

Facilitator Notes for "Knowing God by Name"

Lesson 10 – Yahweh Rophe – The LORD Heals - Exodus 15:19-27

PLEASE DON'T READ THESE NOTES UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR LESSON.

Questions

Read **Exodus 15:19-27**. A map of the *Exodus from Egypt* is included in this lesson. Find the locations mentioned in these verses on the map. (*Exodus* means "leaving.")

The incident at *Marah* (*Marah* means *bitter*) comes within days of the Israelites' great deliverance from their cruel enslavement in Egypt. *Yahweh*, with whom they are just becoming acquainted, fought for them in all his power and glory. *Yahweh*, the Lord of the universe, stood up for them against the Egyptians and set them free! The Israelites can hardly believe their good fortune – and they celebrate and sing praises to *Yahweh* – *the God who is always present, working for good*. If you have never read the Exodus story – or haven't read it in awhile – you might want to do so. The story is full of drama and adventure! (*Moses' confrontation with Pharaoh and the resulting plagues – Exodus 5-11; Passover and the exodus from Egypt – Exodus 12-13; the crossing of the Red Sea and the destruction of the Egyptian army – Exodus 14; the Israelites song of praise to Yahweh – Exodus 15:1-21.*)

1. What miracle did *Yahweh* perform for the Israelites and how did they celebrate (**15:19-21**; also **14:29-15:18**)?

Not only did *Yahweh* cause the Red Sea to part so that the Israelites could cross in safety, he also caused the waters to flow back into place over the pursuing Egyptian army, rescuing the Israelites from the Egyptians once and for all. All the Israelites joined Moses in song to *Yahweh* for how he had rescued them (Ex. 15:1-18). Then Miriam (Moses' and Aaron's sister) sang: *Sing to the Lord, for his is highly exalted. Both the horse and driver he has hurled into the sea . . . as all the women danced with tambourines before the Yahweh.*

- ♥ What miracle has God done in our life that you could sing about? How do you praise God when he works on your behalf? *Do* you praise God when he works on your behalf? Do you share your praise with others? Why or why not?
- ♥ What role does your creativity (in music, art, drama, dance and other creative gifts) play in your relationship to God? How could you use your creativity more often to praise God for who he is and for the things he has done in your life?
- ♥ Read **Psalms 150**. What are two things we can always praise God for (**150:2**)? **We praise God for what he has done (acts of power) and who he is (surpassing greatness.)** Is your praise and worship usually mental appreciation or physical/emotional expression? What happens when we include others in our praise? **Praise is catching! We encourage each other to praise and God gets the glory!**

2. How did the Israelites react when circumstances were going nicely (**12:28, 50** and **14:29-31**)?

They did just what the Lord commanded; they feared Yahweh and put their trust in him and in Moses

How did they react when circumstances were going badly (**14:11-12, 16:2-3; 15:22-24; 17:3**)?

Accused Moses of bringing them out into the desert to die, insisting that would have rather stayed in Egypt as slaves; they grumbled and complained against Moses and Aaron actually saying that they had all the food they wanted in Egypt, but now they were going to starve; complained and grumbled about not having water; blamed Moses for bringing them into the desert to die of thirst.

- ♥ We all can relate to the reactions of the Israelites when things go wrong. What do these reactions reveal about *ourselves*? **Grumbling and complaining can be indications of our tendency to blame others and our lack of trust in what God is doing in our life. About our *view of God*? The Bible is pretty clear that complaining is basically telling God that he doesn't know what he is doing or that he isn't doing a good job or that you think you could do a better job. Complaining is a strong statement that you do not trust God and his promises and what he is doing in your life. How can you change this pattern in your life? We can't make ourselves automatically "feel" different – but we can make some choices and our emotions will follow. One of the most powerful things we can do to break the complaining habit is to choose to thank God for who he is and for all his goodness to us. Even if we don't like the present situation, there is so much goodness we can thank God for. Gratitude changes attitude – and builds trust.**

- ♥ Are you most open to God's leading in *feast* or *famine*? Why?
 - ♥ When things don't go our way, why is grumbling often a first response? What effect does grumbling have on *us* and *others*? What are we really doing when we grumble (**Exodus 16:8**)?
3. Consult the map included in this lesson. God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt in order to return them to Canaan, the Promised Land. What do you think are some reasons why God did not take the Israelites directly toward Canaan, but rather led them into the "wilderness" away from the Promised Land?

