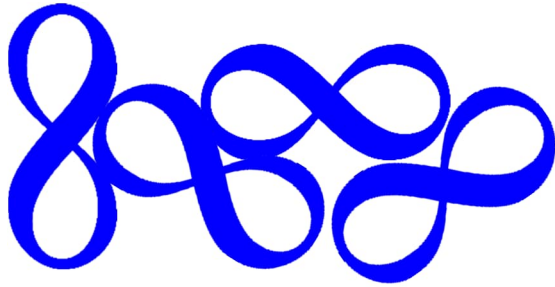


Ipswich International Church  
**Daily Devotion**  
**Manifestations of the Spirit:**  
**Gifts of Healing & Workings of Miracles**



Monday, 24 Feb – Sun, 9 March 2025

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## Healing: Introduction

The entrance of sin into the world through man's disobedience brought not only spiritual death but also its physical consequences—sicknesses, diseases, and suffering. From the fall of Adam, humanity has been plagued by ailments that serve as agents of death. However, God, in His infinite mercy, provided a redemptive plan that includes not just the salvation of the soul but also healing for the body. This provision is found in the atonement of Christ.

The provision of healing is deeply rooted in Scripture, foretold by the prophets of old. Isaiah, for instance, prophesied that the Messiah would bear our infirmities, carry our sorrows and that His wounds would bring about our healing (Isaiah 53:4-5), a clear indication that healing is part of God's redemptive plan. This prophecy was fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus, who went about healing the sick, delivering the oppressed, and restoring lives as a tangible expression of God's kingdom. His disciples, empowered by the same Spirit, continued this ministry, healing the sick and proclaiming the good news of salvation.

Today, healing remains a living reality for believers. It is accessed through faith in the finished work of Christ, who bore our sins and sicknesses on the cross. Disciples of Jesus, obeying His standing command to heal the sick (Mark 16:18), continue to minister healing through the laying on of hands. The Holy Spirit also manifests healing through various gifts of the Spirit, as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:9.

Healing, therefore, is not just a historical event but a present-day testimony of God's power and love, available to all who believe and walk in obedience to His Word.

As we read, discuss and pray on the many aspects of healing this week, may our faith be stirred not only to receive healing for ourselves but also to become vessels of healing and deliverance for those around us.

**Remember we may not have it all together, but together we have it all!**

Adewale Adefuye

Ipswich, 21 February 2025

## Healing is Children's Bread



Mark 7:24-30



Bread has been a basic part of human life for thousands of years. Unlike fancy treats or expensive meals, bread is simple, affordable, and essential for survival. In many cultures, it's the foundation of daily meals, providing energy and nourishment. While luxuries like cakes and sweets are enjoyed occasionally, bread is something people rely on every day.

This idea applies beyond food. Just as our bodies need bread, our hearts and souls need things that sustain us—love, hope, and healing. That's why Jesus compared healing to bread in today's text. Healing, like bread, is not a luxury—it is a necessity. It is part of God's redemptive plan, a tangible expression of His love and care for His children. Just as a loving parent would never withhold bread from a hungry child, our Heavenly Father does not withhold healing from those who come to Him in faith. It is our inheritance as His children, a reminder that we are deeply loved and cared for. Everyone deserves the chance to be whole, just as everyone deserves food to eat. Whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, healing is not something extra—it's something we all need, just like bread.



1. Why do you think Jesus initially responded the way He did to the woman's request? 2. [What does the woman's persistence teach us about faith and prayer?](#) 3. How does this passage challenge our understanding of who can receive God's blessings? 4. [How can we show the same kind of faith and trust in Jesus that the woman demonstrated?](#)



1. Thank the Father for providing healing in the atonement. 2. [Discuss with the Father how to believe that healing is part of His plan for you and those you love.](#) 3. Ask Him how you can develop boldness in your relationship with the Godhead- the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## The Grimsby Woman



Matthew 9:19-22



Howard Carter<sup>1</sup> tells the story of a severely ill woman in Grimsby. She was frail and skeletal, and was brought into the meetings in a stretcher. She was so weak that shaking her hand seemed risky. Later, during his travels, he returned to Grimsby and noticed the stretcher was missing. Assuming she had either died or was too weak to attend, he began the service. Suddenly, a vibrant, rosy-cheeked woman entered, singing with strength. He soon realised—this was the same woman who had been on the stretcher, now completely healed.

