The Physician for Limping Christians

Physical and spiritual lameness blend in Old Testament prophecies of Messiah’s reign and in our Lord’s healing ministry (Isaiah 35:4-6; Luke 7: 18-23). Jesus healed many lame people. Both Peter and Paul healed, in the name of Jesus, men born lame (Acts 3, 14).

**If you are limping along in your Christian life, Jesus is the only one who can heal you.**

**1. Jesus heals by His *powerful word***

A. Jesus spoke to heal the *afflicted*

Luke 4:31-39

B. You can’t be healed apart from the *Bible*

Psalm 119:92-93; Colossians 3:1, 15-16

**2. Jesus heals by His *compassionate touch***

A. By the touch of His *hands*

Luke 4:40; Mark 7:32-37

B. By the touch of His *Spirit*

Luke 4:14-21; Acts 10:38

**3. Jesus heals by His *painful wounding***

Deuteronomy 32:39; Isaiah 19:22; Hosea 6:1-3

A. *Take comfort* from His wounding

B. *Seek healing* in His wounding

**Concluding Application** Luke 5:29-32

Limping Christian, Jesus is the only *physician*

your spirit needs

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

 What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. Other Old Testament prophecies about God gathering the lame into His coming kingdom—

 Jeremiah 31:7-9; Micah 4:6-7; Zephaniah 3:19

4. The God who brings disasters and difficulties is the only One who can rescue and redeem us from them.

Isaiah 45:5-7; Jeremiah 32:42; Lamentations 3:19-38

Why is this a comforting truth?

Why is it ultimately not comforting to tell someone that God had nothing to do with the troubles that have come into his life?

Note: There is good medicine for limping Christians in *The Bruised Reed*, by Richard Sibbes. Sibbes was an English Puritan who ministered in the early 17th century. This book, which is based on Matthew 12:20, has been valued and read for 400 years. It is available from The Banner of Truth Trust in an abridged form for modern readers. I still have some copies available at a good discount--$6.00.