God was going to make the Israelites into a great nation – and theocracy with God as their King – and through them he would bring the Messiah that would bless all the people of the world. However, the Israelites did not know God well, had never governed themselves and had not moral, civil or religious law to live by. They also had never fought a war or defended themselves from attackers. God had to get them ready to go into the Promised Land and if they tried to go there before they were ready, it would have destroyed them.

Instead, God took them into the wilderness to teach them and strengthen them and get them ready for the blessings he would give them. The wilderness was especially designed for dependence and the Israelites had to learn to depend on God and let him take care of them.

Sometimes God leads us into a "wilderness" to teach us dependence. A wilderness is not punishment – it is designed to make us strong but dependent and to get us ready for God's blessings.

- ♥ "Good times do not lend themselves to the formation of good character." Would you consider this a true statement in your life? Why or why not? In your life, what seems to form good character?
 - ♥ Why do difficult circumstances and/or situations make such good "tests," revealing what is truly in our hearts? A test often involves stress or difficulty, which has a way of showing what our true character is. When a glass of water or milk is "bumped," whatever is inside the glass spills out. The "bump" revealed what was in the glass. So a test can be a "bump" to our heart and whatever is inside (anger, fear, anxiety, worry, impatience, etc.) spills out revealing to us what God needs to change and heal. Why is it important to know what is in our hearts?
 - ♥ When was a time when you "passed" a test of your faith and obedience? What impact did it have on you? Others?
4. How did Yahweh "heal" the bitter waters of Marah (**15:25**)? If this was intended to be a symbolic "object lesson," what might this action foreshadow (**Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 4:2 and 11:1**)?

Throughout the Old Testament, Branch appears most prominently in the OT as a symbol of the coming Messiah. A Branch growing from the stump (the family line) of Jesse (the father of King David) will establish righteousness and bring peace to earth (Isaiah 11). Isaiah foresees a day when God will personally intervene and bring glory to the survivors of Israel. The Branch from David's line will restore Israel and establish God's new covenant with all people and nations. Long before Jesus' birth, Jewish rabbis understood these Branch passages to refer to the coming Messiah.

As the Branch or Messiah, Jesus "took away the sins of the world" – in a sense making our bitter waters, sweet. He did this by dying on the cross made of wood. So, God telling Moses to throw a piece of wood into the bitter waters of Marah to make them sweet could be seen as a foreshadowing of what Jesus would someday do for us all.

- ♥ How did Moses react to the situation of the bitter water and the people's complaints (**15:25**)? Moses cried out to Yahweh for help. Why do you think his response was different from that of the people's? He, no doubt, knew Yahweh a little better and had more experience with Him. The people were still learning.
- ♥ Is crying out to God for help usually a first or last resort for you? Why?

- ♥ What "bitter waters" in your life need to be "sweetened?" Is there something you need to do to help this process? How will you know?
- 5. What do you think is the significance of God keeping the Israelites at Marah – turning the bitter water sweet (15:25) – rather than immediately leading the people to new location (15:27)?

The bitter waters of Marah reflect the disappointments of life that can embitter the soul and sour our existence. We often want God to get us out of our difficulties – quickly – whereas God usually works within our hard times. No doubt God could have moved his people to another place not far away where the water would have been better. But he did not do that. He kept them where they were and made the bitter water good. Often we want desperately to change location thinking that if we can just get somewhere else, everything will be all right. Sometimes God does move us to a new place, but there are other times when he asks us to trust him to alter what is sour and foul and repugnant to us. If it is not time to change place, then it is time for God to change our experience, a time for him to make nourishing what has previously been deadly, a time for him to make attainable what has been previously been denied.

- ♥ Share a "sweet and sour" experience from your life. What did you learn about *yourself* and *God* from this experience?
- ♥ Do hard times tend to make you "bitter" or "better"? How so? How does God want you to react to hard times? Why?
- ♥ When have you wanted run away from "bitter water" rather than facing it, letting God turn your "bitter water," sweet? What did you end up doing?
- 6. After God provided for the Israelites by changing the bitter waters of Marah sweet, so that they could drink, what did he say to his people (15:26)? (Write out the verse.)

"If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and laws, then I will not make you suffer the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you."

