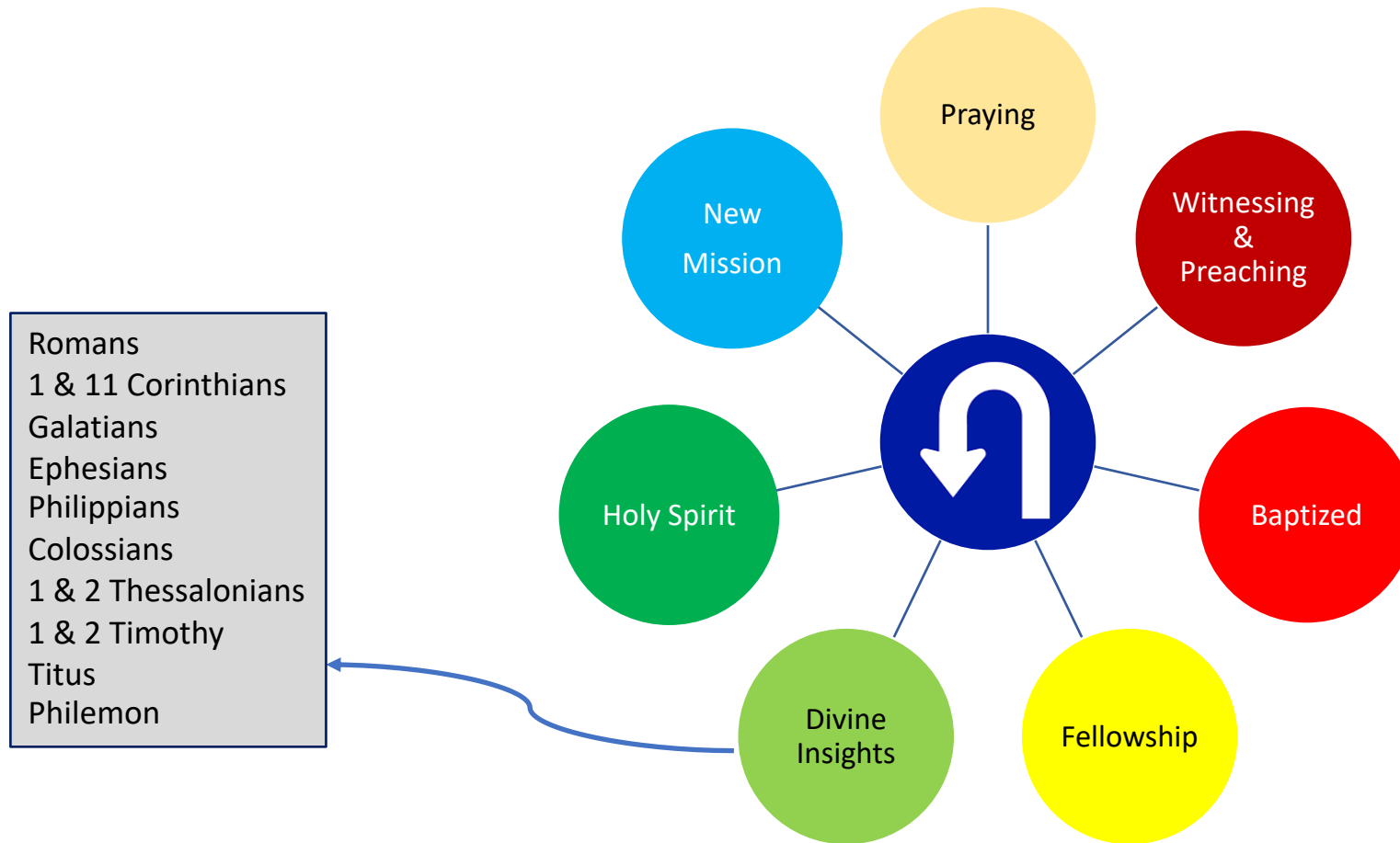
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After-effects of receiving spiritual healing (Acts 9, Part -1)



II Corinthians 5:17 ... If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

Physical Healing

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Aeneas

- Certain man in Lydda (his background perhaps not important)
 - Lydda called Lod today, location of Tel Aviv airport (north of Jerusalem)
 - Sick of palsy and in bed for eight years
 - Perhaps lost all hope of receiving healing and restoration
 - There are many in this world in the condition of “hopelessness”
 - Only the Lord can give us true hope from the womb to the tomb, and beyond!
 - Aeneas future changes with the intervention of Peter
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- Did Peter seek after Aeneas just as Philip went after Eunuch?

