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<u>WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDI</u>TATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Christ The Healing Specialist

In one way or another, we are all hurting. Everyone is in the same boat. Even the happy-golucky crowd is hurting. Some try to hide their hurt by drinking and joking, but it won't go away. Who hurts? The parents of the prodigal son or daughter. Millions of parents have been deeply wounded by children who have rejected their counsel. Those loving parents grieve over deception and delinquency of children who were once tender and good. The victims of broken homes are hurting. The abandoned wife whose husband rejected her for another woman is hurting. The husband who lost the love of a wife is hurting. The children who lost their security is hurting. Others suffer illness: cancer, heart problems and a host of other human diseases. To be told by a doctor, "you have cancer and you may die"! That has to be terrifying! Yet many reading this message have experienced such pain and agony. A relationship did not work out and all that is left is a broken, wounded heart.

When you are deeply hurt, no human being can shut out the innermost fears and deepest agonies. The best of friends cannot really understand the battle you are going through or the wounds inflicted on you. But there is someone who can and that is Christ The Healing Specialist.

The bruised and broken heart that suffers in silence can be healed only by a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, and nothing short of divine intervention really works. God has to step in and take over. He has to intercept our lives at the breaking point, stretch forth His loving arms, and bring that hurting body and mind under His protection and care. Many will say I've been there and done that God thing and I feel the same and in some cases worst! Christ is not a wizard!!!!!!!! Many children of God look at God to heal us by the touch of a wand or we want healing immediately! Christ did not carry a wand when he was on the earth!!!!!! His healing was by His touch and/or spoken word.

Matthew 4:23 tells us that Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. Now that we have the Holy Spirit, healing comes through God's word better known as the "truth"! Obeying God's instructions brings healing according to Exodus 15:26, And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

God's children must also remember that the miraculous never cancels the need for personal faith. John 20:29-31, Jesus said to him, "because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

God did not promise to give us a painless way of life: He promised us a way of escape. He promised to help us to bear our pain and to give us strength to put us back on our feet when weakness makes us stagger and Christ The Healing Specialist, has insured us that He knows how much we can take, and He will not permit us to reach the breaking point. That's of course if you are taking that prescription called "the truth".

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 5:16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In a tunnel of discouragement, walk towards the light.

