



HOT POTATOES

#8: Are Faith Healers Legit?

Introduction – A Quick Comparison

Jesus & The Apostles

Modern Faith Healers

Truth vs. Religion – Dealing With Our Addictions

1 Timothy 2:5

3 EXTREMES OF THOSE WHO DON'T CLING TO JESUS...

a. THOSE WHO WANT A _____ RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

1 Corinthians 14:1-19

Emotions are not supernatural _____.
They are natural responses to supernatural _____!

b. THOSE WHO WANT A _____ RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

John 14:12

Jesus performed miracles because of his _____ and to give God _____. Therefore, if God loves us as much now as he did then, and giving him glory is as meaningful now as it was then, we should expect miracles now as much as then. (...some say)

**Matthew 14:13-14; 15:32; 20:34; Mark 1:41-42; Luke 7:11-17
John 9:1**

c. THOSE WHO WANT A _____ RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Acts 2:22

The primary purpose of miracles is the supernatural _____ that the miracle-worker is from God and can be trusted as a _____ and/or as a _____.

**Mark 2:1-12; John 20:30-31; 1 Corinthians 13:8-10;
2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 5:23**

A RECONCILIATORY POSITION...

- Miracles can have more than one purpose
 - to simply meet an immediate _____.
 - to authenticate God's _____.
 - to build up the _____.
- At all times and in all places, "_____" is relevant and God is at work.
- In lands where the gospel is new, "_____" becomes more relevant.
- In places where the church is under persecution or is involved in great struggle, "_____" becomes more relevant.
- In contexts where the church is _____, _____, and _____, miracles may not be what we need most from God.

Praying Like Jesus...

Matthew 26:39

WHY DON'T WE PRAY FOR HEALING?...

We're afraid of messing with God's _____.

We're afraid of messing with God's _____.

We're afraid of messing with our _____.

If you don't take the _____ when someone is healed, you don't have to take the _____ when someone isn't.

Conclusion – The Greatest Healing

James 5:14-16

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

- After reviewing Sunday's message, share one thing new that you learned or one question that still lingers.
- Do you think divine healing could/should be as common today in the Church as it was during the time of the Apostles? Why or why not? Have you had any experiences that influence your thinking on this topic?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

- Read about an early church healing and the far reaching results in **Acts 3:1-4:16**. a) What are some lessons/verses that stand out most vividly to you in this passage? b) If the results of one genuine undismissible healing are this far reaching, why do you think God doesn't use healing more today as a tool to advance our evangelistic efforts at The Meeting House? c) See **3:6**. What is your response to beggars who ask you for money? d) To what/whom does Peter give the credit for this healing? e) What about Peter's address to the crowd tells us that healing someone was not his main mission that day (or any day)? f) See **3:22**. In what ways did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of **Deuteronomy 18:15**, being a prophet like Moses?

SO WHAT?...

- Do you believe Peter's words in **4:12**? If so, how does this belief influence the way you live from day to day? Pray for each other that your lives will match your beliefs in increasing measure.

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