Secret of Peter's healing

- Saw a sick man & chose to show compassion (compassion is love-in- action)
- Miracle proclaimed in the name of Jesus (Acts 3:6) ... There is great power in the name of Jesus
- Peter's boldness came from his conviction in the power in Jesus name

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

In the name of Jesus ...

- **Salvation** ... She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will **save** his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)
- **Baptism** "Repent and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)
- **Worship** ... that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10, 11)
- **Spiritual blessings** ...every **spiritual blessings**, in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)
- **Exorcism** ... Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the **spirit left her** (Acts 16:18)
- **Healing and Life** ... Acts 9

David challenges in the name of the Lord...

I Samuel 17:46

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you **in the name of the LORD Almighty**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel"

Warning

Exodus 20:7

"You shall **not misuse the name**
of the LORD your God, for the LORD
will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name"

Impact of Healing

- There was a greater purpose ...

Acts 9:35 All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and **turned to the Lord**.

Lord often used signs and miracles to draw people to Him.

- We can also be silent witnesses who draw people to the Lord (if there is light in our life, there may be no need for sound!)

Matthew 5:16 let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Healing of Tabitha

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- Tabitha
 - Full of good works
 - Becomes sick and dies
 - (spiritual interpretation: good works cannot save us from spiritual death)
- Peter's good works & testimony had spread and he is called for help
 - Do people call us for help?
- Peter accepts the invitation and responds to the need
 - Shows the heart of a servant (always ready to be used for Master's work)

Scene around the dead body

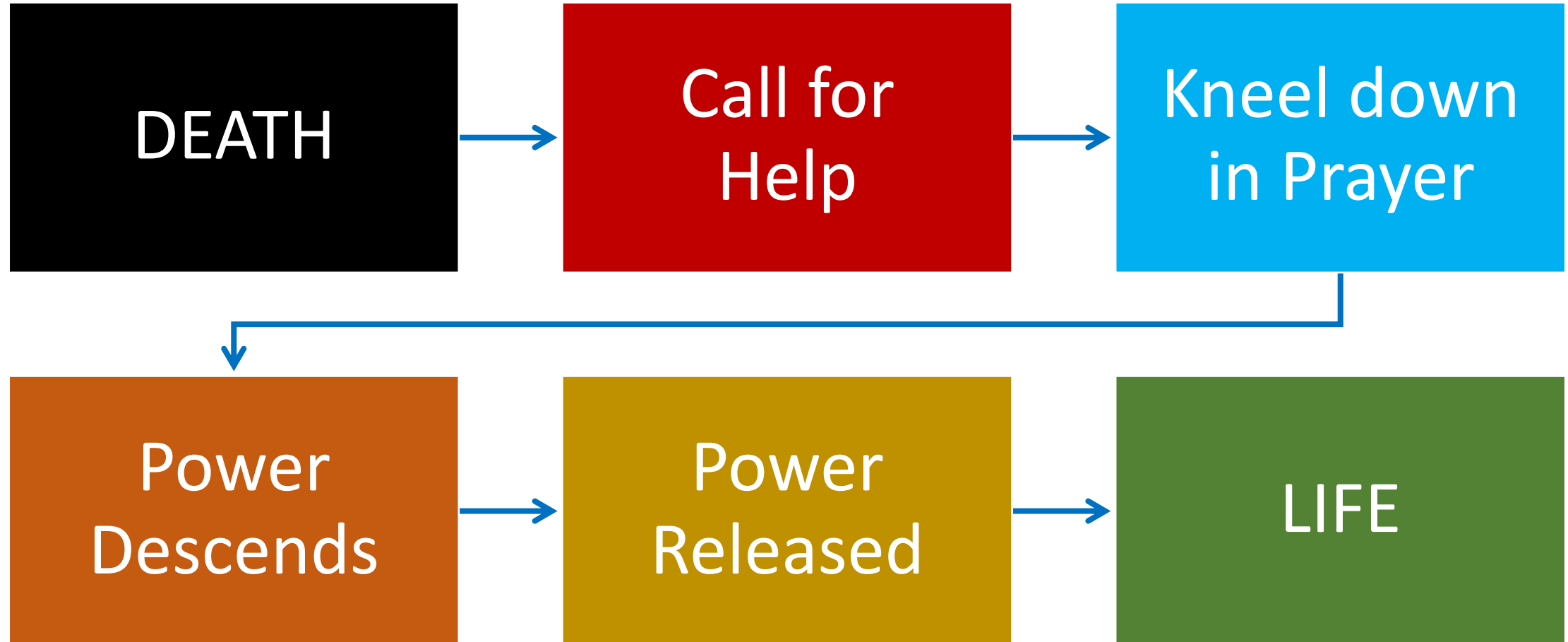
- Sorrow
- Reflection on her past life and works
- **Hopelessness**: Nobody is really thinking of future (can this dead person be made alive?)
- **Hope arrives through Peter**: Only the Lord can change dead circumstances of the present into a living future

