

Healing through the eyes of Jesus - August 2, 2026

Pastor Carla So I'm so glad that you were here this evening. Welcome to Mark two twenty two ministries. Typically at this time, I step down and I invite my husband, Pastor Kevin, to come up. Tonight he asked me just to do a short intro for him. And I'm just going to share a short story with you this evening that really just weaves together with the connecting thread of the Holy Spirit, everything that we have experienced in the four walls of this building since January eleventh, twenty twenty six. I tell you, we're not that old in age, but we have accelerated in his glory in this room and it has been absolutely magnificent to watch and beautiful to watch it unfold. I truly believe for the first time in forty seven years of living, I have experienced more of the presence of God and His revelation in these last almost eight months than ever before. So it's my privilege just to share a story with you this evening, to open up what my, my, my husband is going to be preaching about. About a month ago, he came to me and said, I want to do a series that introduces the true foundation of what Mark two twenty two is. Mark two twenty two is and what we will stand on. And though we have taught the vision and the mission from this, this pulpit, and we have prayed on Thursday nights, come to service on Sundays. It's like the Lord is just slowly revealing a little more and a little more and a little more. And he's unfolding this beautiful plan. And really, the only thing we're doing is praying on Thursdays and coming to service on Sundays. And there's no striving, there's no what are we going to do? And which way do we go? He just beautifully unfolds it for us. And so about a month ago, he says, I really want to begin teaching the foundational truths of worship and laying on of hands. And so I said, okay, that sounds wonderful. Everyone needs to learn how to worship, learn how to pray, learn how to lay hands. But one of the things that Kevin has been intentional on is helping us to unlearn the things and the ways and the old mindsets of what we may have walked in to this place with and then helped us to rebuild what it is the Lord is actually asking the church to be and to do. And so on a Thursday night, it was July sixteenth. And I'm so glad that either on Friday morning or sometime that weekend, I always write down in a journal what happened on the Thursday night before, because it's so much it's intense that I can forget. But on Thursday, July sixteenth, after Kevin had told me he wanted to teach on worship and laying on of hands, we were in prayer. In Sharon, one of our lead intercessors, had a word. A word from Mark two twenty two was, I see you, Mark two twenty two and she began to pray into that. And the Lord began to tell us that he was going to reveal himself to us in such a new way, because he sees us that he was going to reveal who he was in a way like we have never known him before. Now, Sharon didn't know this, but that very week, Kevin was already working on his word about the woman at the well from two weeks ago, and how the woman at the well was seen by Jesus. And the more that she surrendered herself to Jesus, the more he revealed himself to her. For he went from sir to prophet to the Savior of the world. As she surrendered, he revealed himself to her. And in that same night as Sharon gave the word, I see you. Our other prayer intercessor got the word. I see you. Intensive care unit. Neither of them knowing Kevin's working on a word about the woman at the well worship being seen by Jesus, and that he was going to follow that up with healing the intensive care unit, intensive care unit. And so as he brought these things forward, the beauty of what happened on that Thursday night just began to unfold. And we knew that we were going in the right direction. I have written down some notes here because I don't want to forget anything. It was so

