

STUDY GUIDE

MY NAME IS GOD: Week 5 3.9.14

[SET-UP]

What has been one of your most difficult times of illness or injury?

How did you see God heal you or use that time to grow you, shape you or change you?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This last week we looked at God's name "Jehovah Rapha" – the Lord your Healer.

Revisit the teaching passage in Exodus 15:22-27. What teaching points do you remember from this last weekend's message and/or what observations, nuances or conditions do you make about this account of God being a healing God?

Looking at God as healer is always a sensitive topic. The Bible speaks clearly to God's healing ability and His healing nature. See 2 Kings 5:9-14; 2 Kings 20:5; Ps. 41:3; Jer. 17:14; 30:17 and take your pick from the ministry of Jesus! Here are just a few references: Matt. 8:16; 9:35; 19:2; Luke 9:11

What connections do we see in Scripture with sin to sickness?
Numb. 12:1-15; Ps. 38:3; Ps. 103:2,3; Is. 1:1-6; 1 Cor. 11:30; James 5:14-16

Is sickness always associated with personal sin? John 9:1-3

Does God always heal? 2 Cor. 12:7-10; 1Tim. 5:23; 2Tim. 4:20. How can we continue to trust in the Lord as Healer even when He doesn't answer prayers for healing?

Besides physical healing, what are others forms of healing that God offers His people?
Prov. 4:20-22, Ps. 147:3, Hos. 14:4; Acts 10:38; Heb. 12:12, 2 Chron. 7:14, Ps. 41:4

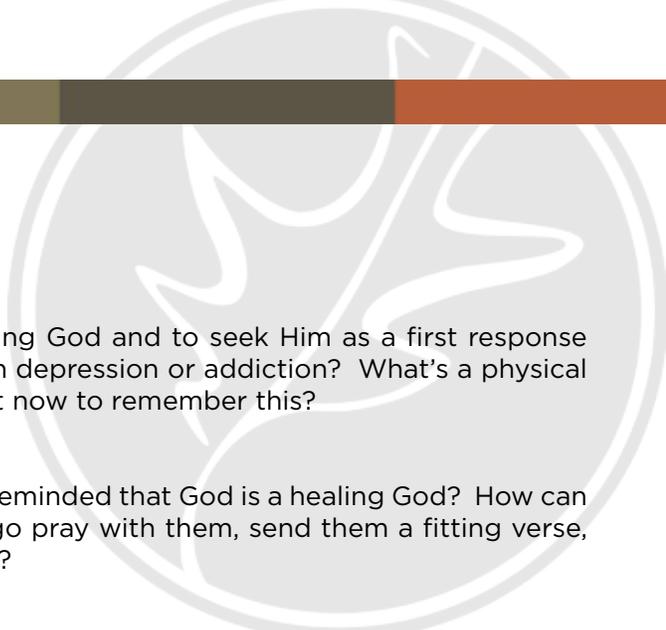
How do we reconcile and act on trusting God for healing but also engaging medical assistance as needed? Is it a sin to turn to doctors and medicine? Is it spiritually negligent to not seek God first for healing? (2 Chron. 16:12, Is. 1:6; Jer. 8:22; Luke 5:31; Col. 4:14)

How can reading, knowing and memorizing verses like 2 Cor. 4:16, 17 and 2 Cor. 12:9 encourage us during times of sickness?

Here are a couple small articles on this topic If you are interested in reading a bit more:

<http://theresurgence.com/2013/05/09/why-doesn-t-god-always-heal-the-sick>

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2004/september/30.80.html>



[LIVING IT OUT]

How can you remind yourself starting today that God is a healing God and to seek Him as a first response rather than a last resort during times of sickness, injury and even depression or addiction? What's a physical expression or reminder that you can put in place right here, right now to remember this?

Who is someone that comes to mind right now that needs to be reminded that God is a healing God? How can you engage them within the next 24hrs (note, text, email, call, go pray with them, send them a fitting verse, print and frame a verse that seems fitting and give to them, etc)?

Close your time in prayer. Pray for anyone with you with need of healing and/or pray for others that you are aware of that need healing.