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Divine Healing

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Psalm 107:19–21

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Psalm

... LESSON 1

• FOR THE LEADER

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FOR THE LEADER

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

The spoken word can be a representation of the person speaking. It can carry weight and power. The words of God are representative of His character and nature. His Word also carries power for healing. Just one word from God changes everything. How much do we believe in the power of God's Word?

THINK ABOUT IT:

- What kind of impact do our words have?
- What kind of impact do God's words have?



PREP

- paper (one sheet per boy)
- pens or pencils (one per boy)

• Notes •

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· READ



· REFLECT



· RESPOND



READ

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Psalm 107:19–21

Words can take many different forms. They can be fun, like when playing Hangman or Scrabble. They can be inspiring and motivational, like many of the words of amazing men like Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and John F. Kennedy. Words also have the potential to be hurtful, which can be easily seen in the teasing on an elementary school playground. Regardless of the form a word takes, it has the potential to be powerful.

In Psalm 107 we are reminded of how much power words can have. In verse 19 the author tells us that our words can gain the attention of God himself. Whenever God's people used their words to cry out for His help in a time of trouble, God heard them. As a matter of fact, He not only heard them but also answered their cries. When is the last time you used your words to call out to God?

Then, in verse 20 we are told that with just a word God has the power to heal. That is a pretty powerful word. God's word can make

any sickness or disease go away! He can heal broken bones, headaches, cancer, or anything. Just like our words can represent us, God's words represent Him and therefore carry the full weight of His authority as the Lord of everything. We see that word-power played out on earth through the life of Jesus when He spoke and a Roman centurion's servant was healed. Jesus wasn't even in the same place as the servant, but that didn't matter. God is so powerful that even over long distances His Word is enough to heal people completely.

So, if God's Word can bring healing, where do we go to hear that Word? The answer is the Bible. Throughout the Scriptures we read God's words of promise for healing and numerous examples of people He's healed. The question becomes, do we believe in the power of His Word?

Finally, verse 21 shows a great example of how we should use words to express thanksgiving and praise for the good things God has done for us and who He is. Why do you think giving thanks and praise is so important? The Bible tells us that God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3, KJV). Our words lifted in praise and thanksgiving have the power to welcome in the very presence of God. Like we read above in verse 19, our words lifted to God get His attention. God really loves to hear our words used in praise!

Words are powerful, so use yours wisely! Use

them to tell others about healing in your life. Encourage your friends, family, teachers, neighbors, and others using kind and uplifting words. Sometimes kind words are all the medicine people need when they are going through bad times. Also, pray for healing when you are sick or you know of others who are sick. God wants to heal you and He is never too far for His Word to reach you!

PRAYER: God, thank You for hearing me when I cry out to You. I believe in the power of Your Word to heal and deliver. I ask You to heal any hurt or broken part of my life. Speak Your word of healing over me. I thank and praise You for who You are and for Your love for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.



REFLECT

Take a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil. At the top of the paper, write the words “divine healing.” When the commander says go, take 60 seconds to write as many words as you can make using the letters in the words “divine healing.” The person with the most correctly spelled words at the end of 60 seconds is the winner.



RESPOND

In the next week set up a time with a pastor or leader in your church to talk about healing. This can be done in person, over the phone, by e-mail, or however may be convenient. Ask the following questions and report what you learned to your Rangers leader, parents, or patrol.

- What is your favorite Bible verse about divine healing?
- Do you remember a time in this church, your ministry, or your own personal life where you saw firsthand the healing power of God?
- What part does worship play in praying for healing?

7-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN
 Sunday ·
 Monday ·
 Tuesday ·
 Wednesday ·
 Thursday ·
 Friday ·
 Saturday ·

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