powerful. The next two Sundays at Mark two twenty two were probably the most dynamic and the most powerful we've ever had in this room. We had miracle healings even at the altar. We didn't even know until the next day. We had worship pour out from people on their face at the altar, and they were being delivered from things that we didn't even know that God was revealing himself to them in moments at the altar, at worship that began to again unfold in such a beautiful way. So we went from, I see you, Mark two twenty two, to Kevin teaching the word. We see him. So I see you. We see him. Sometimes we want to put a period at the end of that sentence. But the Lord says, hold on, I got something else. I got a comma and I got a conjunction. Because I see you, you see me, and I will heal you and restore you. Because on the following Thursday, July twenty third, we opened up prayer and I asked the entire room to please pray for the body of Christ as there was a lot happening in the community. And we began to press in and to pray for the body of Christ. And a sound lifted up in this room that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, reached the gates in the throne room of Heaven. It was so beautiful. And as we were praying for a certain church in the area, unbeknownst to us, there were two ladies in the room who were from that church. And we began to pray for them that Lord would restore them and heal them. And God gave me a word that night about Mark two twenty two being a place of the balm of Gilead. And he said that this place would be a place of healing, a place of peace, a place of restoration, a place where we will learn to abide in his presence. Sometimes people say, you're a church and all you do is pray. On Thursday you have a word and worship on Sunday. I said, well, if that's what we're known for, good, that's all I want to be known for. Because what we're going to do in heaven is we're going to talk to Jesus. That's prayer, and we're going to worship him, and he's going to teach us. It is heaven on earth. So guilty as charged. This will be a place of peace. This will not be a place where we will just busy ourselves. We are not human doings. We are human beings, and we need to learn to be with the father and to be in his presence. And my husband and I, we understand that Sunday night and Thursday night is a little challenging. We understand that night time is a sacrifice. We understand that school is about to start, and Sunday nights can be a little bit difficult. But the Lord has called us to that. And we don't want to be a church like any other church in this area, because we know a lot of churches and we love them all and we pray for them all. But are they following the arc? Are they following the presence? Are they just following some man written program? So we will follow the arc. And when the Lord says, opens the door and says, make a way for this, we will obey him because we want to be all the Lord has called us to be. So we appreciate your sacrifice for the knights, but we want to be a place where you come in and you can learn to abide in his presence and just be filled with peace. And I told before I get to the Balm of Gilead, I told my sister in law, I said, if Mark two twenty two is simply just a tunnel. For people to pass through, to learn how to be in his presence and to abide in the peace that he provides for them to go out of those doors to the place that God has called them. That is what we will be. We will be the tunnel of healing. We will be the tunnel of peace, the tunnel where people can learn to abide in his presence. Because I don't know about you. There's nothing else that I want to do. We will be all that God has called us to be. So the balm of Gilead. I just want to share just a couple of things that I learned about this. As I prayed into this prayer and released this word that we were going to be a place of healing, I sure learned a lot about the Balm of Gilead. The balm is a resin that's harvested from the Atlantic pistachio in the Middle East. There is one in America, but it's a little

bit different in the Middle East. It's called the Atlantic pistachio, and it grows in the desert. To be a shrub or a stunted tree doesn't grow extremely high. And the resin is used for medicinal purposes to put on a wound, or it can be ingested depending on its need, in order to harvest the resin of the balm of Gilead. This is. This is just amazing. The safest and the most effective way to harvest this balm is when branches have been broken off by the wind. People like to go in after storms and pick up the branches to harvest the balm of Gilead. Anybody been through any storms? Anybody got any wind blowing through their life? The wind of the Holy Spirit. You may be a branch fallen on the ground, but I tell you right now, you are filled with the resin of the balm of Gilead. And he's going to use that brokenness, that pain that you've been through to be the healing to you and to someone else. So the branches are picked up from off the floor, the forest floor. This is the most ideal way to harvest this balm without damaging the living tree. If the tree is harvested directly from the plant itself, you are taught to never take from the terminal bud. The terminal bud is at the very tip top of the branches. The terminal bud is what controls the upward growth of the plant, and so harvesting from its side or harvesting from the branches that are already broken is the preferred way to gather this resin to create this balm. Gilead means a hill or a heap of testimony. So the name literally means balm of testimony, a balm of testimony after branches have been broken off from a storm. Is everybody following me? Is this incredible? Three words balm of Gilead. It's amazing. So in Jeremiah eight twenty two, where the Lord had brought me the verse that he brought to my mind when he began asking me to pray about the balm of Gilead. Is there any balm in Gilead? Is there any physician? Is there something that can heal the people? Because in this chapter, the people were so sick spiritually. And the prophet is saying, why are there so many sick people when they know the Lord? They know his ways. They know his law. Why are there so many that are sick? There are so many. There are so many reasons why we have people coming in and out of church every Sunday, and they're not being healed. They're not being transformed. But it was all brought together when Kevin began to preach about Ezekiel forty seven, when the living water flows from the temple, from the knee or from the ankle to the knee to the waist over the head, that as the water flowed, the trees on the side were beginning to grow and to mature and to blossom with the buds. And this is the reason there are so many in churches that are not healed, because the flow of the living water, the Holy Spirit, has been blocked. It's been prevented. It's been stopped. Therefore, the trees are not growing with the balm of Gilead. This is why there are so many who are sick. So I share with you before my husband is making his way up. Mark two twenty two will be a place of healing. We will be the balm of Gilead. We will have people come in through the doors that have been storm blown, that have been shifted by the ways of the winds of the storm. But as the branches are on the ground, guess what? We're going to walk around and we're going to pick it up, and we're going to harvest the resin to be the balm of Gilead. Mark two twenty two will be a place of healing, a place where we will worship, a place where we will abide. Tonight, if you are looking for physical, spiritual, emotional, mental healing, I ask you to jump into the river that my husband is about to preach about. As the Balm of Gilead is released in this house. Amen.

