

Sermon Title: I'm Here To Help You

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Introduction

I once heard a story about a preacher who was heading home from church when suddenly he was pulled over by an state trooper and when the trooper approach the vehicle he could smell alcohol.

Therefore he asked the preacher if he had been drinking to which the preacher replied I have not been drinking. I am a preacher however the trooper noticed there were thermoses in the front seat and asked the preacher to hand them over

When he opened the thermos to smell the content he looked at the preacher and said this is not water this is wine and the preacher shouted praise his holy name he has done it again.

There are many who have questioned the authenticity and accuracy concerning divine healing. There are many that believe miracle are nothing more than myth which have cause much division an much debate.

However when you study the scriptures you learn there were many miracles done but many continue to deny them and dismiss them even though the scripture confirm them.

Even the pharisee claimed the works of the lord were the works of the devil. In fact, they associated everything he did with the devil because they believed he was the devil himself

Because in matthew 12 you read where the lord healed a man with an withered hand and when the people saw what the lord had done they brought to him one possessed with an demon and when the demon was cast out the people shouted

They were convinced that he was the messiah but there were many who wanted them to think otherwise. They did not want the people to think that he possessed divine power but they had already seen too much because everywhere they turned they watched and witnessed the supernatural.

Therefore they could not help but believe he was the messiah because they had seen what he could do They had seen him cast demon out. They had seen him raise the dead. They had seen him heal the sick and cleanse the leper.

They had seen him calm the storm and walk upon the water. They had seen him turn the water into wine and they had seen him tell the lame man to rise up and walk and they were astonished and amazed.

Why? Because there was no one who could do what he could do and the pharisee absolutely hated it because the whole world had turned to him and there was nothing they were able to do about it.

They did not want them to believe he had power over death. They did not want them to believe he had power over demons. They did not want them to believe he had power over disease.

Instead they wanted them to believe that everything he did was associated with the devil but they had already seen too much to believe that he was not the messiah. They knew there was something special about him and they knew there was something supernatural about him and there was nothing the pharisee could do to stop him.

The Pharisees Tried To Stop Him
1. They Arrested Him 2. They Assaulted Him 3. They Accused Him
4. They Crucified Him 5. They Buried Him
6. But On The Third Day They Could Not Stop Him

They had seen the miracle and because they had seen the miracle they believed he was the messiah and I still believe he is the messiah. There once was a young pastor who took his first church and one day he decided to make some hospital visit.

During his first visit he decided to visit an elderly woman who was not given much time to live and when he entered the room he notice she was someone who was filled with faith but even thou she was told she did not have much time to live she believe the lord was able to heal her.

She asks the preacher too pray that the lord would heal her and thee preacher agreed even though he did not expect the lord too heal her but while he was praying he heard some noise coming from thee bed and when he looked up he noticed that she was walking around thee room shouting I have been healed I have been healed I have been healed.

The young preacher was so scared that he ran too thee nearest exit and with his heart racing looked up and said dont you ever do that too me again and I believe there many who would react the exact same way because they have never seen a miracle.

They would have no idea how too react too one because they have never seen one but here me when I tell you I still believe in the healing hand of God. I still believe in the miracles of the master. I still believe one touch can transform your life and that was the case with the man we read about here in our text.

Background

Here in our text you read where there were many sick people who had gathered around the pool of Bethesda because they believe there was healing power at the pool. There were 5 porches where the people would gather and wait because they believed during an certain season an angel would descend into the pool and stir up the water

When that took place the 1st person that stepped into thee pool would be healed but there was one problem...only one person could be healed at a time leaving the rest in their hopeless and helpless condition

However one day when the lord came thru he noticed that there was one man that had been lying next to the pool for 38 years because when the angel came down and stirred the water he was not able to step into the pool because someone else would beat him to it.

The house of mercy had become the house of misery. This man needed help but there was no one who was willing to help him but that was about to change because help was on the way.

He was about to meet someone that one do more than heal him he was about to meet someone who would help him. His name is Jesus and here we will he has come here this morning to help you too but you have to reach out and touch him. Why?

