

## Pastor D's Letter June 12, 2022

"On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.**" Luke 6:5

Again and again, Luke focuses on the POWER Jesus had. Jesus had POWER over demons, the wind and waves, disease, blindness, etc.

In Mark 6:1-5, we read about Jesus visiting his hometown. And as we read, we come to verse 5 where there is a strange comment on Jesus and his seeming inability to heal.

### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

"He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." **And he could do no mighty work there**, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief."

Jesus is not unable to heal! These two accounts put together, remind us of how God works in our lives. God is the God who heals with power. However, God's healing grace is never forced upon us. God heals when we ask in faith. In order to receive healing grace, you have to ask and believe you will receive. The same is true for salvation. Jesus died for all, but to receive it, you have to believe it. You have to TRUST in Jesus as your savior and not in your own works righteousness. That is why John 1:11-12 says:

"He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

Knowing Jesus is the savior who can heal and help you, but never receiving Him as Savior and Lord of your life, is like having a Christmas tree full of presents in your front room all year long, and never opening the presents. It's pretty to look at, but it doesn't do what it's supposed to do and you don't get to enjoy any of the presents given to you.

Open your heart. Open the present of God's redeeming grace. Trust Jesus for salvation, for healing, for daily grace.

I'm trusting with you,  
Dr. D

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