Holy Spirit

Our Healer

There are aspects of our faith that we tend to shy away from because they don't fit into our preconceived notions of what is and is not possible. Recognizing the Holy Spirit's role as the healer is one of those aspects we oftentimes forget. This week, you are invited to open yourself to the very real power of the Spirit to make all things well.

Day 1 Read Luke 5:17-26

Why does Jesus forgive the man first? What does this say about the sort of healing we truly need? Ask God to reveal to you the areas of your life that are maybe a bit less obvious, but still need Him to bring healing and wholeness.

Day 2 Read Luke 13:10-17

How does the woman's encounter with Jesus differ from the religious leader's encounter with Jesus? In what ways do you identify with the woman? In what ways do you identify with the religious leaders?

Day 3 Read Luke 18:35-43

How do you identify with the blind man? Why would Jesus ask him the question, "What do you want me to do for you?" Did Jesus not recognize that the man was blind or is there something more going on here? Explain. How would you answer that question if Jesus asked it of you?

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Day 4 Read Matthew 8:5-13

In what ways do you identify with the father? What sort of unbelief is getting in the way of you trusting Jesus for a miracle? In your prayer time, invite the Holy Spirit to help you with your particular unbelief.

Day 5 Read John 9:1-12

In verse 3, the words "but this happened so that" are not actually in the original text. A more literal translation would be something like, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but let the work of God be displayed in him." How does this change the way you understand the text? Is the work of God displayed in the sickness or in the healing? Explain.

Day 6 Read Mark 5:21-43

Who do you identify with the most in this passage? Why? How does this passage encourage you? How does it challenge you?

Day 7 Read Revelation 21:1-5

Healing doesn't just involve us as individual, but ultimately God wants to heal all of creation. How does knowing how the story ends bring you comfort and peace in the present? Target a specific tragedy in our community or in the world at large and spend time interceding for the people involved asking God to bring healing there through the power of the Holy Spirit.