Her miraculous recovery began when faith took hold of her heart. Determined to be healed, she insisted on being taken to evangelist Stephen Jeffreys' meeting in Louth, 17 miles away. Though her family feared she might die on the journey, they honoured her wish.

At the meeting, Jeffreys laid hands on her, and she felt a divine force lift her. She placed her feet on the ground, took her first steps with assistance, and soon walked unaided. Before long, she moved freely around the church and even the town square, her astonishing healing witnessed by a packed congregation.



In Matthew 9:21, the woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years said to herself, **“If I only touch His garment, I will be made well.”**

Where did she get such an idea? What gave her the confidence to believe that even the slightest contact with Jesus could bring her healing? What stories are you telling yourself?



Pray Ephesians 1:17-20, asking God: 1. For the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to deepen your knowledge of Him. 2. **That the eyes of your heart be enlightened to see His truth.** 3. To understand the hope of His calling in your life. 4. **To grasp the riches of His glorious inheritance for His people.** 5. To experience and be a vessel of His immeasurable power at work in believers.

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<sup>1</sup> Page 56, *Spiritual Gifts and Their Operation*, GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE  
Springfield, Missouri

## Healing in Your Hands: Trusting God's Word



Mark 16:14-20



One of the best ways to experience healing is to receive it for yourself. Our brother, Phil Ogunniyi shared in our Daily Corporate Devotion about his struggle with malaria as a child.

Growing up, the illness would often strike him down, and his family would take him to the doctors for treatment. However, when he went to university, malaria returned. Far from home and too weak to make it to the clinic on his own, he found himself bedridden, sick, and helpless. It was during this time that a scripture came to him: "They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:18).

In that moment, he decided to lay hands on himself in the name of the Lord, fully expecting to recover. And recover he did—remarkably so! From that point on, whenever malaria tried to strike again, he would simply lay hands on his head and experience complete healing without any medication. This became his reality throughout his entire time at university.



Do you see today's passage as merely a good story or a command to follow? Are you actively looking for ways to obey Jesus? If not, what holds you back?



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## Obeying Jesus: Healing Hands, Willing Hearts



Acts 5:12-16, BSB

<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people, and with one accord the believers gathered together in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>13</sup> Although the people regarded them highly, no one else dared to join them. <sup>14</sup> Yet more and more believers were brought to the Lord—large numbers of both men and women. <sup>15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Crowds also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were healed.



Following Jesus' command, which we reflected on yesterday, the apostles in today's passage, are actively among the people—sharing the Good News, healing the sick, and driving out demons.



1. Why do you think healing was such a central part of the apostles' ministry? 2. Do you believe God still heals today? Why or why not? 3. How can we grow in faith to pray for healing, whether for ourselves or others? 4. What does this passage teach us about God's power and compassion? 5. How can we be vessels of God's healing—physically, emotionally, or spiritually—in our communities?



1. Boldness to Minister – Pray for courage to step out in faith, praying for and supporting those in need. 2. Ask for His power to be revealed in miraculous ways today. 3. Pray that we will be sensitive to those in need and willing to be God's hands and feet.

## The Gifts of the Spirit: Ceased or Still Flowing?



1 Corinthians 12:9,28, BSB

<sup>9</sup> ...to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

<sup>28</sup> And in the church, God has appointed ... those with gifts of healing...



In addition to receiving healing through personal faith in Christ, praying for one another, and seeking the elders' prayers, the Church also operates in the gifts of healing.

