



BE MADE WHOLE

Session #2

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Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for
the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

WHOLE

entire: complete, including all parts or aspects, with nothing left out

undivided: not divided into parts or not regarded as consisting of separate parts; not divided or cut into parts or pieces;

UNMODIFIED

(1)a: free of wound or injury : UNHURT **(2):** recovered from a wound or injury : RESTORED **(3):** being healed <*whole* of an ancient evil, I sleep sound — A. E. Housman>

- **b:** free of defect or impairment : INTACT
- **c:** physically sound and healthy : free of disease or deformity
- **d:** mentally or emotionally sound

Dr. Christine Northrup

“When we find the connection between our thoughts, beliefs, physical health, and life circumstances, we find that we are in the driver’s seat of our lives and can make profound changes. Nothing is more exhilarating or empowering.”

Luke 13: 10-17

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Luke 13:10-17

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

- Christ came to preach freedom to the captives. You cannot be free from what you do not understand without someone to help you!
- The leaders of the synagogue were notorious for not aiding the people but adding to their pain-We have some church hurt people who need to be made whole!
- **As He was teaching *he saw* a woman who had been crippled by a spirit for 18 years.**
- In your affliction, be it mental, emotional, physical, psychological, spiritual-whatever the nature of it, God sees you! He does not simply acknowledge your existence; he sees you as you are intended to be as He can cause you to be-WHOLE

She was bent over and could not straighten up at all

- She had tried. Like the man at the pool of Bethesda, the woman with the issue of blood who had spent all of her resources and found no help, no relief, like the crippled man who had been lowered into Jesus presence from a rooftop, or the young man chained in the tombs, she could not do it. But here is what I love about her:
 - SHE SHOWED UP, she fought her way to the house of God because she believed that God was who He said He was and that the fulfillment of His Word would come.

- **When Jesus saw her He called her forward and said, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity”**
 - ***Where she could be seen.*** He did not do this to embarrass her. In fact I think that this was as much an opportunity for other to be liberated from their afflictions of judgment, spiritual thievery, prying eyes, lying lips as it was for her. In fact we know it was because after she is healed immediately there are complaints, because Jesus healed on the Sabbath (a day of rest, of ceasing from labor). Jesus is clearly saying to them, on this day of rest, my daughter shall also be at rest and at peace.
 - How easy it is to spout rules when we are not the ones suffering. We can become so impatient with others on their journey, but want maximum grace extended toward us, when we are in peril. This cannot be so, we have got to make the time and the space to assist one another. To get excited when the altar get’s full, and to pray in unity with the Holy Spirit, to labor for those individuals who come forward, to be the hands and feet of Christ until they are free!

- **He put His hands on her and immediately she straightened up and praised God**

➤ When you are in pain, the last thing that we often want someone to do is to touch us at the point of pain. I have had some pretty severe pain in my life (some that has seemed worse than child birth). Mouth pain, back pain. I have some friends that have suffered chronically from Migraines where no amount of light can be in the room, no noise, no sound, even their skin hurts to the touch, so to let someone touch you when you are most vulnerable is risky business. But learning to trust God, learning to navigate the choppy waters of life are a part of the process of our growth and ultimately not only bring us to our point of healing and deliverance, but will bring others along as well.

- **James 1:2**
- **² Dear sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete (WHOLE) needing nothing.**
- **Philippians 1:6-He who began a good work in you shall be faithful to complete it in you. He will complete the work!**
- **Sometimes, the most beautiful transformations start out as the messiest renovations.**

“Our world is hungry for genuinely changed people. Let us be among those who believe that the inner transformation of our lives is a goal worthy of our best effort....Detachment is not enough; we must move on to God-attachment. The detachment from the confusion all around us is in order to have a richer attachment to God.”

Richard Foster