Pastor Kevin All right? Yeah. I asked my wife to share that story, that or that vision she had or that word she had on Thursday night. And it's it's amazing to see what the Lord has just kind of weaving together and, and, and what I'm finding very interesting about the Lord is that he loves

to give the answers as you search. Yes. You know, and, and, and things begin to pop up and, and, and he's like, do you remember this? Do you remember that? And. Thursday night, uh. As we prayed, the good people of this church prayed for me and my wife. And I knew tonight would be a big night. As I studied the word I, I knew. I knew what I was going to say. But there were some some apprehension that needed to be worked out of me. You know, I've told a couple people in here, when I stepped out, I knew what the Lord was asking. The truth is, I'd been knowing because I was walking with him and he was showing me, I knew. And I remember telling some of my friends, you don't quite know what you're asking because it's more than just starting a church. I know what he wants me to say, and at times I'm like, Lord, you really want me to say that? And he's like, yes. And so tonight, this is what I want to say. There is no looking back. Tonight we drop an anchor. We stretch out our tent pegs. And we reclaim the inheritance of the promised land that belongs to the church. Amen. No longer will we look at ourselves in the old season. The old season is done. The Lord is saying, I want you to step into a new level of glory. Everything that I've been building up with Mark two twenty two is continuing to build for something I'm getting ready to reveal. In case you hadn't noticed, I don't know if any of you have walked around this community. You've got to be experiencing the pressure in this community, the pressure that people have on their lives, the pressure that people have in their children's lives, the pressure that they experience even in church. Is there no relief? Is there any balm? Right, right, Gilead. And I'm looking around watching people attend church on Sunday, and I'm watching them him walk in the doors and out the doors, and I can see that there's no relief. In fact, in many cases, they come out confused, knowing less and wondering if the time they just spent was wasted. I'm here to tell you, as Nancy said Thursday, nothing is wasted. Nothing is wasted. The Lord told us a couple of weeks ago, I see you, I see you, I'm looking. My gaze has fallen upon you. Mark two twenty two and I'm staring right at you. The question is, will you see me? And I'm seeing individuals that are uplifting the Lord through the power of presence, through praise and worship. And the Lord is saying, here it is. I'm ready to reveal myself. If you simply come and prostrate yourself and kneel down. I will reveal everything you need to know about me and then you will know who you are. Yes yes, yes. So tonight. The Lord said, I want you to speak on healing. Because healing is not only a part of your ministry, it's an expectation that my people should have. Turn, if you would, to mark two verses one through twelve, mark two, verses one through twelve. I'm going to be reading from the New Living Translation. When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon, the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room even outside the door. while he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, my child, your sins are forgiven. But some of the teachers of the religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, what is he saying? This is blasphemy. Only God can forgive sins. Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, your sins are forgiven? Or stand up, pick up your mat and walk. So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins. Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, stand up, pick up your mat and go home. And the man jumped up,

grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, we've never seen anything like this before! We are continuing in our series, The Book of Acts. The church that's returning to power and presence. The title of the message tonight is I See You Healing through the Eyes of Jesus. Healing through the eyes of Jesus. As I was preaching last week and we were talking about Ezekiel forty seven, and we were talking about the streams of living waters and how the living waters got deeper ankle deep, knee deep, waist deep to where he was swimming in the depths of the living waters. He quickly asked the prophet Ezekiel, do you see? Do you see? Are your eyesight or your gaze upon what I am doing? Do you have the spiritual aptitude? Do you have the spiritual eyes to understand what this vision is taking you through? And when he looked up, he saw trees. Trees that were good for eating because they bore fruit in every season and the leaves were there to heal. And everything that the living waters touched, healed, and everything returned to it. Fish return of all kinds. There was healing, though, healing throughout the. You can't read Ezekiel forty seven without seeing the healing. And so the Lord led me here. And as I was reading this passage, the thing that stood up to me was when they brought the man for healing, the first thing Jesus did was, your sins are forgiven. Now, many people teach that Jesus did this to demonstrate his authority to forgive sin, and to prove that he had that authority. He healed the man and said, now with this healing, this should be an example that I could do both. And that's not a wrong teaching. That's a good, good theological teaching. But I believe it goes way deeper than that. There's a reason why the Lord allowed them to see him forgiving sin and healing at the same time. If we believe Jesus has the authority to forgive sins, shouldn't we also believe he has the authority to heal? If you've been given the authority to forgive sins, shouldn't you believe you can operate in the authority to heal? Then my question is why doesn't the church see it today? Why do we separate and compartmentalize healing over here? Forgiveness over here. Why? As the scriptures say, is it easier to say someone's sins are forgiven or to be healed? See, because I believe the Lord is saying something. The same authority that you have to forgive sins is the same authority you have to heal. Sickness and disease doesn't have a greater power over the authority. And now you have some type of special anointing. It's coming to recognize what you already has, has the authority over it. Yeah. And so as I'm looking at this and I'm reading, why does the church struggle if you watch it? Most people don't want to deal with sickness and disease. A lot of leaders don't want to pray for fear that it will not be. They won't be healed. They won't execute. and then people will judge them. Do you see the self righteousness in it? If I lay hands on that person and they aren't healed, what will people think of me? Well, you see, if you stop thinking of you, then maybe you will understand. It's never about you, it's about him. And if you start focusing on the right thing, then maybe you'll understand what's before you. Yes. So why does the church often embrace one forgiveness of sin more readily than the other? Healing. As I continued to study this passage, I became convinced that the answer is found in identity. What we see. I see you, church. A perspective of every person in the story. How each group saw Jesus determine how they understood his authority both to forgive sin and to heal. As I was studying, I began to look at each person involved in this story and I began looking with Jesus. Start with Jesus. Always start with Jesus. Never start from a perspective other than Jesus. Watch the way he does things. Watch what he says. No word was by accident. And so Jesus starts off by saying, your sins are forgiven. But if you really look at it. He doesn't just say, your sins are forgiven. He

