

Medical Missionary Nurse 3 of 6

Reach—Teach—Preach

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Ministry of Healing, page 156. I want you to notice a sentence. What is the first verb in the second paragraph? All right. You all have your eye fixed on “reach” now? Will you read this paragraph with me?

“To reach the people, wherever they are, and whatever their position or condition, and to help them in every way possible—this is true ministry. By such effort you may win hearts and open a door of access to perishing souls”
Ministry of Healing, page 156.

Last week we were studying about the matter of being channels. There are two important things about a channel. One is where it gets its supply from, and the other is what it is imparting to. If there’s a lack in either direction, nothing happens. So in order to help people, we must what? We must reach them. I’d like to study that with you a little.

“To reach the people, wherever they are, and whatever their position or condition, and to help them in every way possible—this is true ministry” *Ibid.*

And this is the setting for that gem you memorized:

“The love of Christ, in a healing, life-giving current, is to flow through your life” *Ibid.*

What comes in your mind as you read “to reach the people”? What are some other words, either verbs or nouns, that will help us? To help them. To find them. Open the door. Pray for them. Guide them. To touch them. Very good. Get close to them. Find out where they are. Many of these words are right on target, but I have been listening for a little word, “contact.” Is that important?

You remember that in the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus told about the wounded man lying there by the roadside. Did a priest get pretty close to him? Did he reach him? No, he didn’t reach him. Did the Levite get even a little closer? What did he do? Did he look at him? Did he reach him? No. Who did? The Samaritan. He reached him, didn’t he? He got in contact with him. He got his hands on him. He got his arms around him. He did something for him. That’s reaching. Is that right?

Why are we trying to reach people? All right. And why are we trying to do that? But what difference does that make?

[Audience] It will make Him happy.

Who? Jesus. And why will that make Him happy? Because He loves them.

Love is the deep motive that underlies all the work. God's love revealed to us and through us. That's back to what we studied last week. This love is what? A healing, life-giving current. And what does it do? It flows. That's what a current is supposed to do, isn't it? It flows through. Where does it start from? From God. Where does it flow through to? Where is it going? It's flowing to others, to the people that need help—to the wounded man, to the sick, to the discouraged, to the person with whom God has put me in contact with.

Do you all see the importance of the contact? Do you all see that the whole thing is a failure unless we reach the people? This is more than merely touching them, although it may include touching them.

Are there some people that, if you touch them, they actually or symbolically, recoil? What's the matter with them? Well, they have been touched before. They've been taken advantage of. They've been fleeced. They've been deceived. They've been disappointed, disillusioned. They're cynical. They think, "What've you got up your sleeve, anyway? What are you trying to do with me?" Can you blame them? So to reach people includes contact, but it must be more than an outward contact. What must be reached? The heart must be reached.

Will you read this paragraph with me again?

"To reach the people, wherever they are, and whatever their position or condition, and to help them in every way possible—this is true ministry. By such effort you may win hearts and open a door of access to perishing souls"
Ibid.

Page 147, the bottom of the page. What's the first word in the last paragraph? Go. And the second word? Out. Go out. I can go in this room, I can take several steps, but if I go out, I have to take some more steps. Right?

What word do you find in this paragraph that connects with what we have already studied? "Touch." Read that sentence with me:

"He brings men into touch with those whom they seek to benefit" *Ibid.*, page 147.

Oh, who's bringing us in touch with people? Jesus. Does it make any difference who? Yes. That Good Samaritan was just the right man to help that wounded fellow. Philip was the one to help that man from Ethiopia who was riding in the chariot. Peter was the one to help Cornelius. Jesus, again and again, was at the right place at the right time with the help people needed.

Is Jesus still doing that work with us and for us? Does He arrange—let's be very practical—what shift of nursing you are on? Does He arrange what patient

comes from Chattanooga, or Signal Mountain, or Ft. Payne, or Texas, or Michigan? Does He arrange that? Does He plan weeks and months ahead to get you and that patient at a certain place, at a certain time, so that you can do what? Be in touch with that patient, so that you can reach that patient?

“He brings men into touch with those whom they seek to benefit” *Ibid.*

This is one of the great purposes of therapy or treatment. Notice at the top of page 148:

“Through direct contact, through personal ministry, the blessings of the gospel are to be communicated” *Ibid.*, page 148.

When a person's in pain, what are they looking for? Relief. Is that why we give a fomentation, or a back rub, or a hot foot bath? Yes. That's contact that reaches more than the physical. It reaches into the mind and heart.

Notice at the bottom of page 145. Dona, will you read?

“Whether in foreign missions or in the home field, all missionaries, both men and women, will gain much more ready access to the people, and will find their usefulness greatly increased, if they are able to minister to the sick” *Ibid.*, pages 145–146.

What word do we have here that goes along with the other words that we've been studying? Access. That's right.

Read on:

“Women who go as missionaries to heathen lands may thus find opportunity for giving the gospel to the women of these lands, when every other door of access is closed” *Ibid.*

What word do we have here again? Access.

