

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS

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LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Scriptural Ways to Minister Deliverance, Part 3

Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. L... Learning together from God's Word
2. I... Interceding through prayer
3. F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ
4. E...Evangelizing the lost

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: *“Scriptural Ways to Minister Deliverance,” Part 3*

POINT 1

We are continuing our study of “Scriptural Ways to Minister Deliverance.” Ministering deliverance is scriptural, but we can’t go beyond the Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. **2 Corinthians 4:4** tells us, *“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”* Because Satan is the god of this world there are cruel tormenting spirits of fear, unclean spirits, dumb, blind, and deaf spirits, spirits of infirmity, and other evil spirits here on the earth. You will find that the Bible makes reference to each and every one of those spirits.

We are unable to determine, based solely on our own observations, whether a person's physical ailment is the result of an evil spirit or a natural cause. However, the Holy Spirit knows all things. Jesus said in **John 16:13**, *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”* Well, the Spirit of Truth, who is the Holy Spirit, is here and He lives on the inside of us. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and show us how to minister to a person. A minister, for example, laid hands on some people suffering from epilepsy, and they were healed because the epilepsy was caused by a physical disorder. There were no demons involved. On the other hand, when he laid hands on people with epilepsy, the Holy Spirit revealed that a demon was responsible for the epilepsy.

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1. What are some of the repercussions of Satan being the God of this world?
2. What are the functions of the Holy Spirit? Why is it important to know and understand the functions of the Holy Spirit?

A preacher gave an example in which he was preaching at a meeting and many people came forward for healing, so he simply laid hands on them. The following year, he was in the same area, and a woman stood up to share her testimony about her son, who had been healed at the first meeting. He was twelve years old and had epilepsy his entire life. She explained that when you prayed for my son, God's healing power came upon him and he fell under the power of God. He never had another seizure after that. In that case of epilepsy, the boy only required healing, he didn't need a demon cast out of his body. If an evil spirit was present, the Lord would have revealed it to him by the Holy Spirit.

QUESTION

1. What was the difference in this boy receiving freedom from epilepsy?

POINT 2

In another case of epilepsy, however, the Holy Spirit revealed to the minister that an evil spirit was present, causing the infirmity. In one of his meetings, a young man who had epileptic seizures since high school came forward for healing. When he laid hands on him, he knew through the word of knowledge that an evil spirit was responsible for his epileptic seizures and that he would have to cast it out of his body before he could be set free. So that's what he did. A few days later the minister closed the meeting and left that area.

A year later, he returned to the same town to hold a meeting, where he encountered the same young man. When he looked at him, the Spirit of God said, *"When you were here last year, you cast and evil spirit out of him, and for twelve months, he didn't have one single epileptic seizure. But in the last two weeks, he's had three epileptic seizures. The Holy Spirit said, when he had these seizures before, he never had them in the nighttime when he was sleeping. But in these last two weeks, he's been awakened in the nighttime with seizures. And the reason he had those seizures is that he went to sleep afraid. So, before you begin preaching, call him up here and cast that evil spirit out of him again."* In that instance, the Lord not only told the minister that an evil spirit was involved causing the man's seizures, but He also told him how the man had let the evil spirit back in. Sometimes you need to know if there's a cause – if the person has opened a door to Satan that let the sickness and disease in. You need to know this before you can minister effectively to people.

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2. Why is it important to know what caused a person's problem?

So, he began preaching, and he called the young man forward. He said to him, "When I was here last year, I ministered to you, and you were delivered from epileptic seizures. For twelve months you did not have on single epileptic seizure." The young man said, "That's right, but..." The minister said, "Wait a minute don't say anything. Let me tell you what happened so you'll know God is moving supernaturally on your behalf. If I miss it, just speak up and say you missed it, after all, I'm human. He admitted I can miss it. Anyone can." He told him what happened. He said, "In the last two weeks, you've had three seizures that have awakened you out of your sleep. When you had epileptic seizures before, you were never awakened with a seizure in the middle of the night." The young man's eyes got big, and he said, "Why, that's exactly right. You must be a mind reader or a fortune teller!" Isn't it strange that even Christians would think that mind readers or fortune tellers could reveal something like that, but poor ole God has lost all of his ability.

The minister asked him, "Do you know why you began to be awakened with seizures in the night?" He said, "No, do you?" The minister said, "Sure I do! You went to sleep afraid, and the fear opened a door to the Devil." The young man said, "Now I know you're a mind reader, that's exactly what happened." The minister said, "I'm not reading your mind. And I didn't get that out of my mind either. In fact, my mind doesn't have a thing in the world to do with it."