says, my child, your sins are forgiven, my child. Wait a minute. I thought he was a paralyzed man. But Christ didn't see that. He saw a son. Christ. The father saw his son. So he fixed the identity of the man first. He addressed who he really was. The writer introduces him as a paralytic. The crowd sees him, perhaps as a crippled man. The religious leaders don't even see him at all. But Jesus sees something greater. He calls him son. The world identifies us by our condition. But the kingdom identifies us by the relationship with the father. This man had undoubtedly become known as a paralyzed. Perhaps people refer to him as a cripple, lame, simply a paralytic. Yet Jesus refuses to let the condition become his identity. Instead, he speaks to him according to his relationship. Son. Then he declares, your sins are forgiven. I want you to see something. Don't miss this. Do not miss this. He says. My child, your sins are forgiven. Watch. The order is significant. Identity always precedes restoration. No, I'm gonna say it again. Identity always precedes the healing. You need to know who you are before you can step in what you're going to be. Your sins are forgiven. That's what he tells them. The Greek word for sin is hamartia. Hamartia. And I'm doing the best I can to pronounce that. But what it really means is to miss the mark, to fall short. Now I want you to see something. Sin has distorted our relationship with the father. Sin has taken the bridge. It created a chasm between us and God. When sin entered the world, man was separated from God. But then Jesus comes along and he says, I'm going to bridge that gap. I'm going to die for your sins. rise again, and I'm going to heal you, and I'm going to forgive you. And everything that once was separated will now be connected. Now watch this. Before he healed him, he said, you are a son. Identity. Then he forgave him of his sins. So he's now restored. The relationship was restored. And now because the relationship is restored, now he can be healed. Did you see it? Yeah. Did you see it? See, a lot of people run down and say, I got this, I got this sickness, I got this, I got this, I got this, and we got all these people saying, be healed from this and be healed from that. Be healed. And they don't even know if they got a relationship. Yeah. Come on. And the Lord is saying, whoa, whoa, whoa whoa whoa whoa wait wait wait wait wait wait. If you saw them the way I saw them, that's my son coming down. That's my daughter coming down for healing. If you want to pray for them, tell them who they are first. Then tell them that their sins are forgiven. I take their sins as far as the east is from the west. I have forgotten that their sins are forgiven before. Even when I saw them walking up with that heart of surrender, I already forgave them. Let them know that it's restored. And now ask me, my child, do you want to be healed? Yeah. Do you want to be healed? This is what Christ he was saying. He was saying it's in your identity where your healing exists. I'm reminded of the woman in Luke thirteen. Watch this. She was hunched over for eighteen years. She couldn't see. Do you want to see identity again? Proceed. Healing. This is what he says. Ought not this woman, being the daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond? He tells her who she is. Be loosed from it. You are a daughter of the King. I'm here to tell you if you are suffering from something right now, whether it's physical or mental, you are sons and daughters of the King. You are entitled to healing. Identity always must proceed. Restoration and restoration should always precede healing. Because you cannot be illegitimate of the father. You have to be adopted into him. And then when you're adopted into him, you have rights of all of him. And all of him is not just salvation. That's not where gospel ends. That's where gospel begins. And after you receive salvation, you can go boldly to the throne room for grace. And you can say, father, I've had this ailment long enough. I know who I am in you, and

