

~PART TWO~

**Calling on the Triple GGG
to Heal a Broken or Wounded Heart**

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God provides for our temporal needs alongside our spiritual needs. That is because, as Christians, we live in a dual world—we *are in this world but not of it*. When we believe in Jesus, our new permanent address is in heaven. Our real home becomes a heavenly home, yet we continue to live in this temporal world as Christ’s ambassadors—*God is making His appeal through us*.

This means that as dual citizens our healing comes through the temporal (natural) realm, as well as the spiritual. These two means, when employed together, will start you on your journey to having the mind of Christ, and both come from God’s Word. When Jesus said He came to set the captives free, He wasn’t talking about prison bars. He was talking about freeing a captive mind.

Means # 1) The first provision for healing comes by something we do, which is to exercise our faith. We exercise our faith by “stepping out” (believing) and “standing on” (trusting by faith) the promises and provisions contained in God’s Word. In this process, you will be empowered to release the “white-knuckle” grip on your fears, pain, and woundedness, laying them at the altar for God to take from you—to set you free. The Bible is very clear: anytime we honor God’s Word, in faith, God is pleased by our faith. Our active faith (faith in action) sets in motion God’s response to honor the promises and provisions of His Word. This means that when we believe His Word by faith, and act on it, God is faithful to meet our needs, according to His Word. I like to call this another way to experience our love dance with God.

We must keep in mind that anguish, torment, depression, anger, and unforgiveness all represent a state of mind. From this understanding, our minds are renewed as we consistently engage God in His love dance, partnering with Him to do things His way. Having our minds renewed in this way is the essence of what it means to have the mind of Christ. The Bible refers to this process as “renewing the mind through the washing of the Word.” Ephesians 5:25-27 “...just as Christ loved the church. **He gave up His life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s Word. He did this to present her to Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish.**”

Additionally, God’s Word brings healing because it is transformative when we “ingest” it and live by it. Matthew 4:4 says it this way, “*It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’*” (NKJV). In John 6:48,51, Jesus explains further, “*I am the bread of life. ...which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die...*” (NKJV).

Taking in God’s Word and allowing Him to renew your mind requires making a conscious choice to make God the highest priority in your life. You step out in faith to “bend” your will to pursue God through His Word. I know from personal experience that bending my will has been incredibly hard to do at times. Why? Because it is not in our nature to do so. In other words, it takes courage to overcome our reluctance, our fears, and our pride so that we diligently pursue God and honor His Word. When we make the tough choice to follow through, our act of faith creates a response from God—He meets us in the midst of our desire to seek Him, and He rewards us with a blessing—a healing journey of renewal. Hebrews 11:6 says it this way: “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.***” (NKJV)

Means # 2) Diligently seeking God is the first part. This second part is God’s response to your obedient desire to pursue Him and please Him. This means that the renewal process is a partnership as you join with God and His desire to restore you and heal you through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.

When you submit to (agree with) God’s Word and its power to renew your mind, you enable the supernatural part of your transformation. Your willful act, to believe God’s Word by acting on it in faith, empowers Him to do an amazing thing on your behalf. In these moments of faith-filled surrender, God floods you with His love in the form of His *Zoopoieo*¹ power. Romans 12:1-2 says it this way: “*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. **Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*” (NLT)

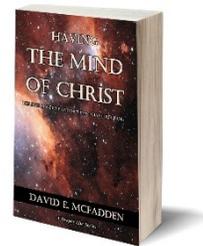
Your decision to forsake *the behavior and customs of this world* and choose to live by God’s principles is an act of faith (means #1, the temporal) that enables repentance. In the Scripture reference above, please note that *God transforms*—He does the work of renewal and transformation (means #2, the spiritual). I point this out because your self-efforts will always fall short. That is because you cannot legitimately change yourself by doing this or that.

A person who needs healing must only repent (change his or her mind) and turn toward God in faith (#1). God meets you there, “just as you are,” and He does the rest (#2). When you allow Him to do the transformative work in your heart, the process is liberating, genuine, and lasting.—Ω

Taking God’s Word Back to Him

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me a heavenly home through Jesus. Help me to diligently seek You and to exercise my faith to “step out” and “stand on” the promises and provisions contained in Your Word. Help me release the “white-knuckle” grip on my fears, pain, and woundedness, so I can lay them at the altar for You to take. Thank You for making me whole so I can be Your ambassador here in this foreign land. I want to represent You and Your kingdom so that the people I know and meet with see that You are real and that Your love is relentless. Give me a deeper revelation that You are making Your appeal through me. LORD, help me submit to Your Word and forsake the behavior and customs of this world, so You can transform me into a new person by changing the way I think. LORD, my desire is that the transformative work that You accomplish in me will be liberating, genuine and lasting, for Your glory. I ask these petitions in the mighty name of Jesus.

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¹ Romans 8:11—Strong’s #NT2227 *Zoopoieo* (dzo-op-oy-eh'-o)—to cause to live, to make alive, to give life by spiritual power, to arouse and invigorate, to restore life. See pages 214, 215 for more on *Zoopoieo*.