



DIVING DEEPER

LIVING WHAT WE LEARN

"God Our Healer"

What Bible stories do you think of when you think of healings in scripture?

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever." HEB 13:8

When you know the Healer...you can trust Him even before the healing comes.

1. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE HEALER

Exodus 15:26. 26 He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you."

Sometimes we limit healing to physical sickness.

But God heals much more than bodies.

What are some healings you have seen in your life or in someone else's?

Have you ever had God heal a broken heart, marriage, addiction, guilt, shame, bitterness or fear?

Psalms 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

God's compassion never fails!



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Faith does not Ignore pain! Faith doesn't deny pain. Faith brings pain to Jesus.

What pains are you dealing with right now in your life?

**Are they physical? Spiritual? Mental?
Emotional? Financial? Relational?**

How do you take that pain to Jesus?

Do you believe He cares about that area of your life?

2. JESUS REVEALED GOD'S HEART THROUGH HEALING

Matthew 8:16–17. 16 That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. 17 This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."

Jesus never turned away the hurting, and everywhere He went, hurting people found HOPE.

Matthew 8:2–3. 2 Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."

3 Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.



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Did the man question Jesus' ability?

Did you catch that before Jesus healed him, He touched him.

Under the laws back then, lepers were untouchable.

Why would Jesus need to touch him before he healed him?

Sometimes people need compassion before correction. Sometimes they need someone to care before someone preaches.

Jesus could have healed with only a word. Instead...

He reached out His hand. What an incredible picture of grace.

Is there anyone in your life you may need to show compassion to in their current state?

Do you think acts of love can prepare the heart for the miracle to come?

The greatest miracle isn't simply a healthy body. The greatest miracle is a transformed heart.

Everyone will physically die. Period. Jesus came to heal what we could never heal ourselves.

Ultimately, the cross is God's greatest act of healing.

What needs healing in you today? Your body? Emotions, family, heart?



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What do you do when your healing doesn't come as quickly as you'd hope?

3. KEEP TRUSTING THE HEALER, EVEN WHILE YOU ARE WAITING

James 5:13–16: 13 Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. 14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. 16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Prayer is not our last resort. Prayer is our first response.

What are some ways God's healing can come?

Have you seen a healing come in an instant? Over time? Through medicine? Through surgery? Through counseling? Through faithful believers walking beside us?

There is no limit HOW God chooses to heal.

How do you keep your faith in GOD not in a particular outcome?

Sometimes the greatest miracle is not that God changes our circumstances.



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Sometimes the greatest miracle is that He gives us strength to walk through them with peace, hope, and confidence.

Are you in a storm that God is not removing you FROM but carrying you THROUGH?

Are you able to keep your faith despite discouragement?

Are you continuing to pray?

Are you continuing to trust?

Are you continuing to go to church and lifegroup and get together with other believers?

Revelation 21:4: 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Our hope is not just with THIS life, our hope is in eternity with Jesus Christ. Don't forget that.

Don't put your confidence merely in healing.

Put your confidence in the Healer.

Are you ready to place your confidence in who God is and not what he does for you?

What was the biggest take away from today's lesson?