

Healing My Mouth Sore

Jeremiah 30:17

*"But I will restore you to health
and heal your wounds, declares the Lord."*

For many months I was suffering. I had a calcium deposit in my mouth that would rub my tongue like sandpaper while I was preaching. I would finish the service with bleeding gums. It was painful. I went to the dentist, then to an oral surgeon. He ground it off and sewed it up. After a week or so, it grew back. It kept scraping on my tongue when I spoke. This went on for months. I was in pain every time I preached. I asked the Lord to heal me. I was doing everything the doctors told me to do, but it just kept coming back.

One of the godly men in our church came up to me after a service and asked, "Pastor Dick, why haven't you called for the elders to come and anoint and pray for you?" I felt that was a rebuke to me. I responded that the Lord hadn't told me to do so, and when He does tell me, I will do it.

Another couple of months went by and I was leading a prayer retreat at a church camp. There were probably about twenty lay people gathered around in a circle and just a few pastors. While we were in the middle of that prayer service, the Lord whispered to my heart, "Now I want you to ask to be anointed and prayed for." I looked around and thought, "Oh, it's mostly lay people. They aren't elders or pastors." But the Lord said now was the time. I told them the story of my calcium deposit and how it was not healed after many months. I said, "I need you to anoint and pray for me." All of them came forward and I knelt down. They prayed for me. Nothing happened.

The next morning I woke up and as I prepared to go to breakfast, I realized there was no pain in my mouth. I could feel no calcium rubbing my tongue. I went to the bathroom, opened my mouth real wide and looked in with a flashlight. That calcium deposit was gone. The redness was gone. The scar tissue was gone. There was no evidence that irritation had ever been there. God had healed me!

So when the Lord tells you that you need to be anointed and prayed for that's him stimulating your faith and saying, "Now is the time."