

Why Doesn't Jesus Heal Everyone?

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John 5:1-18

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An **IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION**

A **WILLING SUBJECT**

The **POWER OF GOD**

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{Charles Swindoll}

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Food for Thought for the week of March 19, 2023

1. Most of us have experienced a long trial or difficult situation that left us feeling emotionally, mentally, spiritually or relationally paralyzed in some way. Like the man in the message from this weekend, we've held on to the hope of some sort of healing only to encounter disappointment as the healing has yet to come. Psalm 13 puts in words the thoughts many of us have had in seasons like this. As you read the psalm, which question from verses 1-2 has most resonated with you when you have faced difficult situations?

Psalm 13 New International Version (NIV)

¹How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.

As you look at verses 3-4, have you ever been this honest with God? Whatever you're facing today, what bold request do you have for God?

In reading verses 5-6, David seems to have gained a new perspective during a difficult season in life. What attribute of God can you trust in today? How has God shown Himself to be good to you?

2. In 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18, the apostle Paul gives us an eternal perspective on the difficult situations we encounter. What encouragement can you find from these verses to help you endure times of hardship or waiting?

2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18 New International Version (NIV)

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.