

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 7 :: **The Healing Hand of the King**

Treasure Story: Matthew 9:27-38

It does not take long for us to notice the frailty of our current bodies. A fall that produces a bruise or a person stricken by cancer reveals that our bodies are not meant to last forever. While having our physical sicknesses miraculously healed might be wonderful, we still have a greater sickness in our hearts called sin. Our hearts are sinful by nature apart from Christ. Only Jesus can offer that healing.

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“Jesus has come to redeem where it is wrong and heal the world where it is broken. His miracles are not just proofs that he has power but also wonderful foretastes of what he is going to do with that power.”

– Timothy Keller

Today's Treasure Story gives many examples of how Jesus healed people from deafness, blindness, and other diseases. However, what Jesus was showing was not just that He could heal our bodies but that He is the Messiah who can eternally heal our souls of sin. When Jesus addressed the sin problem of the people He healed, He was helping them get a glimpse of the beauty of His kingdom where sin is destroyed and God resigns supreme.

- **Look Out for the Hurting:** As you go about your day, run errands, or go to church, look around for those who are hurting or sick. As a family, look for those people and pray for them. Pray for healing but also pray that Jesus would work through them. If you feel inclined, approach them as a family and offer to pray for them.
- **Serving the Sick:** As a family, bake cookies or brownies and take them to a local children's hospital or hospice home. As you go, let those who are sick or hurting know that Jesus loves them and that you want to serve them. Then remember them and their families in your prayer time.

My Mission As Parent

- We cannot protect our children from every bump and bruise they will face. We cannot heal them when they are sick or hurting either, but we can point them to Christ who can heal them of their sin sickness. Let God use you in your children's lives to point them toward the ultimate Healer.
- Do you spend your family prayer time praying for the hurting people of the world? Set aside at least one night a week to pray for those who need healing. You can pray for their sickness and disease, but most importantly pray for their hearts to be restored. Let your hearts break over those who have not surrendered their hearts to Christ.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the hurting, sick, and diseased in your church community.
- Pray for healing in your own lives. Pray that your hearts would be healed.
- Praise God for sending Jesus to offer salvation through His blood.