Like other manifestations of the Spirit, the gift of healing is a special anointing given to a believer to pray effectively for specific diseases. This gift is not necessarily sought after but is often discovered when prayers result in miraculous healings. In simple terms, it is the power of God operating in the realm of sickness and disease.

However, this should not be confused with the healing that comes through the medical profession. Doctors do not heal by the gifts of the Spirit but through their knowledge and expertise gained from medical science. While their abilities ultimately come from God—since all wisdom and skill originate from Him—their work is distinct from divine healing, which is a supernatural intervention beyond human ability.



According to verse twenty-eight of our text, God appointed roles and gifts in the church.

1. Do you believe these appointments and gifts were only for the early church, or do you think they continue today? 2. Spiritual gifts like healing, prophecy, and teaching were given to build up the church (Ephesians 4:12). If the church still needs building up today, why would these gifts no longer be necessary?



Pray Ephesians 1:17-20, asking God:

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## Healing Unchanged: A Gift for Every Generation



1 Corinthians 12:1,9,28, BSB

<sup>1</sup> Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

<sup>9</sup> ...to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

<sup>28</sup> And in the church, God has appointed ... those with gifts of healing...



George Jeffreys (1889–1962) was a prominent British evangelist and healing minister, widely recognised as one of the key figures in the early Pentecostal movement. Born in Wales, Jeffreys founded the Elim Pentecostal Church in 1915, which grew rapidly under his leadership. He was known for his powerful preaching and remarkable healing ministry, often drawing large crowds to his meetings.

Jeffreys' healing services were marked by reports of miraculous recoveries, including healings from physical ailments and disabilities. His ministry reflected a deep belief in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, particularly the gift of healing as described in 1 Corinthians 12:9. He saw healing as an integral part of the gospel message, demonstrating God's power and compassion.

Jeffreys' legacy continues to inspire many in the Pentecostal and charismatic traditions. His life serves as a reminder that the gifts of the Spirit, including healing, are still active today, empowering believers to bring hope and restoration to a broken world.



Throughout history, there have been accounts of miraculous healings, prophetic words, and other spiritual gifts. How do these testimonies shape your understanding of whether these gifts are still active today?

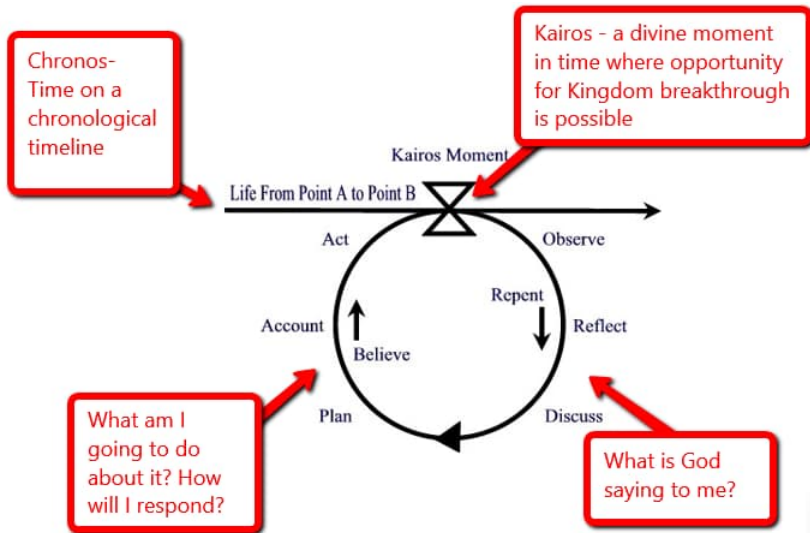


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# Pause. Reflect. Process



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# A New Rhythm of Fasting: Mark your Calendar

The Monthly Fast ends with a corporate prayer meeting in the Church Building in Barrack Corner, Ipswich IP1 2NB, at 7:30pm

## Wed, 5–Fri, 7 March 2025

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## The Working of Miracles

*...to another the working of miracles... 1 Corinthians 12:10, BSB*

*.... the power to perform miracles (NLT)*

*... the performing of miracles (HCSB)*

The Greek terms translated as "working of miracles" are ***energemata dunameon***. The first term is the root for the English word "energy," while the second term serves as the root for the word "dynamite." In Acts 1:8, ***dunameon*** is rendered as "power". The two terms are both in plural, resulting in the phrase "energies of dynamites" or an "explosion of almightiness".

