## Healing in His Name - May 4, 2022

We've all experienced pain, grief, even trauma. Healing is necessary.

Broken bone must be set to heal properly. Set our minds....

**Col. 3:2** – "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Things above: God makes good... gift in goodbye. Blesses – love.

Too often, we push down feelings... cover it... concrete.

**Heb. 12:15** warns: "See to it ... that no root of bitterness springs up" Bitterness is like toxins in body ... plaque in arteries. Blocked -h/a.

The best life possible is the one in which we walk w/ God as our Shepherd. We're at peace, content. Not dwelling on pain, unfair, or misfortune. We know God, and His promises:

**Isaiah 61:7-8** - Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, & instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, & everlasting joy will be yours. For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery & wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them."

He makes up for what people do to us. He avenges. Rewards. Double.

Yearn for a perfect life. No hurt. No brokenness. We all have broken places. Truth: God uses our brokenness to find life with Him. Draw us closer.

- God is father to the fatherless. We aren't orphans.
- "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you" Is. 66:13
- Bible says: "there is a friend that is closer than a brother."

Me: Loss of my family; truly found my Father. Joy, peace...

Jesus said – Matt. 12 - 49 "Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

God provides us w/family. He gives all we need. He gives Healing.

**Isaiah 53:3** – "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by **His stripes** we are healed."

Jesus knows what it's like to be rejected. Betrayed. Turn against Him. He knows sorrow, grief, broken heart. **40 lashes**... for our healing.

Healing happens gradually! Takes time, but - Don't pick at scab. Go forward.

**1 Sam 16:1** – "The Lord said to Samuel, "**How long will you grieve** over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go." I've got another person to be King.... God has another for you!

**Jeremiah 30:17** [GNT] — "I will make you well again; I will heal your wounds, though your enemies say, 'Zion is an outcast; no one cares about her.' I, the LORD, have spoken."

Story – **Sarah Taylor** – she learned she's stronger than fear.

Heard Jesus say: "Don't be fearful. I will never leave you...."

Peace came. She decided – say the name of Jesus. Comfort.

Part of The Great Commission is: "In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18... they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will be made well." (Mark 16).

There is healing in the NAME of Jesus. There's healing in His presence. Woman just wanted to touch Jesus. (**Luke 8**) Be in His presence. She tried to be unseen. Unheard. 12 years.... She wanted healing.

Tonight – what part of your heart/body needs healing. Reach for Jesus.

Presence of Jesus is here. Say His name... Affirm "by His stripes - healed."

Mind set on pain, or peace? Mind set on the hurt, or the healer?

God wants you healed & happy. In peace. Content. Say His name.

Song of the week – "I Speak Jesus"