Peter's secret of healing

- Uses the same secret (Calls on the name of the Lord, in prayer)

Acts 9:40, 41 Then Peter sent them all out of the room. He knelt down and prayed, and turning toward her body, he said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41** Peter took her by the hand and helped her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her to them alive.

Death to Life is a process ... Lord can use us to raise spiritually dead to spiritual life (Tabitha)



Presented alive (verse 41)

- One day the Lord will present us also without fault....

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy” (Jude 24)

CONCLUSION

Reason for sickness?

Is the gift of healing available today?

Is everyone healed?

What is role of Church in healing?

Reasons for sickness

- For the glory of God

John 11:4 (Lazarus)... This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God,

- Trials from God to refine/strengthen/refocus our faith

Job 2:7 (Job)...So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown

- Sin in our lives

I Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep

- Not taking proper care of health
- Natural decay of physical body

God is our Healer, Jehovah Rapha

Exodus 15:26

“If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. *For I am the LORD who heals you.*”

Jesus healed many ...

Matthew 4:23-24

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease** among the people. **24** And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Apostles healed many ...

Acts 5:15,16 (Peter)

- **15** Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. **16** There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: **and they were healed every one.**
- **Paul** (Acts 14:10, 19:12 28:8-9; and more ...)

Gift of healings given to some believers

I Corinthians 12:8-11 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; **9**To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit; **10**To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: **11**But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally as he will.**

Gifts given by the Holy Spirit for edification of church and glory of God

Blessing of healing given to church

James 5:14,15

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Not everyone is healed

Healing occurs in God's sovereign will

- Jesus did not eradicate sickness
- Apostles were not able to heal everyone
- Paul could not heal himself
- Church continues to have sick members
- We all will die (unless the Lord returns before that time)

Jeremiah 8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

CHURCH MUST BE A PLACE OF HEALING

Spiritual
Healing

Emotional
Healing

Physical
Healing

Acts Review: Do we remember?

1

- Author of Acts, Kingdom of God, Lord's Ascension
- Waiting for Holy Spirit, The Mission, Replacement for Judas

2

- Arrival of Holy Spirit, Difference in spirit between OT and NT
- Speaking in Tongues (Source, Purpose, Appropriate use) Peter's Sermon (Message, Last days) when is Holy Spirit given, Birth of Church and Characteristics of church

3

- First Healing (how? Parallel to sinner's experience)
- Peter's Sermon model (Question, Introduces Jesus, Confronts Mistakes, offers path to Repentance & Restoration, refers to Prophecies, Result)

Do we Remember?

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- First Persecution-reason and verdict, Sanhedrin, Peter & John's response, Church Response, God's response, Caring Church, 2nd pouring of the Holy Spirit

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- Church Discipline: Purpose, Example, Outcome
- Second Persecution: Reason, Peter's message to council, Response to beatings, Impact on Ministry

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- Addressing Problems in church using godly decision making process
- Delegating to effectively exercise priority in use of gifts and talents

Do we Remember?

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Stephen: Great man of God, Falsely accused, Confronts the council, Stoned to death, Received by Christ

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- Growing Persecution, but positive outcomes.
- Successful ministry of Philip in Samaria, Questionable salvation of Simon, significance of laying on of hands
- Philip's outreach to Eunuch leading to baptism. Baptism.
- How can we be effective evangelists?

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- Paul's old mission
- Paul's encounter with Jesus, Meeting with Annanias, baptism
- Paul's first ministry in Damascus
- Evidence of Paul's true salvation and transformed life
- Physical healing of Aenas and Tabitha



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