Because he is here to help you. Notice with me...

I. **The Coming Of The Great Physician: 1**

In verse one you read where the lord had come into the city during the feast of the jews but we do not know which feast it was but what we do know is that it centered around the sabbath and there was a reason he came but there was an reason he came over two thousand years ago.

In matthew chapter one we read where mary was told she would have an son and her son would save his people from their sin but this was the reason he came. He came to seek and save that which was lost but there were more reason he would come into the world.

For in Isaiah chapter sixty-one you are given an introduction concerning the one which was to come. The prophet said that the spirit of the lord would be upon him because the lord had anointed him to preach the gospel to the poor.

He has sent me too heal the brokenhearted and proclaim liberty to the captive and the prison too them which are bound and too proclaim thee acceptable year of the lord and the day of vengeance of our God.

The prophet said he would come and bring comfort too all who mourn and too console them who mourn inn zion. The lord would come and give them beauty for ashes and joy too them which mourn and a garment of praise for them who have an heavy heart that they may be called thee trees of righteousness that he may be glorified.

This was a prophecy concerning the coming messiah and the prophecy was confirmed when he stood in the temple in luke chapter four and opened thee book and read from thee prophet Isaiah and when he was done he closed the book and said: today thee scripture has been fulfilled and when they heard what he said they were filled with wrath and rose up and threw him out of their city.

For some reason they wanted to harm the one who had come to help them. For some reason they wanted to hurt the one who had come too heal them and this was the reason he came into the city on this particular day

Because there was someone who needed his help and notice with me the bible says he would pass thru the sheep gate but what was the sheep gate. The sheep gate was where the people came and selected the lamb that they would slaughter during the day of Passover and this was the reason they had come into the city they had come to select and sacrifice the lamb.

Isn't it amazing that the lord would pass thru the same gate during the passover celebration because the reason he came was too take away the sin of the world and it was John the Baptist who said behold the lamb who came to take away the sin of the world

On one day he would become that lamb but that was not the reason he had come that day. The reason he had come that day was because he had an appointment with a man who had been sick for 38 years and notice he went too where that man was.

He went too the pool of Bethesda which in Hebrew means the house of mercy but the house of mercy had become the house of misery. There were sick people everywhere and they wanted one thing they wanted to be healed and the healer was in the midst

And here me you may be here this morning and you have an need inn your life and you may be here this morning and you are helpless and you are hopeless but I have good news. Thee healer is in thee midst and he has come too meet thee need that you have.

Paul said inn Philippians 4:19 but my God shall supply your need according to his riches. The lord has promised we would have everything we need but we have too reach out and touch him and notice there were many who had an need and there are many here today who have an need

And praise his holy name that he is able to meet the need that is in your life and he is able too meet thee need that is in my life. He is the great physician and he has come to heal your broken heart.

II. The Concern Of The Great Physician: 2-4

In verse two you read where there were five porches and the number five is the number for grace. Notice with me the great physician walks through the house of mercy and in one hand he holds mercy and in the other hand he holds grace

And here me you cannot have one with the other and notice here with me when he walks through the house he notices there were sick people everywhere. They were laying everywhere.



Greek Work: To Be Without Strength And Without Power. It speaks of our spiritual and physical strength. It means we do not have the power to save our self.

They were hopeless and helpless and some even died because they never experienced healing in the house of mercy even though the healer was in the midst. When I think about what took place here in this text it reminds me how many there are who are sick not physically but spiritually

However they never reach out and touch him and because they never reach out and touch him they will die inside the house of mercy on the grounds of grace because they would not reach out and receive his grace and mercy.

The bible says in Revelation 3:20: behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and sup with him and he with me.

Do you want to know what the lord is saying?

I am on the porch but you have to open the door and let me in. Listen too me many will die and spend eternity in hell because they left the great physician on the front porch.

They did not reach out and receive his grace and mercy. They died and went to hell even when the healer was in the midst. It is sad because it would have only took one touch too transform your life but you refused too reach out and touch him.