you can speak healing to your mortal body. This is what we believe. This is a foundational truth. This is the anchor we will drop. Yes, you can come to this place, a place of living waters, and you can have everything restored. Not because I said so. Because he said so. Yes, that was good. Could this be the missing revelation and how we approach healing today? Could identity be the missing revelation? Too often we approach God primarily from the perspective of our condition. Lord, I'm sick. Lord, I have this disease, Lord I'm hurting. Those realities are not denied, but neither are they. Neither are they. Your identity. You do not identify how you're sick. Jesus teaches us to approach the father as sons and daughters. We do not come merely as people who are sick. We come as children who belong to God. Their condition describes what they are experiencing, but they did not determine. It does not determine who they are. We do not deny the reality of sickness, but neither do we allow sickness to define us. I want to tell you this right now. Hear me on these words. Our identity is not found in our diagnosis. Yes, it's found in our adoption. Let me say it again. Your identity will never be found in a diagnosis. It's found in your adoption. You are sons and daughters of the King of Kings. That's why when people come to me and say, I'm dealing with this, I've dealt with sickness. To go boldly to the throne room of grace and tell the Lord, I am your son, I am your daughter. And I declare healing not because of what I can do, but because of what you've already done. And this is where the church needs to be. Yes, this was the perspective of God. God gave no credibility to the illness. He gave no credibility to the sin or the sickness. He looked and said, that's my son. And because he's my son, he will be healed. Christ looked at the identity. Christ looked at the restoration. Can we see church? Can we see with the eyes of Jesus? Think about it next time you're praying for healing for someone, how do you see them? Do you see them by their condition? Or do you see them as sons and daughters of the king? The next group was the Pharisees. The Pharisees I would contest didn't even see the man. And if they did, they didn't see him any more than just a crippled man, a paralyzed man. But it reveals the condition of the Pharisees own hearts. They could not see the son standing before his father, because they could not see the father standing in front of the son. How can they see the possibility of healing when when they looked at Jesus, they didn't see the Messiah. So if they didn't see the Messiah, they couldn't see that the paralyzed man was his son, so they had no eyes to see. All they could see was their religious laws. Yeah. In their traditions. You see. Jesus says your sins are forgiven. And instead of the Pharisees being happy for the man. They want to question what just took place because it's against their doctrine. It's against the way they do things. You see, this is how we do it on a Sunday morning. Sunday morning services are for the lost. So we won't stretch too far in the spirit because it's for the lost. Well, how are you finding anybody? On your own accord. If the Holy Spirit leads us to all truth about Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ says, I've done nothing but the what, but the father's done and what? He's told me that how can you get the truth if you stifle the Holy Spirit? How can you skip the step? Right. That's a man made structure that will not survive. And yet, the reason we don't see people experiencing healing is like the Pharisees. We only see our traditions and our laws and our programs and our systems. I want to make sure that you're healed, but I can only do it in this way. It has to operate within this hour. It has to operate between this time, it has to operate maybe at home or maybe in a small group, but not when the spirit wants to move, when we decide it can move. Do you see it? Watch. I'm going to show you. Their lack of love fueled their self-righteousness. And deceitfulness of the religious spirit blinded them to the very heart of

God. They were consumed with protecting their traditions that they failed to see. The father revealed through Jesus Christ. They couldn't see. Their distorted view of Christ because they misidentify Jesus. They also misidentified the man. If we misidentify Jesus, we will misidentify those who come to us with sickness. If we can't see that he is a good father, then we cannot see them as healed children. Yeah, yeah, yeah. How you see the Lord is how you will operate in your ministry. Our theology of healing will never rise above our theology of Christ. Let me say it again. Our theology, our belief in healing will never rise above your healing or your belief of healing of Christ. It'll never rise above it. What you see in Christ is what you will manifest through your ministry. How we see Jesus determines how we see the father. How we see the father determines how we see his children, and how we see his children. Determines how we will minister to them. So I'm going to tell you, I told you I'd prove it to you. There's a doctrine that's been developed that I can't find it in the Bible. I can't, but it's a doctrine nonetheless. We'll pray. But if it's God's will. Come on. You've heard it everywhere. As if God's will hasn't been written. Yeah.

Speaker 3 Yeah. Come on.