The workings of miracles, however, is a supernatural manifestation of the power of God that alters, suspends, or in some other way controls the laws of nature. It is a remarkable gift. Elijah had it when he parted the Jordan. He smote the waters step by step; the waters divided hither and thither; and he went over on dry land. That was a miracle.

Jesus began His ministry with the miraculous transformation of water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Throughout His ministry, He performed numerous other miracles, including calming the raging storm on the Sea of Galilee, feeding thousands by multiplying loaves and fish, healing the sick, casting out demons, and even walking on water.

The apostles also carried on this divine work through the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter, for instance, raised Tabitha (also known as Dorcas) from the dead, displaying God's ability to restore life. Similarly, Paul performed numerous miracles, including healings and even raising Eutychus from death after he fell from a window.

There is no scriptural basis to suggest that these manifestations of the Spirit were meant to cease with the early Church. The same God who performed miracles then is still at work today. The manifestations of the Spirit remain relevant, and His power continues to be demonstrated in the lives of believers who walk in faith. As we reflect on the explosion of almightiness this week, may our faith inspire us to experience miracles and become vessels of these blessings for others. Remember **we may not have it all together, but together we have it all!**

Adewale Adefuye

Ipswich, 19 February 2025

## Water IN, Wine OUT



John 2:1-11



Have you ever heard the saying "Garbage in, garbage out"? It means that if you put rubbish into something, you'll get rubbish out of it. Imagine if you tried to make a cake with rotten eggs and mouldy flour – it wouldn't turn out very nice, would it?

This rule makes sense in many situations, but in our Bible reading today, Jesus does something that seems to completely flip this idea on its head. Jesus is at a wedding feast with his mother and disciples. When the hosts run out of wine, Jesus tells the servants to fill large stone jars with water. They do as he says, and then he instructs them to take some of the water to the governor of the feast. When the governor tastes it, he is amazed because the water has been turned into the finest wine!

It's not about what goes in (the water) but about what Jesus can do with it. With faith and trust in Jesus, amazing things can happen—things that go beyond the usual rules of how the world works. It shows God's power and love at work!



1) Workings of miracles are manifestations of the Spirit. Outline the sequence of events that lead to the finest wine of the event. 6) What role does doubt play in limiting the power of faith? (7) How can believers position themselves to receive and operate in the gift of faith?



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## Peter Walks on Water



Matthew 14:22-33



The disciples are caught in a storm on a boat when they see a figure walking towards them on the water. In their fear, they assume it must be a ghost. But then, the figure speaks: "It is I. Don't be afraid." It is Jesus.

Out of everyone in the boat, only Peter dares to respond with a bold request: "If it is really You, tell me to come to You on the water." This is both simple and incredibly daring. Peter doesn't just want reassurance—he wants proof, and not just any proof. He wants to step into the impossible.

Now, imagine if Jesus had replied: "Yes, it's Me, but stay where you are." That would have been the safest, most logical answer. But Jesus doesn't do that. Instead, he says just one word: "Come."



This moment raises deep questions. Did Peter somehow **provoke** a miracle by challenging Jesus? Could Peter have walked on water if he hadn't asked? It suggests that **faith** sometimes invites the supernatural—that God responds when people are willing to step beyond what feels safe or normal.

It also challenges the limits of the natural world. Water is not solid, yet for a few moments, Peter walks on it. This hints that the boundary between the physical and the spiritual is not as rigid as we assume.