Moving in the realm of the spirit is not a mental experience. If we could follow the Spirit of God and the Word of God without human reasoning getting in the way, we'd be better off! **God operates through the recreated spirit of man; he doesn't operate through man's mind because it hasn't been born again.**

QUESTIONS

1. Can ministers of God miss it? Explain!
2. What does it mean to move in the realm of the spirit?

This young man said, "I usually dealt with that fear before I went to sleep. But those particular nights when I had epileptic seizures, I didn't get rid of fear before I went to sleep." Like Job he didn't deal with the fear. What got Job into trouble and allowed Satan to attack him and his family was fear.

Read: Job 3:25-26, *"For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. 26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.*

The New Living Translation reads **verse 26** says, *"I have no peace, no quietness. I have no rest; only trouble comes."* This is what came out of Jobs own mouth. This is what fear will do! Fear can open the

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door to the enemy. For example, if you went to bed tonight and left the door in your home open, there's no telling who or what would come in. A burglar could come in and rob or kill you. It's just better to keep your door shut and your house secure! It's the same way in the spiritual realm, you'd better keep the door shut to Satan. Fear is a spirit, but what does the word say in **2 Timothy 1:7**, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*" If God didn't give you the spirit of fear that means you have authority over it. Since it doesn't come from God, you have no business with it. So, if fear is troubling you, get rid of it in the Name of Jesus.

The minister told the young man, I'm going to cast the evil spirit out of you again, and I'm going to show you how to keep the door shut on the devil. He said, "In the Name of Jesus, I cast out the evil spirit that is causing this epilepsy." Then he spent forty-five minutes teaching him how to resist Satan and maintain his healing and keep the doors shut on the devil. The young man never had another seizure!

QUESTIONS

1. What really got Job and his family in trouble?
2. Where does fear come from and why is it important to deal with fear?
3. Why does the sickness usually come back upon a person?

POINT 3

We know the anointing breaks the yoke of bondage. We saw in Jesus' ministry; many people were delivered from evil spirits just by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In other words, evil spirits don't always have to be cast out; the anointing of the Holy Spirit can drive them out too.

People can get delivered from demonic oppression just from the anointing, the Power of God coming upon him. That's why it's important to be in an anointed atmosphere. Dad Hagin tells of a time when he held a meeting in Detroit. A woman wrote him telling her testimony. In the letter she said, Brother Hagin, I had a stomach disorder, so I came to your crusade to receive my healing.

You laid hands on me and prayed for me. The anointing came on me, and I fell on the floor under the Power of God. After all these months, I am still healed. She continued; I've been saved about eight years. Before I got saved, I was in the occult. But after I was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, I still had problems with demons manifesting in my presence. In the nighttime I still heard voices and rapping's on the wall and other demonic manifestations. But since the Power of God came on me so strongly when you laid hands on me, she wrote, I've never heard another voice and there's never been another demonic manifestation in my home. Why? Because she went home with that same anointing on her.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to be in an anointed atmosphere?
2. How is it possible to be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and still be plagued with evil spirits?
3. Why did the voices and the demonic manifestations stop in this woman's home?

Another way deliverance is manifested that is by a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. God has a variety of methods of delivering his people. You will have to be led by the Holy Spirit you cannot formulate ironclad rules about ministering to people.

Dad Hagin tells of an instance in 1952, when he held a revival in Texas. One of the ministers told him about his niece who was dying of cancer of the lungs. She was twenty-three years old and had two small children. During the first week of his meetings, she was brought to service, and he prayed for her. The second week, he laid hands on her two different times and prayed for her. During the third week, the young woman was brought to the service again. When he laid hands on her this time, suddenly a white cloud of the Holy Spirit came down enveloped him. The altar disappeared and it seemed like the young woman and him were the only ones standing there in that Cloud of Glory. No one else could see what he saw, nor hear what he heard, but they could hear him talking. Enveloped in that white cloud, he saw into the realm of the spirit, and saw a little creature, a demon, hanging on the outside of this woman's body. It looked like a little monkey hanging on to a tree limb. The woman was saved, so she wasn't demon possessed. But her body was oppressed from the outside by a demon. That little monkey-like creature was hanging on to her body over her left lung; that's where the cancer had started. Dad Hagin spoke to the demon and said, in the Name of Jesus, you're going to have to leave her. That little creature answered him, but no one else heard it because he was seeing and hearing in the spirit realm. That's the gift of Discerning of Spirits in operation. That little monkey-like demon said to him, "I know I have to go if you tell me to, but I don't want too." Dad Hagin said, "I command you to leave her in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." That little demon fell off her body and landed on the floor. He laid there on the floor and whimpered and whined and shook, just like a little pup that had been whipped. Dad Hagin said, "Not only leave her body, but you leave these premises in the Name of Jesus." When he said that, the demon got up and ran down the aisle and out the door.

