

## Who Will Restore the Weak Back to Health and Honor?



**"They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold." (Job 24:7)**

**M**ay I share with you a burden that's heavy upon my heart? There are many children of God who are naked—stripped of their nobility. They wear nothing but the shame of calamity, and they wander from place to place seeking refuge, but find none.

The winds blow, the rain beats down upon them, and the thunder pronounces their doom. Their eyes are vacant—their cold, distant stares see nothing but more of the heartache that brought them to this awful place of anguish. They have become injured in the fight,

too weak to go on. Whether their tragedy was caused by any fault of their own or inflicted by others, they still have no place to rest or recover. Who will restore these weak ones back to health and honor?

**There is a desperate need for a recovery room for these wounded warriors! A place of healing, salvation, and unconditional love.** In this special place of refuge, restoration and healing occurs, freedom takes place, and ugly scars are transformed into baby soft skin by His power.

It should grieve our hearts when these wounded ones are turned away from churches with nowhere to escape the cold. Papa's heart is grieved that so many places are preoccupied with their own agendas and vision that there is no one to care for or listen to the broken ones. Many have become insulated and apathetic, so that they can no longer feel the pain and heartache of those who need them most. The Lord is calling the church to be like a spiritual intensive care unit where all His children can find refuge, specialized care, and recovery. He will send His dying, broken, repentant souls into such a church!

**The Lord is pouring His compassion and mercy into the hearts of those who are open to receive all of His children, holy and unholy alike. We live in a desperate time, where intensive care is needed more than at any other time in history.** Because Satan knows his time is short, he is bombarding the earth with temptation and snares. He seduces God's children with all forms of ungodly temptations, and he mocks them for their weakness when they fall. Many have been wounded in the fight, yet those fallen warriors are desperate to come home and find healing and freedom.

The Lord's deepest desire is to usher these precious ones in and equip them with the tools to stand as mighty warriors and defeat the enemy on our home court. Father has already won this battle, but He needs us to stand with Him to bring it about (See Exodus 14:4).

**For those who have fallen into the depths of sin or suffering, we must provide a safe place of refuge, a spiritual care unit. So many today say this is NOT the job of the church, but I plead with you not to harden your hearts or fail to show true compassion and mercy to those who repent and seek restoration and to be refreshed.** What if it were you or someone in your close family who was devastated beyond words and you needed a place to go and heal?

Jesus is the Great Physician, and it is He who performs spiritual surgeries. Our job is to gently nurse the weak back to health by leading them in prayers of repentance before God, after which they will see a mighty display of His power. The awful sting of death and the curse will be shattered, exchanged for life everlasting. The sin and malignancy that plague the soul will fall away, and healing will occur by His blood.

When desperate, fallen warriors are in the recovery room, they are not to be left alone. Never abandon them to heal on their own; embrace them, fill them with hope and encouragement from the Word, reassuring them that you will not leave them until they have fully recovered.

When the Lord spoke of the ministry of the church, to feed the hungry and visit those in prison, He mentioned clothing the naked (Matt. 25:36). If He places that much emphasis on physical needs, how much more should we clothe and minister to those whose spirits have been shamefully exposed? Tenderly clothe the wounded with love, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Enfold the naked in a blanket of God's tender care, and keep them warm under a comforter of forgiveness and support.

**These desperate ones are on my heart right now. They need "spiritual medics" filled with compassion to come to them with words of healing and hope. They need gentle, intensive ministry.** In the Old Testament, there were whole cities, called 'cities of refuge', where the needy could go to recover. Let the church be a city of refuge where recovery, healing, and restoration take place, nurturing back to health every wounded warrior regardless of how his wounds came about.

I know one person cannot help everyone; this is truly impossible as only Jesus can help everyone, but if all of us try to reach someone who is hurting by even a kind word, a simple prayer, a loving embrace, or intensive care, we will see the most powerful representation of Jesus the world has ever seen!

The Lord has called the church to be a Bethesda: a place where the hurting can come and find healing; a place where the worst of the worst can receive mercy and forgiveness. If they can't come to church to find help...where can they go? When you, as His people, feed the hungry, heal the wounded, and love the lost, you are doing His will. So step out and let Him use you now!

**"<sup>1-2</sup> O my soul, bless GOD.  
From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name!  
O my soul, bless GOD,  
don't forget a single blessing!**

**<sup>3-5</sup> He forgives your sins—every one.  
He heals your diseases—every one.  
He redeems you from hell—saves your life!  
He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.**

**He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.  
He renews your youth—you're always young in his presence."**

(Psalm 103:2-5, MSG)

### **A Prophetic Word**

**"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."** (Psalms 27:14)

My Precious Child,

Calamity of Heart, you cry! All is lost and my heart is weak and broken. If you could peel the skin back to expose everything underneath, the world would plainly see the damage afflicting my soul.

Right now, My word to you is alive and powerful if you will respond to it. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. **This word has quickening power—you are to "Wait on Me..."**

Yes, wait on Me. Hold your wounded heart out to Me and I will strengthen you. As you hold still and allow my Spirit to calm your fears and worries I will pour over you healing oil. Be of good courage, for I am gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. I will show myself faithful and powerful in mending your heart—only come and wait on Me to touch you. **Be still and know that I am God!** (Psalms 46:10)

Do not rush this process. Let rivers of living water flow over the scarred places of your heart, until I fill your heart with My tender love that heals and restores as nothing else can.

When I begin to blow My healing breath upon your heart, you will feel like you are coming alive and will be tempted to run back out to the battlefield prematurely. Hold steady and refuse to budge from that secret place of waiting until I give you the signal. Then you will be a mighty warrior—ready, eager, and empowered to win!

As you wait and hold still, I will do a deep work in you. Like a skilled surgeon who cuts away the infected parts, I will cut away all anger, bitterness, resentment, and carnal works

of the flesh. I will remove every harmful thing from within your soul while cleansing you with healing waters.

**And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart** so you more closely reflect the heart of your Heavenly Daddy. (Ezekiel 36:26)

The healing process is critical, so let me stress again, do not rush Me. Only wait and watch your Great Physician and Healer restore you to perfect health. You will become My masterpiece! I am not through with you, so stay put, and patiently wait for My healing water to saturate and restore you. My water will purify you and set you apart for Myself, giving you a heart of flesh for a heart of stone, so you can work in unity with Me. Together, we can change the world!

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