

The Children's Bread

Healing Is God's Will for You

MATTHEW 15:26-28

It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs. ... Yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table. ... O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.

A Canaanite woman came to Jesus three times on behalf of her daughter, who was oppressed. Healing and deliverance are called the children's bread - not a favor for strangers, but food that belongs to God's own family. It is ours to receive by faith.

IT IS GOD'S WILL TO HEAL YOU

MATTHEW 4:23-24

He went about all Galilee... healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ... And they brought him all the sick... and he healed them.

Notice the word every. Not some - every. Jesus' fame was not built on one miracle here and there; it was built on the fact that everyone who came to Him was healed. It is not God's desire that anyone live under sickness. Healing is His will, not a maybe.

SOME SICKNESS HAS A SPIRITUAL ROOT

LUKE 13:11-13

A woman... had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ... Jesus... said, 'Woman, you are freed from your disability.'

Scripture also describes a mute spirit causing seizures (Mark 9:17-18) and a mute demon Jesus cast out so a man could speak (Luke 11:14). Not every affliction is only physical - some are spiritual oppression, and Jesus addresses both. This truth is meant to deepen your prayer, never to replace wise medical care.

GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-9

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this... but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

Paul brought his thorn to the Lord again and again. Whatever you are carrying, keep bringing it back to God rather than settling for it. Persistent prayer is not a sign of weak faith - it is faith that refuses to give up.

Christ Already Paid

ISAIAH 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... he was wounded for our transgressions... and with his stripes we are healed.

Your healing came at a price, and it has already been paid. Like a receipt at checkout, Christ's finished work is your proof - you don't have to earn what He already bought. God is in covenant with you to heal you; all He asks is that you believe.

SPEAK AND DECLARE**1. Believe**

Mark 11:24 - Believe that you receive when you pray. Faith is what activates the promise.

2. Declare It Out Loud

Say it with your mouth: "Thank you, Lord, for healing me." Praise moves you from asking to receiving.

3. Keep Coming Back

Don't stop at one prayer. Like Paul, return to the Lord as many times as it takes.

REFLECTION

1. What sickness or struggle have you accepted as permanent that God wants to heal?
2. Where do you need to keep bringing the same request back to God instead of giving up?
3. What is one thing you will declare out loud this week in faith?

MY DECLARATION

By His stripes I am healed. Christ has already paid the price, and healing is my covenant right as His child. I will believe, I will declare it with my mouth, and I will keep bringing my request back to Him until I see it fulfilled.

Pastoral note: this message makes strong claims about healing and spiritual authority. Please continue to seek appropriate medical evaluation and treatment alongside prayer and Scripture.