

Healing in You - Song Story by Dan Adler

In 2009, I had the privilege to begin leading a choir at the Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul, Minnesota. The choir members were mostly residents of the Mission – who had previously been homeless – along with a few staff members. The choir sang all songs that I had written and that we performed with the Heart of the City Band. The choir would have some concerts where they were the featured group and a few Heart of the City singers would front the group as soloists, and then we'd have other Heart of the City Band events where the choir would back up the band. It was always a great experience.

I was able to do lead that choir for nine years until budget cutbacks forced the Mission to have to drop the choir. But I loved leading that very transient group of people who would come in and out of the choir. They weren't very great singers most of the time, but those who had met Jesus, had a lot of passion to sing to Him and about Him! The songs also served to be a ministry to them in their newfound faith and sobriety. So I was always, literally, "singing to the choir"!

I remember one year, the choir and the Heart of the City Band led a New Year's eve concert at a large church in the Twin Cities area. It was worshipful and joyous and fun! At the end of the evening, one man in the choir told me "That was the best night of my life!" Boy! My heart just leapt in joy hearing that! No booze, no drugs, but praise and worship and that's what made this the best night of this man's life!

In 2016, the Mission agreed to help fund a CD where the Union Gospel Mission Changed Lives Choir would be on a Heart of the City Band CD for the first time. In writing songs for that project, I often thought of the choir members singing these songs. I thought about the terrible things that many had been through – things done to them and/or things they had done – and how God was taking them out of that dark past into a new life. And so I was inspired to write the song "Healing in You".

But as I always told the choir members, though I've never done drugs or been addicted to alcohol or been homeless, I feel very much like one of them. I've made plenty of bad choices. I've had so many sins in my life. My life has looked neater and more put together on the outside, but my struggle with sin has been great as well and I need the mercy and healing of God as much as they do. So, as always, in writing these lyrics, though I wrote them for the choir, I also wrote them for me. Thank God for His healing love, mercy, forgiveness and grace! Through Jesus, we all, whatever our background, find ourselves being forgiven, healed and guided forward by His love and mercy!

Healing in You words & music by Dan Adler

CHORUS: I'm finding healing in You, healing in You
Jesus, You know where I've been and all that I've been through
I'm finding healing in You, healing in You
Through Your love and grace I'm finding healing in You

1. I've walked on paths I wish I'd never taken
Sleeping in the bed of my own makin'
Locked up in the bondage of my sin
But now You're here to set me free again *(to Chorus)*

2. I've made so many wrong and foolish choices
I've listened to so many foolish voices
But when I turned to You in my despair
Your Holy Spirit came and met me there *(to Chorus)*

BRIDGE:

You heal and remake me! You'll never forsake
With Your lovingkindness You're healing my blindness
You comfort my aching when my heart is breaking
You cleanse me from all of my sin *(to Chorus)*

I'm finding healing, healing in You *(repeat 8 times)*

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