

“Do You Want to be Healed?”
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“Do you want to be healed?” John 5:6b

As self-sufficient Americans with a strong reputation in problem-solving, we don't need help; we can figure it out, whatever the problem is. We don't want anyone to see us when we feel weak, vulnerable and less than. If we do get to the point where we ask for help, we usually keep most of the real story to ourselves. Even a stay in the hospital causes enough fear in someone to say, “Don't tell the pastor, he's too busy and I don't want to bother him.”

Jesus says, “Do you want to be healed?” Only Jesus is able to look past our resolve, our excuses, our pride and defiance and sees who we really are, broken people. We live in a broken world. That's why Jesus came, to save those who are broken, to save sinners, you and me. He offers healing through life-giving water and word in His name and forgiveness. He offers himself to take away our infirmities by being nailed to a cross where He bled out and died for us only to rise from that death a few days later. He gives us victory over sin, death and the power of the devil; He heals us.

We no longer have to lie, hide in pride/fear, and not ask for help when needed. We are to be honest, live life in the reality that we cannot save or heal ourselves, only Christ can. It is through that gracious gift from God that we can say, “Yes, I want to be healed! Forgive me of my stubbornness, hardness of heart, and renew a right spirit within me Lord.” And then go tell your neighbors the gift that's offered to us through Jesus Christ our Healer and Redeemer.