

Healing Faith

Luke 8:43-48

We believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Faith is a key to successfully working the second step. For some of us faith comes easily. For others, especially if we have experienced betrayal, it may be more difficult. Sometimes we must exhaust all of our own resources in trying to overcome our addictive "disease" before we will risk believing in a higher Power.

When Jesus lived on earth, he was so renowned for his healing power that crowds of sick people constantly pressed in on him. One day there was "a woman in the crowd [who] had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped." Jesus realized that someone had deliberately touched him, because he felt heal- ing power go out from him. When the woman confessed that she was the one who had been healed, Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well. Go in peace" (Luke 8:43-44, 48).

In order to recover we must follow the example of this woman. We cannot afford to stand back, hoping for "cures," and avoid deliberate action because of our lack of faith. We may have lived with our condition for many years, spending our resources on promising "cures" without success. When we can come to believe in God, a power greater than ourselves, and have the faith to take hold of our own recovery, we will find the healing power we have been looking for.

The Importance of Hope

Without hope we are miserable; hope is the driving force behind all recovery. If we had no hope, there would be no possibility of recovery. Understanding who Jesus is gives each of us a hope that can transcend even our deepest despair. In the Gospel of Matthew, we see and hear the message of hope that is available to everyone, not just to a select group of people. Jesus' resurrection forms the basis our hope because in it God demonstrated his power over death.

Hope Replaces Despair

Luke 8:43-44

Luke, who was a physician himself, noted that medical doctors had been unable to do anything for this woman's chronic illness. By faith, God's power did the impossible. As with many of Jesus' miracles, this incident shows that one who trusts in God can experience hope where hope where previously there had been only despair. Recovery may seem beyond the scope of most doctors, but it is well within the miraculous works that God does for people who look to him in faith.

Concerning True Faith

Luke 10:21

Luke 10:21 tells us where to look for true wisdom. Many of us have spent years looking for wisdom that will help us in the recovery process. We may have begun to think it is hard, if not impossible, to come by. Often reason we find true wisdom so elusive is that it is divinely and simply revealed to "the childlike." True wisdom does not come from the worldly-wise or from ivory-tower intellectuals. God's wisdom for recovery comes from reading his Word and simply trusting him, one day at a time. People in recovery can gain a great deal by following God's leading in childlike simplicity and trust.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study	At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship	At the building and live stream
Sunday	4:00 pm	Walking the 12 Steps with Jesus	At Pam & Rob's
Wednesday	10:30 am	Breakfast	CANCELLED FOR OCTOBER
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study	At Ella Smith's

Prayers and Praise

- Miya asks for prayers for Zion. Although the blood disease is stable, the disease is now attacking her bones and joints. She is being feed through the feeding tube but she is still losing weight. Chemo infusion will start again soon. As you go throughout your day or church service, can you please just pray for miracles.
- Darcy asks for prayers for Danny's dad, Lloyd – he's in the hospital right now and they're checking on his heart.
- Jean asks for prayers for her friend Sharon Stickley – problems with dizziness and bouts of vertigo.
- Prayers for all in our congregation and extended family dealing with Covid.
- Prayers for Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- Prayers for continued healing for Kay's nephew Jeremy.
- Prayers for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Prayers for health for Anna's Nana, Bonnie Borgstrom, and for her caregiver Barb
- Prayers for Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- Prayers for our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.

Faith and Endurance

James 1:2-4

In Matthew 11:25-30 we are told of the importance of childlike faith. Only when we come to Jesus as little children can we find recovery and relief for our emotional pain. Many of us think we can work things out our own way. In doing this, we miss this simple truth: God alone has the power to enable us in recovery. We cannot even begin recovery until we are willing to admit how powerless we are; this is the importance of childlike faith. Children are powerless and are very aware of that fact; they entrust themselves their parents each and every day. As we recognize how powerless we are over our dependencies, we ca:- entrust ourselves to God's loving care. He has all the power we need for full recovery.



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Glenn Langston - Blind Ministry	Nathan and Alvin Luther – Philippines	Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas
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Events Calendar

Oct 22 nd	Annual Chili Cookoff – 3:00 at the Queenans. Bring you best bowl of red to compete, or your best taste buds to judge! All are welcome – it’s a friends and family day !!
Nov 13 th	Orphan Sunday – On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for vulnerable children and families in their communities and around the world. We are a people called to defend the fatherless, seek justices, and show mercy and compassion. We do this not out of a sense of duty or guilty, but simply because He first loved us. We will take up a special collection – please pray about what you can do to support this work.
Dec 9 th -11 th	West Yellowstone Winter Retreat is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Retreat in December. You must register - registration information is on the table in the foyer.



The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

October 9, 2022

Welcome!

We’re a bible-based congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God and to support and encourage each other. All are welcome!

Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Meditation for Today

Pray – and keep praying until it brings peace and serenity and a feeling of communion with One who is near and ready to help. The thought of God is balm for our hates and fears. In praying to God, we find healing for hurt feelings and resentments. In thinking of God, doubts and fears leave us. Instead of those doubts and fears, there will flow into our hearts such faith and love as is beyond the power of material things to give, and such peace as the world can neither give nor take away. And with God, we can have the tolerance to live and let live.

I pray that I may have true tolerance and understanding. I pray that I may keep striving for these difficult things.