*Faith can push us to places where natural rules seem to bend—if we are willing to take the risk.*



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## One Voice, One Heart: The Miracle of United Prayer



Acts 4:23-31



Peter and John have just been threatened for speaking about Jesus. They know they could face violence, yet instead of hiding or giving up, they go back to their "own company" (KJV)—their community of faith. Everyone needs good company, especially in times of trouble. The group doesn't panic or give up. Instead, they do something amazing: they pray together. And not just any prayer—they pray with power and confidence, asking God to make them even bolder despite the threats they face. As they finish praying, something incredible happens: the ground shakes! It's like God is saying, "I'm here, and I'm with you." This earthquake isn't just a natural event—it is a real, physical miracle, showing that God is listening and responding. The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, and they go out to speak God's message with even more boldness.

This event is a great example of what 1 Corinthians 12:10 describes—the gifts of the Spirit, including miracles. It reminds us that when believers come together in unity and faith, the supernatural can break into the natural world. Their prayer didn't just bring comfort; it brought action from heaven, proving that prayer is more than words—it can change reality.



1. When faced with challenges, where do you turn for support? Do you have a faith-filled community to stand with you? 2. The disciples didn't ask for safety but for more courage—what does this teach us about how we should pray? 3. Have you ever experienced a moment when prayer led to a clear response from God? How did it impact your faith? 4. How can you contribute to creating a stronger sense of unity, fellowship and support in your church or cell group?



**Thanksgiving – Thank God for the gift of Christian fellowship and the power of unified prayer. Pray Ephesians 1:17-20, asking God:** 1. For the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to deepen your knowledge of Him. 2. That the eyes of your heart be enlightened to see His truth. 3. To understand the hope of His calling in your life. 4. To grasp the riches of His glorious inheritance for His people. 5. To experience and be a vessel of His immeasurable power at work in believers.

## When Jesus Changes You!



Acts 9:36-42



If this moment feels familiar, it's because Peter is doing what he saw Jesus do. When Jesus raised Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:35-43), he also sent people out of the room, spoke directly to the girl, and took her by the hand. Peter isn't just acting on his own—he is following Jesus' example, almost like a 'copy and paste' moment from Jesus' ministry.

Peter had spent years with Jesus—watching, listening, learning. Over time, Jesus' way of thinking and acting became a natural part of Peter's life. Even after Jesus had gone back to heaven, Peter still lived and worked like Jesus would have. Even though we can't see Jesus in person like Peter did, we can still learn from Him by reading the Bible, praying, and spending time with other Christians. When we do these things, we start to understand how Jesus treated people—with love, kindness, and compassion. We begin to see the world the way He sees it, and we start to act more like Him in our everyday lives. Over time, as we grow closer to Him, His ways become our ways.



1. How do you think Peter felt when he realised he could do what Jesus had done? 2. Are there ways in which Jesus has 'rubbed off' on you? How has following Him changed the way you think, speak, or act? 3. Who in your life influences your faith the most? Are you surrounding yourself with people who help you grow closer to Jesus? 4. How can you be someone who reflects Jesus to others, just as Peter did?



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## Breaking Chains: God's Power to Set Us Free



Acts 16:16-19



Paul and his companions meet a slave girl who has a strange ability—she can tell the future because of a spirit of divination inside her. She identifies them for who they are, servants of God. She's saying something true, but something isn't right. The source of her words is questionable.

Paul, after several days of hearing her, finally discerns what is really happening. He turns to the girl and commands the spirit to leave her in the name of Jesus Christ. Immediately, she is freed. This is an example of the working of miracles, as Paul demonstrates God's power by casting out the spirit.



God's power is real and can change lives. The girl in this story was being used and controlled by an evil spirit, but God's power through Paul, she was set free. No matter what kind of "chains" people might be in—whether it's fear, sadness, or even something spiritual—God's power can break those chains and bring freedom. Standing up for truth can bring opposition – After the girl was freed, her owners became angry because they lost money from her fortune-telling. Doing God's work won't always make people happy!



