



PURPOSE

LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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DEVOTION

GOD AS HEALER

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Devotion to God is a commitment to continually deepen our relationship with God and orient our lives around that priority.

EXODUS 15:22-26 ESV

²² Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” ²⁵ And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there He tested them, ²⁶ saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your Healer.”

MARK 2:17 ESV

And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

We can grow in our devotion to God as we remember that Jesus

came to bring forgiveness of sins and healing for our brokenness.

JOHN 9:1-3 ESV

¹As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

JOHN 14:10-11 ESV

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-57 MSG

⁵⁰ I need to emphasize, friends, that our natural, earthy lives don’t in themselves lead us by their very nature into the kingdom of God. Their very “nature” is to die, so how could they “naturally” end up in the Life kingdom? ⁵¹⁻⁵⁷ But let me tell you something wonderful, a mystery I’ll probably never fully understand. We’re not all going to die—but we are all going to be changed. You hear a blast to end all blasts from a trumpet, and in the time that you look up and blink your eyes—it’s over. On signal from that trumpet from heaven, the dead will be up and out of their graves, beyond the

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reach of death, never to die again. At the same moment and in the same way, we'll all be changed. In the resurrection scheme of things, this has to happen: everything perishable taken off the shelves and replaced by the imperishable, this mortal replaced by the immortal. Then the saying will come true: Death swallowed by triumphant Life! Who got the last word, oh, Death? Oh, Death, who's afraid of you now? It was sin that made death so frightening and law-code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three—sin, guilt, death—are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God!

We can grow in our devotion to God as we embrace that Jesus not only came to potentially physically heal our bodies today but more importantly, to prepare us for eternity.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 ESV

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

REVELATION 21:1-4 ESV

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away

every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

We can grow in our devotion to God as we celebrate that He will remove all sources of pain, suffering, and mourning in the end.

1 PETER 4:24 ESV

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22 ESV

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-10 ESV

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we invite Him to heal our weaknesses, whether this is through the removal of the brokenness or the strength to endure faithfully.

DEVOTIONAL CHALLENGE 5: "NOW AND FOREVER"

Each day this week, let's note the following:

- 1. Now** - *What is one area of healing that you are seeking today?*
- 2. Forever** - *How will this need or area of healing be changed as we enter into the New Heaven and New Earth?*
- 3. Pray**- *Heavenly Father, I am asking for healing in this area:_____, and I ask it in the name of Jesus. I trust You and love you no matter how or when this healing will come. I know in the end, You will heal all brokenness. In Jesus' name.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Since the remedy for brokenness in any area of life begins with prayer, how ready are you to open up vulnerable areas needing healing to God and with trusted others to explore healing? In what ways do you play a part in that healing in an active way?
2. How can you more effectively walk alongside others needing long-term healing? How does your own engagement with God as Healer help equip you for caring for others on His behalf?
3. How have you seen God use an unanswered prayer for healing to bring about good? Why is it reassuring that God's greater healing is yet to come?

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