Now, all together on the last sentence:

“All gospel workers should know how to give the simple treatments that do so much to relieve pain and remove disease” *Ibid.*

Why, yes—how to give a foot bath, how to rub the neck or head, how to put on a compress, and many other things. These are to be used to accomplish what purpose? To reach the people, and to help them in every way possible. And who is supposed to know how to do this? All Gospel workers. Everybody is to be a medical

missionary. And as nurses, we're to be especially skilled in this. But the great purpose of it is to do what? To reach the people.

Do you know that so great are the world's ills, so numerous the world's pains, that we could spend all our time just doing that? Christ was not satisfied to spend all His time in just opening blind eyes, and cleansing lepers, and bidding the paralyzed to walk. He spent much time in that, but He wasn't satisfied to spend all His time doing that.

Let's turn to Matthew 9:35–36 and notice what else He did. All together:

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd” Matthew 9:35–36.

Did He get done all that He would like to do? No. In the 37th and 38th verses, He tells His disciples to do what? Pray for more laborers.

Now, coming back to the 35th verse. What did Jesus do, besides healing? Teaching and preaching. We'll think of the healing as reaching. We've already seen how that is the most effective way to reach—coming in contact with people, revealing love by relieving their pain. But Jesus was not satisfied, I repeat, merely to heal. He must also teach. He must show the people how to not get into the same situation over again. Do you see? This is very important.

Let's turn over to John's Gospel, the 5th chapter, the 14th verse. This is the man that was healed at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath morning. Notice how Jesus followed up the healing with teaching.

Lowell, would you read, please, the 14th verse?

“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee” John 5:14.

What would come to this man who had been healed of this terrible disease unless he learned a better lifestyle? What would happen? He'd not only have a recurrence, but it would be worse than ever.

Now notice this point: If we love somebody enough to reach them, and try to help them with their immediate problem, won't we love them enough to go beyond that, and try to teach them so that they won't get back into the same problem? Now, if all I am doing is working for money, maybe I can't care less.

Are there places where they “dry up” alcoholics? Here is a fellow. He gets drunk. He comes into an institution. They put him through some course. What for?

To sober him up. But in many cases, where is he pretty soon? Right where he was before. And so, our love for people will lead us, not only to reach, but to teach. Not only to relieve pain, but to educate away from the transgression that made the sickness, that made the pain.

Let's notice how important this is, and how often these two things are to be separated—*Ministry of Healing*, page 141, the sentence in the middle of that page. Did you find it? It tells how often to separate them. When is it?

[Audience] Never.

That is not very often, is it? Let's read this one together:

"In the work of the gospel, teaching and healing are never to be separated" *Ministry of Healing*, page 141.

Now, this doesn't mean that they're always to be done the same minute. Jesus healed that man by the pool. And later He talked to him about how to keep from getting back into the same condition. But they were not separated in Christ's mind. But He first—which did He do first, with that particular man, teach him or heal him? Healed him. That was the way to reach him. The effort to teach without first reaching often results in something that is like pouring water on a duck's back. You pour the water all right, but the duck never got it. To reach people and to help them is the first thing. And then we are to do what? Teach them. This opens up a great field of service.

Notice page 147 of *Ministry of Healing*, "Every gospel worker." Do you have that one? All together:

"Every gospel worker should feel that the giving of instruction in the principles of healthful living is a part of his appointed work" *Ibid.*, page 147.

That is enough. It's what? A part. It isn't the whole thing. We're health educators. But we're not simply health educators. We're not trade unionists. You know, when a trade union is set up, it takes one man to do the plumbing, another to do the electrical work, and another one to do the carpentry work, and another to do the painting. And not one of them will get in the other's territory. If we're not careful, we get a medical trade union like that. So we have health educators that spend their time educating on health. And we have nurses who spend their time in treating the people.

But we've already seen that in God's plan, the reaching is preparatory to the teaching. And it is the one that does the reaching that often can be most successful in doing the teaching. Why? That's right. You helped them. You love them, and they know you love them, and they'll listen.

Oh, to capitalize on God's beautiful, simple program. Now, what's that first word in this sentence we're looking at? Every. What does that mean? No exceptions. You remember across the page on 146? How many Gospel workers

are to know how to give the treatments? All. And how many are to know how to give instruction in healthful living? Every. It means the same thing—all, every.

“All gospel workers should know how to give the simple treatments...” *Ibid.*, page 146.

“Every gospel worker should feel that the giving of instruction in the principles of healthful living is a part of his appointment” *Ibid.*, page 147.

So, each one reach one. Each one teach one.

Some of you have noticed the “each’s” up here on the blackboard. Each, each, each. If you are copying that—and I hope you will—I want you to put now an “R” in front of that lower one. That is what? Reach. And what are you going to put in front of the next one? “T.” That will make it “teach.”

