

My Struggle With Faith and Illness

Does God Still Heal Sickness?

Core Message: God is our healer—Yahweh Ropheka—and all healing ultimately flows from Him. While God can and does heal instantly and supernaturally, He also works through natural means such as medicine and physicians. Rabbi Schneider shares his personal struggle with illness to highlight the mystery and balance in the doctrine of divine healing. Faith in God includes trusting Him through the process, even when healing doesn't come in the way or timing we expect.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (1 Timothy 5:23)** "No longer drink water exclusively but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."
 - **(Exodus 15:26)** "And He said, 'If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and listen to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.'"
 - **(Numbers 6:24-26)** "The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD cause His face to shine on you And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace."
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- "God is _____ Ropheka, Yahweh Rapha. He is our healer."
- "I love the doctrine of divine healing. I love it so much because it brings God so _____."
- "There is an element of _____ and _____ surrounding the doctrine of divine healing."

- "Let's not let what we don't understand keep us from _____ and _____ what we do understand."
- "All healing comes from God, but sometimes God uses _____."
- "Paul didn't rebuke Timothy for his lack of faith... instead, Paul told Timothy to drink wine as a _____."
- "I'm still not on the medicine. So, I tried it again... I supernaturally _____ over time."

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

Reflection Questions:

1. In what ways have you experienced or witnessed God's healing in your life or in others?

2. What does it mean to trust God as your healer while still using medical treatment?

3. How can embracing the "mystery and balance" of healing deepen your faith journey?

4. What Scriptures can you meditate on this week to strengthen your faith in God's healing power?

5. Concerning healing, what is the most impactful truth you have received from this teaching?

Application Challenge of the Week:

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Prayer Prompts:

- Thank God for being your Healer in every season of life.
- Ask for wisdom to discern the healing path He provides.
- Pray for peace when healing doesn't come as expected.

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(Numbers 6:22-27)