



The Healer

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I remember when I was in Pittsburgh some time ago, being called to pray for a young woman who had been eight long years in bed, a total invalid, so pitiful and hopeless. The doctors had finally said they could do nothing at all for her.

My husband and I visited this woman and her family, staying with her and her family for ten days and spending many hours in prayer. I kept thinking, "Oh Lord, so many have prayed with her, some very noted people with gifts of God's healing." I felt so desperate, and felt that I was so small before so great a need, and I think a little fear came into my heart.

I knelt by the bed and opened the Bible to one of my favorite verses, "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us" (2 Corinthians 1:10 KJV). Also I noted the verse that fell just before this one, but which I had never noticed before.

These are the words: "We should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:9).

Then it came to me that it had nothing to do with me. What have I to do with it except to be an instrument? It's God who can do this work, and we can have no confidence in our own abilities. No matter how we feel about ourselves, it's *God* that raises the dead.

So I called my husband and we read from the Bible together. Then the mother and father of the girl went in the room and prayed for her. Then, with all sincerity and faith in God, after those ten days of fasting and prayer and much reading of the Word of God, we told her in the name of Jesus to rise ... and she did! She rose from that bed. For eight years she had never been out of bed and could not walk at all, it had been such a serious illness. She is still walking, and God has used her life wonderfully.

Bible promises of healing

Verses are from the New King James version of the Bible.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases (Psalm 103:2-3).

I am the Lord who heals you (Exodus 15:26).

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up (James 5:15).

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16).

Jesus Christ heals you (Acts 9:34).

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

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