

Pt 3: **HEALING** - *Jesus is our Healer*

Matthew 15:29-30 (nkjv)

Numerous Bible scholars have said that at times there were tens of thousands following Jesus.

Notice those who were following Jesus in the crowd...*having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed (crippled), and many others.*

What happened to them? They were *laid down at Jesus' feet and He healed them.*

31: *So the multitude marvelled (were amazed) when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.*

Miracles are signposts that point to God causing wonder and amazement in acknowledging that **He is God!**

... Our healing is found at Jesus' feet.

Matthew 15:30 (kjv)

The original meaning of the word *cast* is to "*throw with a sudden motion.*"

It's also used in **Matthew 27:5** (kjv) (speaking of Judas) *And he cast (threw) down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.*

Our healing of every sickness and disease is found at the feet of Jesus'.

Matthew 15:30b (kjv) *... and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and He healed them.*

... Four obstacles preventing us coming to the feet of Jesus.

1. The obstacle of Pride

Mark 5:21-24 (nkjv)

In **Mark 5:35-43** we see that Jairus' daughter was raised from the dead.

Jairus was *one of the rulers of the synagogue.* He was an important and a respected man in the community. In front of the multitudes he falls down admitting that he doesn't have all the answers and that he has a great need in his own life.

Pride is a paralysing condition. We have to empty ourselves of pride to be able humbly throw ourselves at Jesus' feet.

2 Kings 5:1 (nkjv)

Naaman is the commander of the army – a war hero and a friend of the king. He was rich, powerful, and famous. But ... he had leprosy!

The king finds out there is a prophet in Israel who had a healing ministry, so he sends Naaman to the prophet's house.

2 Kings 5:9-10 (nkjv)

Look at Naaman's response in **2 Kings 5:11-12** (nkjv)

Naaman's pride became an obstacle preventing the power of God to heal him.

2 Kings 5:13-14 (nkjv)

Every dip he took in that river was like taking off another layer of pride.

The lesson we can learn from Naaman is to not let our pride stop us from coming and throwing ourselves at the feet of Jesus.

2. The obstacle of believing healing is not for everyone

Mark 7:24-30 (nkjv)

It is important to understand that this woman was a Gentile and the Jews quite commonly referred to the Gentiles as dogs!

Jesus Himself indicated that His ministry was primary first to the Jews.
vs 27 *But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first..."*

He wasn't saying that healing wasn't for others but there was a pecking order. But she persisted in **vs 28** *And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."*

This woman knew she wasn't accepted by the Jews. She heard that Jesus' healing ministry was firstly for the Jews, but she overcame these obstacles and she fell at Jesus' feet believing Jesus would heal her daughter – and He did!

3. The obstacle of being too busy and occupied

Luke 10:38-42 (nkjv)

Mary sat at Jesus' feet and was attentive to His Word. But why didn't Martha?
Vs 41 (amp) *Martha was over occupied and too busy.*

We need to take the time necessary to sit at Jesus' feet being fed and watered by His Word. To be strengthened by being in His presence.

Luke 10:42 (nlt) *There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it- and I won't take it away from her.*

4. The obstacle of being bitter toward God

John 11:1-3 (nkjv)

The original writing of this says; *'Lazarus is sick and is getting sicker.'*

Vs 5-6 (nkjv) *Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick (and getting sicker), He stayed two more days in the place where He was.*

And when Jesus finally did go - Lazarus had been dead for two days!

John 11:32-35 (nkjv)

People may not want to openly admit this but something that hinders people from coming to Jesus' feet is the obstacle of their bitterness toward God.

In **John 10:22-40** we read where Jesus entered the temple and started to preach that He was the Christ. Then in vs **31** the Jews took up stones to stone Jesus.

Jesus made them angry and disgruntled. Let's pick it up in **John 10:39-40** (nkjv)

Who do you think was working behind the scenes to stir those religious leaders up against Jesus? The devil was!

John 10:10 (niv) *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...*

It was the devils manipulating influencing force behind the religious leaders.

John 11:7-10 (nkjv)

Jesus is basically saying *"I have received the illumination. It's safe to go back there now. If I went back when My emotions were pulling Me I would of walked right into a trap."*

John 11:11-15 (nkjv)

The point is; there was a reason why Jesus didn't go straight away to Lazarus.

Don't allow bitterness toward God keep you from coming to His feet. Continue to trust in Him that He knows best for us – even if we don't understand entirely.

...Conclusion

Back to our Gentile woman who wanted her daughter delivered of the demon.

Matthew 15:23 (nlt) ... *then His disciples urged Him to send her away. "Tell her to leave," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."*

Galatians 5:7 (nkjv) *You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?*

The word hindered here literally means **"to cut in on."**

(msg) *You were running superbly! Who cut in on you, deflecting you from the true course of obedience?*

Even the disciples tried to cut in on this Gentile woman. But she wouldn't stop. She held to the truth she had heard about Jesus that He heals.

That same truth is true for us today and that truth is found in;

1 Peter 2:24 (nkjv) *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed.*

We need to lift the level of our experience up to the level of God's promise and not try to bring God's Word down to the level of our experience.

We need to cling to the promise of healing God has promised. Hang on to it!