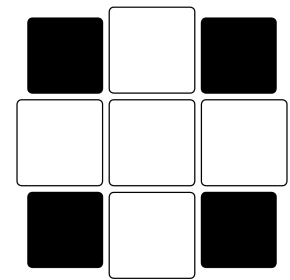


Jesus Heals

Scripture: **Luke 4:38-41**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, July 9, 2017



REDEEMER
FELLOWSHIP

Overview

It is common for us to want to be healed from our pain and experience relief from it. This is true for both physical pain as well as other forms of pain, whether emotional, spiritual, or relational. In such circumstances, we can choose to seek Jesus right away or we can choose to deal with it on our own and put off seeking Jesus until later, as a backup plan. As Christ-followers, we should trust in God's promises and believe that He seeks our good and will come to our aid when called upon. Also, it's important to consider that God's desire to heal extends to the whole person – body and soul – not merely the physical. Oftentimes, physical ailments may have a spiritual component, as suggested by the passage in Luke 4:38-41. What God ultimately wants from his people is to depend on Him and to glorify Him, especially in times of trouble. This should compel us to realize that **without dependence on God, there can be no true healing**. In addition, our dependence on God shows humility, while our weakness reveals His strength.

Corroborating Texts

James 4:3-4; 1 John 5:13-15; Psalm 121:1-8; Luke 5:17-26; 2 Corinthians 12:9

Discussion Questions

1. Are you the type of person who doesn't like to go to the doctor? If so, why?
2. Why do we sometimes wait to seek Jesus when we're in times of trouble? [our pride, self-reliance, lack of trust, weak faith] Share a specific instance where you put off seeking Jesus in a time of trouble. What was your primary motive for doing so?
3. In the Luke 4:38-39 passage, the fact that Jesus "rebuked the fever" indicates a spiritual component behind the fever—likely an evil, demonic spirit in this case. Why do you think some physical ailments have a spiritual component? Share a specific instance where your physical ailment had a spiritual component. How did you deal with it? How did you seek healing for it?
4. Read the passage in Luke 5:17-26. How is forgiveness and healing tied together?
5. Read the passages in James 4:3-4 and 1 John 5:13-15. How do we know what we're asking God is with correct motives? How do we know what we're asking is according to His will?
6. In what ways can we practice dependence? How does our dependence show God's glory?
7. Jesus could have healed without touching, yet wanted that personal touch in order to show compassion. What are ways that our church and our CG, can be seeking to heal others?