Notice with me there were many there who needed a special touch. First, there was the blind man. In mark ten you read where there were many who were gathered around the street needing help and when the lord entered the city the people began to cry out to him

However the disciples were holding them back and keeping them away but there was one man present who would not let the disciples hold him back. His name was bartimeus and when he had heard that the lord was in the city he cried out have mercy upon me

But many warned him too keep his silence but caused him to cry out more have mercy on me and when the lord heard him he asked his disciples too bring them man too him And when the man came and stood before the lord the lord asked him what would you like me to do to help you



The Bible Said He Removed His Garment?
Why?
He Was Trading The Garment Of Ruin For
The Garment Of Righteousness

And the man said: master I would love too see and he was healed. This man needed help and the lord helped him and with one touch the lord can heal the blind man.

Second there was the lame man. In acts three we read where the disciples were in the temple during the hour of prayer

When an certain lame man whom laid daily at the gate asking for help from them that entered into the city and when he saw the disciples he asked too help him and the apostle peter said unto him silver and gold have I none but such as I have I give unto thee.

In the name of Jesus rise up and walk and immediately the man stood and when he saw what the lord had done he went into the temple and worshipped the lord because he had been healed an the people were amazed and astonished

Because they knew this was the same man who sat at the gate that lead into the temple and asked for help and now he was leaping and rejoicing in the temple with one touch

he was able too heal the lame man...praise his holy name im not lame anymore. Third, there was the paralyzed man.



I'm Not Lame Anymore

In mark two we read where the lord was in thee house and thee whole house was filled with people who wanted too hear what thee prophet had too say But while he was preaching there were four men who brought unto him one who was paralyzed however because the house was filled they were not able to bring this man too Jesus.

So they decided that they would tear the roof off the place and when they did they lowered the man who was paralyzed and when the lord saw their faith he said too the man who was paralyzed: your sins have been forgiven

And when some heard what he said to the man they said among themselves whom can forgive sins but God and hear me they are right because no one can forgive sins but God

And when thee lord heard them reason among themselves he said unto the man who was paralyzed take up your bed an walk and when they saw what the lord had done they said we have never seen anything like this before

And the people were amazed and astonished because he had the power that no one else seemed to have. The lords concerned with the need you have and with one touch he can change your life.

III. The Compassion Of The Great Physician: 5-9

In verse five you read that there was a certain man there who had been sick for 38 years and when the lord saw him noticed the bible says he already knew he had been in that condition for an long time.

I want you to notice that with me because you may not believe thee lord knows what you are having too go thru but you are dead wrong. The lord knows the condition you are in and the lord knows the circumstance you are having to face.

There have been many people who have said: preacher I do not believe the lord cares about me. I have been in this condition for such a long time and I have not seen the lord I have not seen him in my sickness.

I have not seen him in my sorrow. I have not seen him in my struggle. Preacher I have not seen him and I do not believe he cares about me. Listen to me the lord does care about you and the lord is concerned about you.

The apostle Peter said in I Peter 5:7: casting all your cares upon him for he cares for thee. I believe the lord cares about you and what you are having to deal with and he

will give you the strength you need to overcome the sickness and sorrow that is in your life. The psalmist said in psalm 55:22: casting your burden on the lord and he will sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be shaken.

What does that mean? It means the lord cares about you. He cares about you as much as he cared about this man in our text and notice here with me Jesus knew him and he came too him and notice when the man could not come too where he was the lord came too where he was and this was nothing more than pure grace.

The lord did not have too come to him but that would not be grace that would be work but we know we are saved by works we are saved by grace and so because of grace the lord came to where he was asked him what can I do to help you

And notice what the man said: I have no one to help me when thee water is stirred someone always beats me too thee punch someone always beat me too thee pool.

Notice with me the healer was in the midst and still this man believed there was no one there too help him

Why? Because The Pharisees Did Not Want To Help Him! We Are No Different There Are People Who Have A Need In Church And What Do We Do We Shoot Our Wounded. We Tell Them They Are On Their Own!

