**5 Step Prayer Model**

**Interview** (Encourage them not to hold back, take the time to work through this)

* What can you tell me about this infirmity?
* Do you know the cause?
* Why do you think you have this problem?
* How does it make you feel?
* Does this run in the family? What can you tell me about that?
* Is there a significant or traumatic event connected with how it started?
* First thing the Holy Spirit brings to mind: Are you harboring anger about this or anything else? Are you harboring un-forgiveness about this or anything else? Are you afraid about where this is going? Is there someone whom you feel is just in the wrong (bitter root judgments)?
* Has anyone cursed you or your family? Is anyone particularly angry with you? Are you accident prone?
* Faith building, things to mention
	+ At times healing is felt, others feel nothing but get healed
	+ Some are healed within a few days of prayer, no discouragements continue to seek the Lord as He may reveal more
	+ If pain increases or moves it can be an afflicting spirit
	+ Tell me what you feel as we go, share what happens
	+ Don’t pray, relax eyes closed (or open) and focus on your body, sit as needed, let me know if you get distracted

**Diagnosis and Prayer Selection**

* Diagnosis, either from info gathered and/or the Lord’s leading
* Deal with any revealed root issues
* Command the condition
* Deal decisively with any afflicting spirit

**Prayer Ministry: Praying for Effect**

* Invite the Holy Spirit, if no clear leading petition that He show us what He is doing, or where to start praying, come and touch this person’s body
* Look for visible cues, ask what they are experiencing
* As an Ambassador of Christ command the body to respond in Jesus’ name
* If no effect revisit root cause
* Be obedient
* This is not a time for advice or preaching, it is a time to expect the healing to happen, speak-declare-command what needs to happen in Jesus’ name
* Go for full manifestation, don’t let the person stop short
* In everything give thanks for this is the will of God
* Everything done is in Jesus’ name
* Comforter, stand by and help in time of need, not the accuser of the brethren (no condemnation)

**Stop and Re-interview**

* Ask if the person is better
* Stop and ask them what is going on as a means to see what the Father is doing, their perception, thoughts, feelings, what is happening in their body
* Revisit some of the initial questions if need be
* Stop when the person is healed, when they want you to stop, when the Holy Spirit tells you to stop, when you are gaining no more ground and there is no where left to go (no expectancy left)

**Post-Prayer Suggestions**

* If it was an afflicting spirit counsel them to draw near to God, the unsaved have no defense
* Do they need to be led to salvation?
* Help them grow in faith
* As appropriate, direct them to scripture or a book on healing, perhaps their horizon needs to be opened and then come back for another session
* Encourage them to be thankful for what they do have, did receive, tell others especially family and friends about their healing
* If the root cause was a lifestyle issue encourage them to make the lifestyle changes necessary to maintain health (body is the temple of the Holy Spirit)
* Afflicting spirits may try and return, they must be met with faith not with doubt or fear, rebuke such a spirit and command it to leave in Jesus’ name
* If need be and if led commit to fasting and prayer to discern any short-fall, then re-engage (best if both fast and pray?)