

# **OUR GREAT PHYSICIAN**

Week 40 | March 3, 2025

"But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be **whole**. He was whipped so we could be **healed**."

Isaiah 53:5

Of all the *amazing promises* contained in the Gospel, one of the most **needed** and yet **underutilized** guarantees is that of our total and <u>complete healing</u>. Yes, Christ came to *save us* from our **sins** and *deliver us* from the **eternal death** we all deserve. But He also came to <u>offer us healing</u> in the here and now, to provide the *spiritual*, *mental*, and *physical* **restoration** that we <u>desperately need</u>. In this *lost* and *dying* world, we serve <u>The Great Physician</u>, and He wants to do **His great work** in our families, churches, and communities by:

#### 1. BINDING our Brokenness (Isaiah 61:1)

- a. NOTE: Within all of us resides something that is broken, something that we should be able to do but are <u>unable to accomplish</u>. Whether it is due to a painful memory or a genetic trait, there are parts of our heart and mind that have been <u>shattered</u> and <u>destroyed</u>. For some, it is our ability to trust others or fully experience joy. For others, it might be our capacity to hope or clearly communicate. Whatever the case, our God can, will, and wants to heal it all! (Psalm 34:18)
  - i. For Ex. "Lord God, thank You for coming to make us whole again. Thank You for coming to put together all of the broken pieces of our heart, for seeking out our total healing and restoration. Please, Lord, come now into our lives and bind up all that is broken, repairing and restoring all that has been shattered and torn apart. Only You are able, Father, for You are the missing piece that ties it all together."
    - 1. **REMEMBER:** Even those **born broken** don't have to *stay so.* (<u>John 9</u>)

### 2. MENDING our Wounds (Psalm 147:3)

a. **NOTE:** We have also all been **wounded**, *hurt deeply* by people, things, and life in general. These wounds, if left <u>undealt with</u>, can and will suck the **joy**, **love**, and **energy** out of our life and lead to *further injury* of ourself and others. The <u>process of mending</u> can be **painful**, as any suture would be, but in the end it is *worth it*. For as the scars are healed we can <u>live as intended</u>, full of all of the abundant **grace** and **mercy** that God has *poured into us*. (Job 5:18)

- i. For Ex. "Father God, our Great Physician, thank You for nursing and tending to our wounds. I am grateful to know that You have seen everything that's happened to us, that You know it all. Because of this, You alone are able to mend these tears in our heart and soul, sewing up the gaping wounds deep within. Come now into these damaged areas, Lord, and minister to us Your healing ministry so that we might be restored completely from the inside out."
  - REMEMBER: In order to mend we must invite Christ INTO our wounds. (Revelation 3:20)

## 3. CURING our Sickness (Psalm 103:3)

- a. **NOTE:** Our **sicknesses** are the *flawed and twisted* ways of <u>thinking or feeling</u> that develop as a **result of <u>sin</u>**, whether it be our *own sin*, that of those *around us*, or the sinful *fallen world* we live in. For some it is a <u>crippling anxiety</u> that **debilitates** and prevents *forward movement*. For others it can be a <u>stifling depression</u> that makes it hard to get *out of bed*. With others still it is an <u>inability to be content</u> with anything, no matter how wondrous the gift may be. *Whatever the disease*, our Savior has **the cure**! (<u>Matthew 4:23</u>)
  - i. For Ex. "My Dear Lord, thank You for making us fearfully and wonderfully after Your own image. Thank You for coming to redeem, reclaim, and restore our hearts and minds and for the cleansing power of Your blood. Come now into all of our sickness and purify our bodies, souls, and hearts of all that is not of You. Wash us, Lord, that we might be made clean and free of all sickness and disease mentally, spiritually, and physically. Thank You for holding the cure and for granting it to us today."
    - 1. **REMEMBER:** God wants to heal **the root disease**, not just *the symptoms* of the sickness. (Mark 2:1-12)

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

- How long will you limp around on a broken leg before you ask God to heal you?
  - o Don't mistake **your brokenness** for a part of *your identity*, God has made you new!
- Are you grateful for your scars?
  - Remember, they only appear <u>upon our healing</u> and they serve as a <u>reminder</u> of <u>lessons</u> <u>learned</u>. But <u>take heart</u>, for even they will one day be <u>completely removed</u>.
- Did you think your sickness was incurable? That you were just stuck with it forever?
  - Don't give up, don't give in. Keep on seeking His cure, keep on asking for His relief, and keep on resting in His strength during the waiting.