And I believe the same thing takes place in the church. There are people who come here who need some help but they never receive it because they do not reach out to the healer who is in the midst

And until you do you will never receive help you will never receive hope and you will never receive healing you have to reach out and touch him. You have to be like the woman who had an issue with blood.

The bible says she had this issue for 12 years and she had spent everything she had on physician who were not able to help her but one day when the lord passed thru the city she came behind him and reach out and touched him and the bible says immediately she was healed from her disease.

You see she had become desperate; she had become desperate for deliverance and she had heard what the lord had done and believed that he was able to do what no other physician was able to do; she believed he was able to heal her and he did.

Why? Because he was the great physician! Notice with me when the man told the lord there was no one there to help him when the water was stirred the lord said unto him rise up take up your bed and walk and immediately the man was healed.

I believe this man was healed due to his faith because remember this man was laying there sick for 38 years and no one was there too help him into the pool but then comes this man and this man commands him to stand up immediately even though he had been cripple for 38 years but the man obeyed him and stood too his feet and walked.

Listen to me you will never receive help from the lord until you place your faith and trust in him. You have to believe he can help you. You have to believe he can heal you because without faith it is impossible to please the lord but then you say there were many there that day that needed help but the lord did not help them.



He did not choose the lord, the lord choose him. The same goes for the sinner. It is the lord who choses the sinner not the sinner who chooses the savior and here on this particular day the lord choose him. This could be your day to find....
1. Help 2. Hope 3. Healing 4. Him—you will find him when you search for him with your whole heart

Why did he choose too help one when he could have helped them all and I have wrestled with this question the entire week because I want to know why he only healed thee one when he could have healed the others.

I want too know the reason he walked away from the others but then the lord told me I did not promise to heal you I promised to save you. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the lord shall be saved.

You may be here this morning and you have an need in your life and the lord may never choose too heal you but listen to me that does not mean he does not love you and that does not mean he does not care about you.

You are precious too him and either way you are going to be healed. You may be healed here or you may be healed there but either way one day you are going to be healed. I once heard a story about a old saint who was dying and the entire family had been called in too see him one more time.

The man was not able too speak but there was so much joy in his soul and during his time inn the hospital he had learned sign language so he would be able too preach too some of the patients that had come in

And during those closing moments inn his life his family ask him was there anything he wanted too say before he said goodbye. They watch him reach toward the ceiling and with his hand spelled one word...Glory!!!!

I do not know whether or not the lord will heal you but I do know whether he heals you here he will heal you there because there will be no sorrow there an there will be

no burden to bear and there will be no sickness nor pain and no parting over there but forever we will be with the one who died for me what a day glorious day that will be. I believe the healer is in the midst and I believe he has come to help someone here this morning

But listen to me you have too reach out and touch him. You have to reach out and receive him as your lord and savior because he is the only one whom can help you. Please do not push away the healer.

Conclusion

During one evening there was an surgeon who was awakened with an phone call from the hospital. He had been informed that there was an eight year old boy who had been by an car and unless they performed surgery he was going to die.

The surgeon threw on his clothes and ran out into the subzero weather. He scraped his car windshield enough too be able too see where he was going. The hospital was five miles away and each time he stopped at an intersection or red light he would have to reach out and scrap more ice that had collected on the windshield.

However at one intersection one mile from the hospital the surgeon noticed there was an man wearing an brown coat and green hat who was impatiently waiting to cross the street.

When the surgeon leaned out too scrape more ice from his windshield thee man reach into thee car and grabbed him and pulled him too thee ground. Thee man then jumped into thee car and drove away.

The surgeon went to the nearest phone booth and called for a cab. When the surgeon arrive he was informed by the nurse that the boy had died. There was nothing they could do.

They were not able to stop the bleeding but the family was still there and would like too speak too you. When the surgeon walked into the room he saw the mother with her head in your hands weeping because she had loss her son an behind her was her husband who was wearing an brown coat and an green hat.

He had pushed away the one person who was able to save his son. Listen to me the healer is in the midst. He is the only one who can heal you; he is the only one who can help you. Please do not push him away.