

Able—Healing Fall 2022

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“¹²While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” ¹³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” (Luke 5:12-14)

“by his wounds we are healed.” (Isa 53:5)

“...He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” (Isa; 61:1)

Consequences of the Fall

- 1) Sin divides us from God.

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden” (Gen 3:8).

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way” (Isa 53:6)

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“The man said, “The woman whom you gave me to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate”” (Gen 3:12).

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- 2) Sin divides us from one another.
- 3) Sin leads to internal division.

“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.” (Ro 7:15-17)

“and I will give you a new rulebook so that you can obey me.” But rather “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezek 36:26)

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.” (Mt 23:25)

Chapter 1: Learning in a Broken World

Chapter 2: God's Presence

Chapter 3: God's Community

Chapter 4: Learning to Love

A Process to Consider:

- 1) It begins with a personal willingness.

Two Questions:

- 1) Identify three experiences from your past that negatively affect you today. How do those experiences shape your day-to-day life with God and others? What would it be like for Jesus to come near and bring healing? How would it affect your everyday life?
- 2) Are there areas of your life that you keep hidden from others? Why is that? What would it look like to invite others into that area(s) so that they could pray with you about it?

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- 2) It leads to letting others help in the process
- 3) It always centers around the person of Jesus

“Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” (Acts 3:6)