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## Shaken by God: When Miracles Break Chains



Acts 16:20-33



An earthquake again! This is not the first time in Acts we've seen the earth respond to God's power. Last Wednesday, we looked at Acts 4, where the ground shook after the disciples prayed together. Now, in Acts 16, we see another supernatural shaking, but this time, it's not just about prayer—it's about freedom.

Paul and Silas had been beaten and thrown into prison for preaching about Jesus. Most people in their situation would have been discouraged or afraid, but instead of complaining, they started praying and singing hymns to God—even in their pain! The other prisoners were listening, probably wondering why these men were singing in such a hopeless place.

Then, suddenly, the ground shook. The prison doors flew open, and the chains fell off every prisoner. This wasn't just a random earthquake—it was a divine intervention.



Discuss:

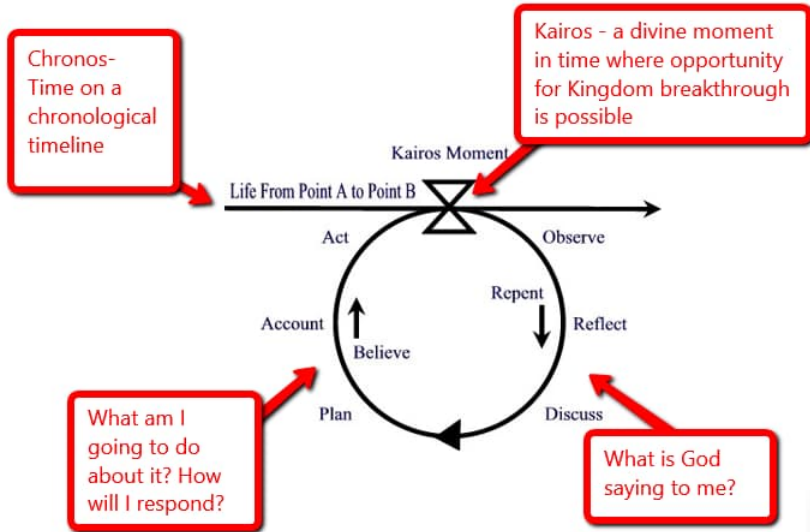
1. Praying & singing to God has power – Even in difficult situations, praising God can shift the atmosphere and bring breakthrough.
2. God's miracles bring freedom – But sometimes, the greatest freedom isn't just physical—it's spiritual.
3. Our response to suffering matters – Paul and Silas could have complained, but they chose to worship.
4. God can use any situation for His glory – Even in a prison cell, Paul and Silas led someone to Jesus.



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## October 2024 Vision

For months, God has been revealing things to me during worship, though I didn't fully understand them until Sunday morning when everything came together with clarity for Ipswich International Church.

I often sense a mighty Angel of the Lord over the platform, leading an army of smaller angels who move among the congregation, delivering God's instructions. The angel's tasks include comforting broken hearts and grief, and grounding people to the Holy Spirit's healing. Next, releasing provision, where those in need receive from God's abundance, often through others in the congregation. Then, sharing Truth and securing us firmly in Jesus to ensure we remain steady and secure. Lastly, I saw a covering of protection, like the angel's garments stretched over the people, symbolising peace and sanctification.

**God is preparing Ipswich International Church for what is to come—not just superficially but in deep wholeness.** This preparation is corporate, requiring unity. **“What you have now is one tenth of what I have planned for you to take hold of,”** he says. He is expanding His people's influence in Ipswich and beyond, calling them to replant stakes in new ground.

The church is being established as an epicentre of provision, both physical and spiritual, to release life. God's people must be whole to display His glory in the places He is calling them to.

A member of the Church submitted this vision via email, and it has been condensed for clarity and brevity. We have prayed about it and looked at how God has been leading us over the past few years. We believe it is truly from Him. Now, we share it clearly for everyone. Each of us has a place in what God is saying. Let's seek Him together, trust His plan, and walk forward with faith and unity.



# Our Priorities

