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### AWAKENING HEALING

#### Session 2 of Part 6

#### Healing Made Simple:

#### Stepping Into Authority and Confronting the Lies That Hold Us Back

Art Thomas delivers a comprehensive and empowering message on healing ministry, aiming to demystify healing and help believers step into the authority Jesus has given them. His central message is that **healing is simple**, rooted in Jesus' finished work, and does not rely on the sick person's faith—but rather on the believer ministering healing.

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#### Healing Is Simple and Biblical

Art emphasizes that **healing does not require pressure or striving**. Even dead people—who cannot have faith—were raised by Jesus, showing that healing comes through **the faith of the minister**, not the sick person. He challenges Christians to **take ownership** of ministering healing, just as Jesus taught His disciples.

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#### God's Will and Healing

One of the biggest objections people raise is, "If God always wants to heal, why isn't everyone healed?" Art responds by explaining that **God's will is not always done**—just as not all are saved, even though God desires everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9). Likewise, healing is provided for all (1 John 2:2), even if not all experience it.

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#### Responding to Objections

Art addresses several scriptural objections:

- **Pool of Bethesda:** Jesus healed only one person to avoid premature crucifixion, not because others weren't worthy. Later in Acts 5, everyone in that area was healed—**God's will was ultimately fulfilled**.
- **Job:** Satan caused Job's affliction, not God. The only New Testament reference to Job praises **God's compassion and mercy** in the end (James 5).



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- **Jacob's limp:** Scripture never says Jacob limped for life. Art debunks this myth with close reading of the text.
- **Paul's "thorn in the flesh":** Not a sickness, but a **demonic messenger** causing persecution. Paul didn't need healing but **grace to endure and overcome** repeated opposition.
- **Timothy and Trophimus:** Medicine and delays in healing don't invalidate God's will to heal. Paul sometimes moved on due to ministry demands, but healing remained part of God's plan.

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### Faith, Doubt, and Unbelief

Art explains that **faith is action based on trust**, not a feeling or mental state. Doubts may exist in the mind, but what matters is obedience. Even when doubts whisper "this won't work," **choosing to act in faith proves trust in Jesus**.

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### Deliverance and Healing

Sometimes afflictions have a **demonic cause**, such as a "spirit of infirmity." Art teaches that if symptoms **shift around the body** or if a person experiences **panic or fear during prayer**, these are signs of demonic presence. He instructs believers to **command the spirit to leave** and then minister healing.

Deliverance should be **simple and quiet**, not theatrical. Jesus cast out demons "with a word" (Matt. 8:16), and so should we.

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### Prayer and Fasting for Authority

When Jesus told His disciples that certain demons "only come out by prayer and fasting," Art interprets this to mean **intimacy with God produces authority**. Fasting and prayer develop trust, and that trust builds confidence to confront tougher cases.

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### Spiritual Identity and Authority

Art prepares listeners for the next session, where he will dive deeper into **identity in Christ**. He believes that recognizing who we are in Jesus—righteous, commissioned, and filled with His Spirit—is the **foundation for healing, deliverance, and effective evangelism**.

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### Encouragement to Act

The message ends with a strong call to action: **stop waiting** to feel ready, perfect, or spiritual enough. Jesus already gave us authority—**walk in it**. Healing, deliverance, and the transformation of culture all flow from **a believer who knows Jesus and acts in faith**.