“God’s Healing Our Expectations”

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Are we experiencing as much healing as we believe is possible?

- Hebrews 11:6, And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Expectations play a role in our healing.
- Mark 10:46-52, “... As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." 52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

- Bartimaeus - a great example of right expectations

Having the right expectations matters
- Having no expectations leave us depressed
- Having excessively high, or unrealistic expectations
- Wrong expectations shipwreck our faith:
- Proverbs 13:12 “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

GOD IS THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF HEALING.
- Personally...
- I EXPECT God to heal me.
- In America, we “believe” God can heal...but if he doesn’t, there is medical care.

Miracles vs Medicine:
- Whether God heals through a miracle or through medicine – Honor God as your healer!

God has expectations of his own.
- To be the first one we turn to ...
- To trust him no matter what ...
- To put our faith in him before, during and after we pray...
• To be treated like he is the only True God
• Isaiah 45:22, "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

Jesus Christ is Lord and runs his Kingdom according to his perfect wisdom. Let Jesus Christ become LORD of your life, then we see HIS will, HIS decisions, HIS wisdom, HIS love, all around us every day.

We can ALWAYS expect God to be good to us – he is our healer, provider, creator, forgiver... God is good.
• Psa 145:9, The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

How Do We Pray for the Sick?
• Pray every time with expectation!
• Ask Jesus how to pray.
• Pray with love and compassion.
• Make your goal obedience.
• Luke 5:23-25 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

Let's Pray...