

Fight The Verdict: Don't Settle for The Diagnosis

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### **Hosea 4:6 (ESV)**

*My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**; because you have **rejected knowledge**, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*

### **2 Kings 5:1-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' <sup>12</sup> Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So, he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> **And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"** <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

### **Matthew 8:5-13 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, <sup>6</sup> saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

<sup>7</sup> And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

<sup>8</sup> The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! <sup>11</sup> And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

### **Psalms 107:20 (NKJV)**

*He sends forth His word and **heals them** and rescues them from the pit and destruction.*

### **Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)**

*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me **void**, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

### **Proverbs 30:5-6 (ESV)**

**Every word of God proves true**; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. <sup>6</sup> Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

### **Proverbs 4:20-22 (ESV)**

*My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.*

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**Takeaway: The Story of John Thompson**

**“He didn't become innocent the day he was released; he was always innocent. The verdict just didn't match the truth.”**

**Isaiah 53:3-5 (NKJV)**

***Surely**, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes **we are healed**.*

**1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)**

*who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes **you were healed**.*

**There are two verdicts you can live under:**

- 1) The **natural report** (symptoms, diagnosis, what doctors say)
- 2) The **finished work of Jesus** (healing already paid for; “By His stripes you WERE healed”)
  - Notice: “were” = past tense
  - It's already been established.
- 3) John Thompson had two realities:
  - The court said: “Guilty”
  - The truth said: “Innocent”

**Numbers 13:30–33 (Paraphrase the story)**

**Proverbs 18:21 (ESV)**

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

- The children of Israel accepted the wrong report:
  - God said: **“You can take the land”**
  - They said: **“We are like grasshoppers”**
  - They didn't lose because of giants. They lost because they **agreed with the wrong verdict**
- **For Us:** Diagnosis says: “This is your future”, but God says: **“Healing is already yours.”**

**Key Statement:**

- **“What you agree with, you empower.”**
- **Some people aren't just dealing with symptoms anymore...They've adapted their identity to them.**

**Faith Fights for the Right Verdict**

**1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)**

*<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

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**Key Statement:**

**"Faith is refusing to agree with anything that disagrees with what Jesus finished."**

**Matthew 8:16-17 (AMP)**

*16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were under the power of demons; and He cast out the evil spirits with a word, and restored to health all who were sick [exhibiting His authority as Messiah], 17 so that He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES [upon Himself] AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."*

- At the cross:
  - Sin was dealt with
  - Sickness was carried
  - The price was paid in full
  - There is no **double payment** in God's kingdom

**Engrave These Thoughts in Your Heart & Mind:**

- "If Jesus carried it...You don't have to keep carrying it."
- "I'm not trying to get healed; I'm enforcing what was already paid for."
- The evidence in John Thompson's case was always there...It just had to be **revealed and enforced**.

**Things To Ponder**

- What verdict have you been living under?
- What report have you accepted?
- Where have you settled?

**My Encouragement to You:**

- Do not wait for symptoms to change before you believe...
- Believe first and stand until what's true becomes visible.

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### **PERSONAL FAITH DECLARATION (Read Together)**

#### **“My Verdict Is Settled”**

“Today, I choose to agree with the Word of God.

I declare that Jesus has already paid the price for my healing.

According to Isaiah 53:5, by His stripes I am healed.

According to 1 Peter 2:24, I was healed.

I reject every diagnosis that contradicts the finished work of Jesus.

I will not settle into sickness.

I will not build my life around symptoms.

I will not agree with fear.

I fight the good fight of faith.

I stand on the truth.

I declare what God has already said.

My body aligns with the Word.

My life aligns with the cross.

I walk in healing.

I live in freedom.

In Jesus' name, Amen.”

### **CLOSING**

- Don't let a temporary report make you settle for a permanent lie. Jesus already secured your verdict of healing.”