Pastor Kevin Are you here to tell me that Christ was not bruised for our transgressions? Pressed for our iniquities. And by his stripes we are healed. Are you trying to tell me that the finished work of Yeshua is really not finished? See, we know the will of the father, but you've also heard it. Now see the Pharisaical spirit in it. I'll pray for it. But you know, if they get healed, it's really in God's will. But if we understand God's will, why are we developing a doctrine? Watch this for unanswered prayers. No, no, no, I think you missed it. Why are we developing doctrines? For unanswered prayers when every prayer of Jesus Christ was answered? Yes. Think about it. He didn't lay hands on the sick and they didn't get healed. They got healed. Could it be that the way the church has been viewing the father is not the way Jesus is supposed to be viewed. Could it be we have a distorted hybrid vision of who he is, because we've stifled the Holy Spirit from taking control of our services and revealing who he truly is. So in our effort to control everything, we've developed a hybrid image. And that hybrid image has led us down a path of false doctrine. And that false doctrine has allowed us to operate a certain way. And because of God's grace and mercy, he has allowed it. But the Lord is saying enough. Yes, because nothing Christ did was wasted. And so he got up on that cross. And everything that happened to him was designed to give you victory. Watch this. I really looked into this. I really want to show you how false this doctrine is. And I told you, there's no going back from this. You know, they'll release the recording. There's no going back. Whatever.

Speaker 3 Praise God. Praise God.

Pastor Kevin There was only one thing I could find. When the will of Jesus wasn't answered in the Garden of Gethsemane. He said. If it's your will, Lord, this cup may pass. But nevertheless not my will, but your will be done. So then I thought about it. Because people will use this as reasoning behind the will of the Lord. No no no no. Because the Lord had the will that Jesus would go to the cross was the reason why you are definitely healed. It actually reinforces that you should be healed. Because what you're saying is, if Christ wasn't enough, we need to strike the rock twice.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin And the Lord is saying no once. That's why he told Moses, after you strike the rock, you speak to the rock. And this is what happened. Jesus Christ said, not my will mean it was Christ's will, but your will, showing us that God's will was to heal us. Because when Christ got up on the cross and took all the sickness and all the disease that was supposed to be enough. So now do you see it? Do you? I want you, you got to see Christ for who he is. You've got to see the finished work. He doesn't have to do anything else. You have to look at it. You have to see his face. You have to see his glory. He is saying that if you begin to view me with the spiritual eyes of truly who I am. Stop hearing the Pharisee. If my will. That will. Maybe this will, I don't know all these confused. If you just look at me, you will reflect me. And if you reflect me, you become a piece of me. You're like a father talking to a son. Remind them through you that I. They are my son. I am their father. And now speak healing to them. This is what the Lord is looking for. The return of his church.

Speaker 3 Yes.

Pastor Kevin Healing begins with seeing Jesus. It begins with seeing him. Do we see him through misguided doctrine? If it's his will, or do we see his will already demonstrated? We are to be healed? I'm reminded of one of our foundational scriptures every week second Corinthians chapter three. If we behold the glory of the Lord, we are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, one degree of glory to another through the power of the Holy Spirit. We become transformed into his likeness. Church must begin to look at Jesus again, because if they look at Jesus again, they'll begin to see through the lens of the Holy Spirit. They'll begin to see with the eyes of Jesus Christ. And now when someone sits walks up to you, you're going to see them differently. Come in son, come in. Daughter. I have this sickness. You're a son of the king. You're a daughter of the king. Let's speak life to it. Let's restore it. When we begin to see Jesus as the perfect revelation of the father, we also begin to see people as he sees them. We stop defining them through their diagnosis and we begin identifying them as sons and daughters. We stop seeing sickness as something to tolerate and be, and begin seeing it as one of the effects of the curse that Christ has already overcome. We stop praying from uncertainty and we begin praying from relationship. For only those who have learned to see the father can truly see his children. Let me say it again, for only those who have learned to see the father can truly see his children, and only those who see people through the eyes of Jesus will minister to them with the compassion, faith, and expectation that has been marked out for this ministry. There was another group. It was the friends. It's so remarkable when I think about the friends. These four friends bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. And they're so determined that they cut a hole in the roof. I want you to think about that for a moment. They get to Jesus, and Jesus says, your sins are forgiven. Wait a minute, Jesus. We came here for healing. You might have missed the memo. This guy's not walking. We came for a certain thing. Wait, wait, wait. Come on, we're laughing. Do we not see ourselves in this?

Speaker 3 Yes, indeed.

Pastor Kevin I came for this. I didn't come for what you're trying to give me. Jesus. As if we

know what's best for ourselves. But these friends didn't say that. No no no no no no no no no no. I want you to think about this. They're carrying, they're laboring. This is a a paralyzed man. So they're lugging this man.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin They're walking him down a road. They're in sandals. They ain't got the Nike's like me. You hokas. No, no, no. They're struggling. And then when they get there, they go, man, it's packed. It's packed. Well, we didn't come all this way. Get up on the roof and start cutting through the roof. Do you see how no obstacle stops these people?

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin They're going to get there. But then when they get there, they're not disappointed by what Christ says. They keep their mouth shut because all that really mattered is that they got him in the presence of the Lord.

