

## 8. How does God heal?

### Authority, love, relationship, character

Best & David, *Kingdom II*, 30-36, 94-106; Wimber, *Power Healing*, 62-72.

#### God's Authority and Kingdom Rule

1. **Establishing God's authority.**
  - **Our God is the ultimate power and authority.**
  - **We are ambassadors under his authority.**
  - **The danger of power....**
  
2. **How do we walk in God's Authority?**
  - **God's authority comes through relationship.**
  - **We maintain our relationship with him through obedience.**
  - **Walking in God's authority is not a magical process!**
  
3. **Why does God choose to work his power through us?**

#### A Lifestyle of Authentic Service

4. **We are called to follow Jesus' example of service.**
  - **He set an example:**
    - By not seeking position or glory for himself;
    - Serving others, rather than requiring service from others;
    - Accepting injustice without retaliation.
  
  - **We are called to follow his example by:**
    - Setting aside our own ambitions to focus on the needs of others;
    - Serving others irrespective of our rank or position;
    - Accepting unjust treatment with class and grace.

5. **Who are we called to serve?**
- **Our brothers and sisters in the faith, because:**
    - We are interdependent;
    - Every part of the body of Christ is important.
  - **The lost, because we are called to be:**
    - Good news!
    - Light in a dark world.
  - **The poor, because:**
    - We are called to stand against oppression and poverty in all its forms – both mental and physical;
    - God has a heart for the poor.
  - **Our enemies, because:**
    - Jesus did!
6. **What is our motivation for service?**
7. **Our confidence is sourced in God's faithfulness to us.**
- He makes 3 promises:**
- **A promise of direction.**
  - **A promise of strength.**
  - **A promise of relationship.**