Now I want you to go back to Matthew 9, and let's get the third one. We've already noted that Jesus was not satisfied merely to heal. And He wasn't satisfied merely to heal and to teach. What's the third one? Preach. That's right. Jesus went about all those cities and villages doing what? Teaching and preaching and healing. And through healing He did what? He reached. Then He taught, and He preached. The reference is Matthew 9:35.

Now let's see what He's preaching. Mark 1:14, 15. Who you read Mark 1:14, 15 for me? Read it out in a good, clear voice so all can hear:

“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” Mark 1:14, 15.

What did Jesus preach? The Gospel. Do you know what Gospel means? Good news. Is it good news? Why friends, it's—I was about to say, the "goodest" news I know.

Notice how it all fits together. Here's a fellow who has an ulcer of the stomach that has been brought about by cigarette smoking. Well, his stomach hurts him. Does he need some help with his pain? Yes. And as I do whatever I can and he begins to feel better, I begin to teach him what it was that made that ulcer. It was that cigarette smoking. I may bring some physiology, some pictures, and some pathology. I may show him statistics. I may quote authorities to him.

But when I have said and done all that, dear friends, do you know what that fellow needs? He needs deliverance. He needs more than information, he needs motivation. He needs more than principles, he needs power. And so it's my joy to join with Jesus in preaching the Gospel as well as in teaching health principles. Physiology is basic. But it takes more than physiology to change the habits of people. It takes the good news. And what was the good news that Jesus preached?

“...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” Mark 1:15.

Oh, thank God for the good old-fashioned Gospel of deliverance through Jesus Christ. Deliverance through Jesus Christ.

Now let's go to *Ministry of Healing* page 144. You can see I didn't make up any of this. It's all just leaping out of the pages at us, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. We're just putting them together, making a little salad this morning.

What are we to remember? We're to remember the object. Is it a good thing to know the object? Suppose you're in an automobile, driving a car. You meet somebody, and they say, "Where're you going?" Wouldn't it be a strange thing if you would say, "You know, I don't really know where I am going"? You wouldn't do that, would you? When you get in a car, you have what in mind? A destination.

A medical missionary has a destination, and the destination is not relieving the pain. The destination is not simply getting the person to quit doing the thing that made the pain. Let's see what it is. All together:

“We should ever remember that the object of the medical missionary work is to point sin-sick men and women to the Man of Calvary, who taketh away the sin of the world”
Ministry of Healing, page 144.

That's it. Our object in reaching people and teaching people is to preach the Gospel.

Well, why don't we just preach and that is it? There are two big reasons, dear friends. The first one is many of them won't listen. The second thing is they're not in any condition of body or mind to understand your preaching. A person that is dazed and crazed with drugs or other unhealthful habits, his poor brain cells are so under the influence of poisons, that it's hard for him to understand what you're talking about. And so, thank God, He's given us a program of health and healing to reach people, to teach them, and to preach the Gospel to them.

Aren't you thankful for this wonderful triumvirate—this beautiful trinity? In the work of the Gospel, teaching and healing are never to be separated. So I hope that nobody here will ever think of yourself as this kind of a specialist, that you do your part, and somebody else does the rest. It's true that in a sense, that's an accurate picture of the total team, but oh, my dear friends, God wants the man or the woman who does the reaching, to do the teaching and the preaching.

We have our chaplains. I am a minister. But oh, I thank God, dear friends; I thank God for the privilege of being a medical evangelist. I thank God for every day I spent in the treatment rooms of dear old Loma Linda 55 years ago. I thank God for my time in the hospital wards, and in the rooms of the patients. And I thank God for the opportunities that He's given me through the years to combine physical healing with teaching and preaching.

I want every one of you to walk that road, not just like I walked it. What was our first lesson that we had in this class two weeks ago? God's plan of life has what? Each man has his place in the eternal plan of Heaven, no two alike. And yet these great principles run through all.

I want every one of you to know the joy of ministering to people because you love them. I want every one of you to know the joy of teaching people, so they won't get back into that sad sickness again. And I want every one of you to know the joy of being a soul-winner, of helping people to find in Jesus, not only the Great Physician, but the mighty Savior.

Now we're going to memorize this last sentence of *Ministry of Healing*, page 144. Let's read it together again:

"We should ever remember that the object of the medical missionary work is to point sin-sick men and women to the Man of Calvary, who taketh away the sin of the world" *Ibid.*

You're going to memorize that, aren't you?

Isn't it a good thing to know your destiny?

Now be careful. Why? This doesn't mean to run out and start talking to your next patient about doctrinal things, or even necessarily about "spiritual things." Remember, our first work is to do what? To reach. Our first work is to reach. So be sure that we are revealing the love of Jesus and leading from that to helping them to learn how to live a better life, and then, as God gives us the opportunity, reveal to them the secret of power. Watch for opportunities. This is not a technique to be learned. This is an experience to be shared. I want to repeat that. This is not a technique to be learned. It is an experience to be shared.

Our closing text last week was what? Isaiah 50:4. Who is willing and ready to teach us to say the right word at the right time? Jesus will.

Now, we are going to spend a few minutes in response.

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