Speaker 3 Amen.

Pastor Kevin Wait, wait.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin Get him to the presence.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin Get him in the presence. Not get him to buy the five step book. Get him to look at this video to show him how to be a healthy disciple. Right. How to lay on hands, one on one. No no no no no no no. They brought him to the presence of God and said, now let it work.

Speaker 3 Yes.

Pastor Kevin So they do not question the father. They lowered him down in the presence of God and their eyes were fixed, fixed on Jesus. I want you to see something about these four men. These four men were regular guys. The Pharisees were considered something in this time. They were important people. Imagine what they had to ignore when the Pharisees interrupted and called what Jesus was doing.

Speaker 3 Yeah. Yeah.

Pastor Kevin Think about this. They bring a man in for healing, and the religious leaders of that time call it blasphemy, but they ignore what the religious leaders are saying because they are fixed on Jesus. Now, how many people you know? Because I know quite a few that have gotten close to being delivered, but some religious leaders start speaking to them. Stay away from this, stay away from that, stay away from this. And because their gaze went from Jesus to the religious spirit, they drifted from their deliverance and their healing. But these four men were so determine that that wasn't going to happen, that they ignored the religious people and kept their gaze on Jesus and said, you may study the law, but there's something about this

man. You might know the scriptures, but there's something about this man. You might have a theological degree, but there's something about this man.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin Their eyes were fixed on Jesus. I believe one of the greatest obstacles preventing many believers from walking in the same kind of faith as these four men is not a lack of desire, but the way we view God. We have people always telling us, watch out for error. Watch the way they pray. You're in error. God's a God of order. What order? The church order. Because the heavenly order has creatures all around. The throne room has twenty four elders casting their crowns every time and kneeling on the ground. So what order are we talking about? Oh, we must be reverent before God when nothing happens. Daniel was on the ground. Paul was on the ground. Peter is on the ground. John was on the ground. Moses was on the ground. I don't see slain in the spirit. I don't see anybody standing up. Watch what you see of Jesus is what you will manifest in your ministry if you see a God of false order, then you'll have some type of hybrid ministry, and then you'll wonder why people sit in the seats for ten years and they're still the same.

Speaker 3 Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Pastor Kevin But when you give power and control to the Holy Spirit, living waters begin to flow. And when living waters flow, nothing can stay sick. Disease cannot stay nothing. It can't walk in the room. Because the deeper they go. Maybe you got an ankle problem. Will get ankle deep. Maybe you got knee trouble. Get knee deep. Maybe you got hip trouble. Get deep. Maybe you got some heart condition. Get it? By the time you're swimming in it. I'm telling you right now, there's nothing on your body, nothing on your body. It was these four men that strengthened me. It was these four men that said Kevin I. want.

Speaker 3 Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes.

Pastor Kevin I told the Lord this week I will walk.

Speaker 3 Yes.

Pastor Kevin If nobody, I don't care, I will. If I'm by myself, I will. Because I believe every word. I believe every word. I'm just. I'm I'm, I'm. I'm telling you right now. I believe every word.

Speaker 3 Yeah. Yes.

Pastor Kevin And I'm walking with him. And I see these four men, these four men that did not let a physical obstacle get in their way. It wasn't work. It wasn't the kids. It wasn't my job. It wasn't all these crazy things. They said, we gotta get to the presence, pick up the man and let's get him over there. And then I saw it. These men are trees. It's been a trees. It reminded me of Ezekiel forty seven. Put up Ezekiel forty seven. But let's start in verse six. He asked me, have you been watching Son of Man? Then he led me back along the riverbank. Have you seen. Are you watching? Are you seeing? Go ahead. When I returned, I was surprised by the sight. What I saw, what I saw of many trees growing on both sides of the river. The trees are

growing from the living waters. Keep going. Then he said to me. This river flows east through the desert into the valley of the Dead Sea. The waters of this stream will make the salty waters of the Dead Sea fresh and pure again. It will bring back to life what was dead. Keep going. There will be swarms of living, living things. Not dead things. Living things. Wherever the water of this river flows, wherever it flows. If you are. If you are a well of living waters, that means when you go to work, it's flowing, it's flowing. So watch things become alive. Watch it come alive. Okay. Fish will abound in the Dead Sea. For its waters will become fresh. You will become fishers of men. Life will flourish wherever the water flows. Fishermen will stand along the shore of the Dead Sea. Catching fish. Catching fish for God. All the way from that word to the other word. The shores will be covered with nets drying in the sun. Fish of every kind will be will fill the Dead Sea. Every kind, just as it fills the Mediterranean. But the marshes and the swamps will not be purified. That's the people that do not see Christ for who he is. They have a little bit of water, but it's stagnant. It's stale. It's not something you want to drink or swim in or expect to get healing out of.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Pastor Kevin Keep going. Fruit trees of all kinds will grow along both sides of the river. Think these four men look at me. Think these four men. Well, I'm reading this. See the four men. These leaves of these trees will never turn brown and fall. There will always be fruit on their branches. There will be a new crop every month. For they have. But they are watered by the river flowing from the temple. The fruit will be for food and the leaves for healing. You, Mark two twenty two are one of these four men. What is the word? Say the word says. In Jeremiah seventeen, verse seven and eight. But blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Who see him, who have made the Lord their hope and their confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank With roots that reach the deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat.

