

Power of the Kingdom - 2

We have been studying the Kingdom of God in the Gospel of Matthew. In chapters 5 to 7 Jesus had been talking about the laws or principles of the Kingdom. Then Matthew goes on to show how Jesus demonstrated the power of the Kingdom. We see this in ten miracles that are recorded in Matthew 8 and 9. In our last study we saw how Jesus touched the lives of people with His power. This same power is available to us through the Holy Spirit. What is the key to **releasing** this power? And what is the key to **receiving** this power? Let's take another look at these miracles.

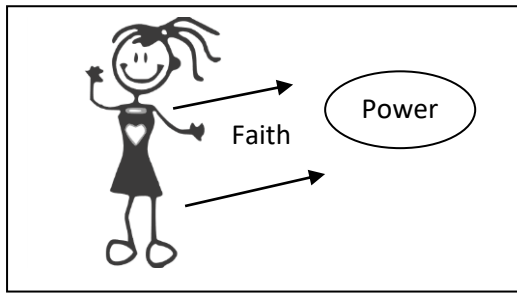


What is the important key we see in the verses below to **receiving** God's healing power?

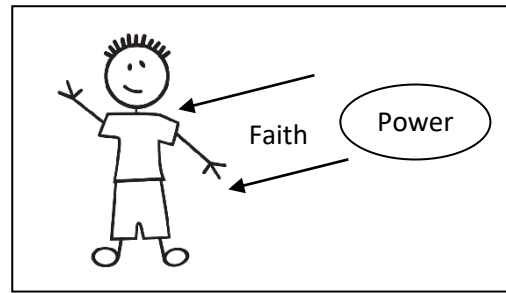
Who did Jesus touch?	Reference	Why were they healed? (The key)
1. The man with leprosy	8:1-4	8:2
2. Centurion's servant	8:5-13	8:10
3. A paralyzed man	9:1-8	9:2
4. Woman subject to bleeding	9:20-22	9:20, 22
8. A dead girl	9:18-19 9:23-26	9:18
9. Two blind men	9:27-31	9:28-29

The key we have discovered in these stories is _____. In our previous study we saw how Jesus **released** the power of God by _____. Sometimes He simply touched the sick person, and other times He spoke the word of faith: 'Be clean' or 'Go it will be done' or 'Get up'. In this study we have seen that the power of God is also **received** by _____.

An illustration of faith



Releasing the power of God to another person.



Receiving the power of God to meet a need in your own life.



What do you think faith is?
Look back at the story of the centurion in Matthew 8:5-13, and the woman in Matthew 9:20-22 to see what they teach us about faith.



What are the things that hinder faith in your life?



How can we develop faith in our lives? Discuss.