QUESTIONS

1. What manifestation of the Holy Spirit was in operation? What is this Gifts' operation?
2. Why was it necessary for this manifestation of the Spirit to be in operation?
3. What was Dad Hagin's two-step process in the end?

This woman had been saved since she was eight years old, but she had never been filled with the Holy Spirit. She immediately lifted both hands and began speaking in tongues. That same week, she went back to the cancer clinic and the doctors told her, "Your lungs are completely clear, there's not a

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thing in the world wrong with them. What happened?” She told them exactly what had happened. She told them what Dad Hagin had seen and done. The doctors said, “Well, whoever the fellow is, our hat is off to him! Evidently, he’s got the answer. We don’t! But we’ll give you a signed affidavit that you had cancer of both lungs and that now you’re free of it.”

God had the answer, not Dad Hagin. If a manifestation of the Holy Spirit doesn’t come you are to teach, preach and minister the Word of God to people. Because you can’t operate the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at will. We see that in **1 Corinthians 12:11** where it says, “*But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*” Until Dad Hagin was in the spirit, he didn’t know an evil spirit was afflicting this woman’s body.

QUESTIONS

1. Why was it important for this woman to be filled with the Holy Ghost?
2. If the manifestation of the Holy Spirit doesn’t come what are you to do?

You can’t guess these things. Certainly, you minister to people according to faith in God’s Word, and people will get saved, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. But when Dad Hagin was in the spirit, God revealed that it was an evil spirit causing that woman’s lung cancer, and God supernaturally equipped him to deal with the demon that was enforcing the disease in her body.

If it were just him operating a Gift of the Spirit, he would have dealt with that spirit the very first night the woman came to the meeting. If the Holy Spirit doesn’t operate through him, he helpless. God has His own way of doing things, and it’s best just to let him do what he wants to do. You don’t have supernatural manifestations in every meeting because no one can produce a manifestation of the spirit himself. A person can’t work something up and try to make something happen. If he tries to, he will open himself up to evil spirits and get off into error. He stated himself, just because he had that particular manifestation in one meeting, if he’d tried to produce the same manifestation at the next meeting, he would have gotten off track and opened THE DOOR TO THE DEVIL.

You and I don’t operate spiritual gifts. If you try to operate them, the devil will accommodate you, and you’ll open the door for satanic deception. Spiritual gifts operate as the Holy Spirit wills.

You don’t necessarily deal with every cancer case the same way every time or any other kind of disease the same way in every case. But you always tell people what the Word says. Just because you had one experience that resulted in a person’s deliverance, you don’t build a doctrine on that and try to minister to every person the same way.

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You follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, and if a Gift of the Holy Spirit is manifested to minister to the person, that's fine. Then you can follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and minister to the person by the power and the unction of the Spirit of God.

If the Holy Spirit doesn't choose to manifest himself in the spiritual gifts, just keep teaching people how to stand against sickness and disease with the Word of God. The Word always works.

QUESTIONS

1. When did God reveal to Dad Hagin what was truly going on?
2. Once again if there is no manifestation of the Holy Spirit; can a person still be delivered? How?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. Join Generation 6:20 Youth Ministries for **Friday Night Live, Friday, September 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** There is a \$1.00 admission fee to Friday Night Live. For more information see Minister Francis.
2. Join us for **Holy Communion, Sunday, September 4th at 10:00am.** If you are joining us online or by phone prepare you communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
3. Join **Single with Purpose** for their next meeting **Friday, September 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** For more information contact Minister Jennifer Bachelor at singlewithpurpose2019@gmail.com.

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4. The SWAT Team led 44 people to the Lord on Saturday, August 27th. Join them for their next SWAT Outings **Saturday, September 10 & September 24, 2022**. Prayer begins promptly at 11:00 am. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
5. Join us for ***Baby Dedication***, **Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 am**. To register call the church or see Minister Abbott immediately following service.
6. Pastor and Evangelist Walker have launched an initiative called ***WOFICC CARES***. It is their desire to serve the needs of the families in our church, in our community and throughout the Caribbean. Your help is needed! Monetary donations are being accepted to be a blessing to those truly in need. When making your donation to please write "***Gift for WOFICC CARES.***"

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