Speaker 3 That's right.

Pastor Kevin Everybody got Covid. Not me. Everybody got financial problems. Not me. I'm not trying to brag on me, but I'm trying to brag on him, you see? Wait. Watch this. The heat. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by the long months of drought. Oh, your finances. Their leaves stay green and they never stop producing fruit. Never in all seasons. In all seasons. That is you. This is what the Lord was showing me in Ezekiel forty seven with showing my wife. We're not even talking about it. She's preaching over here and I'm preaching over there, and the Lord's like, let me just weave it all together. And as the, the, the, the, the prayer lady start to pray and everybody starts to intercede. I'm just weaving it all together. And it looks so beautiful because when everybody follows the Holy Spirit, you can't be wrong. And that's what the Lord is saying. Now I want to show it to you. I told you book of acts, return to power in presence. Put it up there. The one I just added. I added this today. This is so funny because my wife, my wife read it. Uh, acts chapter three, verses one through six, I believe. Is it up there? It's coming. Almost look like I was reading Greek or Hebrew. Look, I want you to. I need you before we go. I want you to see it. I don't want to just read it to you. I want you to see it. So we'll just wait with the technology guys, all right? Hear me. The Lord is speaking. He's

doing something. He wants us to see something tonight. He wants us to see him. Alright, now watch this. Peter and John went to the temple one afternoon. It's the same thing you were at. Remember? It's the same thing. It's amazing. Peter and John went to the temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. Watch this. Keep going. Oh, okay. Well, we'll just wait. As they approached the temple, a lame man from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the temple gate, the one they called the Beautiful Gate so he could beg from the people going into the temple. Keep going. When they saw. When he saw. See the sea. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. So he sees something. Keep going, Peter and John said, look at him and look. Looked at him intently. Peter and John looked at him. So wait. Watch this, watch this Peter, all day. This man sits there all day. People walk by, but not Peter and John. They stop and say, he's not a lame man. He's a son.

Speaker 3 Yes.

Pastor Kevin Mark two Jesus said, my child, your sins are forgiven. Every day he sits outside the temple. Every day he sits there and nothing changes until people who have seen Christ walk past them and say, I see a son, not a crippled man, a son. Identity had changed on the man. Now watch this. You want to see a change, father? No no no. Go back, go back, go back. I didn't read the. Peter and John looked at him intently and said. Peter said, look at us now. Keep going. The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. Keep going. Oh no, that's tough. The devil does want to be in a knob. Watch this. But Peter said, I don't have any silver or gold. No no no no. Lame man. I said, well, what I do have. Peter and John.

Speaker 3 Looked at him.

Pastor Kevin Ah, here it is. Peter and John looked at him intently and Peter said, watch this. So Peter and John see him. So they identify him as a son. Okay, now watch this. Peter and John say to the lame man, now look at us. Go back one, four. Look at us, look at us. I see you as a son. Now look at me. Because I'm a reflection of Jesus. Look at the father.

Speaker 3 Yeah. That's so good. Yes, yes.

Pastor Kevin Could it be that we've been healing by looking at the ailment? That's not what's happening here. They knew he was crippled. I walked by. That's a son. Look at me. I'm not Peter anymore. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. The veil has been removed. When you look at me, you see Jesus. Because it's no longer I who live, but Christ who lives within me. And so now the lame man looks at Jesus, and when his identity is realized, now go. Lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money, but Peter said, I don't have any silver or gold for you, but I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk. in the name of the new identity I just gave you. In the name of what you really need. Not this money. In the name of what needs to really be fixed. I have this sickness. I have this mental problem. I need the Lord to heal my mental problem. You need the Lord to fix your identity.

Pastor Kevin Because if you see yourself as a mental case, you will be a mental case. But when you begin to see yourself as a daughter or a son, you will see differently.

Speaker 3 That's right.

Pastor Kevin I'm here to tell you. The Lord is ready to heal people. Would you please stand?