Remember, the Israelites had been living by oral tradition for over 400 years, knowing neither God's voice nor Presence until Moses arrived on the scene saying that *Yahweh* had sent him to deliver them. By the time they arrived at Marah, the Israelites personal experience with *Yahweh* had been to witness the horrible plagues God put on the Egyptians (**Exodus 5-10**), including the killing of all the Egyptian firstborn (**Exodus 11-12**), the pillar of cloud and fire that led them as they left Egypt (**Exodus 13:20-21**), the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea after which they watched *Yahweh* destroy the entire Egyptian army (**Exodus 14:26-29**), and now the turning of bitter water into sweet. What would have been your impression of *Yahweh* at this point? He certainly was a God of awesome, incredible power, but what would keep him from doing to you what you saw him do to the Egyptians? Even though he seemed to be working on your behalf, would you have trusted *Yahweh* to continue to protect and guide you?

God delivered the Israelites from Egypt because he was ready to make them a nation for himself, a people of God, through whom a Savior would be born – a Savior who would bring healing to all the nations of the world. Just as we must teach and train children, *Yahweh* now had to teach and train the Israelites to live as his people, a nation set apart and holy to God. God's moral, civil and religious law would come later – but for now, he begins by telling them that he will be their Protector and Healer if they will listen to him and obey him.

- ♥ On what conditions does God base his promise to keep the Israelites from disease (15:26)? **Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord – do what is right in his eyes – obeying his commands and laws --** To you, are God's words **positive** or **negative**? Why? Are his words true for us today? **Even today, there is no better way to live – to listen to God, do what is right and obey his commands. God knows what is best for us and obedience protects us.** Why or why not?
- ♥ From 15:26, what are three practical things you can do when you are experiencing "bitter waters?" **We listen, we do what is right and we obey what God tells us to do** How could each of these contribute to healing? **God always wants the best for us – and tells us the best way to live. If we listen to him and live life his way, we will reap the good consequences. Disobedience always**

brings negative consequences – which eventually hurt us and others. Which would be hardest for you to do? Why?

♥ For us today, what connection do you see between *listening to God, obeying God and healing*?

We need healing because we live in a fallen world that does not operate the way God designed it. We also need healing because we reap the consequences of our own sinful actions and the sinful actions of others. The need for healing itself, shows that things are not right or healthy. Living life God's way (listening and obeying) will bring healing and wholeness because we will be reaping good consequences and not bad consequences. We will never experience complete healing in all areas of our life in this life; but, we can and do experience wonderful healing that is a foretaste of our complete healing in heaven.

7. Yahweh Rophe – **The Lord Heals**. To **heal** means *to cause to become sound and healthy again; to alleviate stress or anguish; to correct or put right*. From the Scriptures below, what does God say he will heal and make healthy again? Note any conditions to his healing.

Psalm 147:3; 34:18 –

God is the only one who truly understands the broken heart; he knows WHY it's broken and he is the only one who can heal it. We all need emotional or heart healing in one way or another – and God is only so gracious to provide it.

The Message paraphrases **Ps 34:18** this way: *If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath*. Another contemporary translation puts these two verses this way: *He renews our hopes and heals our bodies. . . The LORD is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope*.

♥ When you need healing, to what or whom do you usually turn? In what ways have you tried to heal yourself? Others? Can we heal ourselves? Why or why not?

♥ How do you think God heals our emotional wounds? **We often feel helpless with our emotional wounds because we can't just go to the doctor or take something to make us better. But God does give healing for emotional wounds. Our healing may include another person to help us on the way – but that is not always necessary. Emotional healing usually begins with forgiveness – our forgiving those who have wronged and hurt us and our repenting of our own wrong reactions and receiving God's cleansing and forgiveness. Jesus is eternal – outside of time – and he can enter our hurts with us (even if they happened in the past) and can minister healing to our souls as he speaks words of healing to our hearts. What healing have you experienced in this area?**

Psalms 103:2-5 –

There are many types of healing mentioned in these verses. Forgiveness of sins and healing of diseases (both physical and spiritual); he redeems or ransoms us from death – the kingdom of darkness – and loves and cares for us like his child; he fills our life with good things (healing from disappointments, discouragement, etc), so that we live life with zest!

The psalmist reminds us to not forget all that God has done for us. We should rehearse it in our minds and praise him for what he has done and continues to do!

♥ How have you experienced God's healing in your own life? In what areas of your life do you desire further healing? How confident are you that *Yahweh Rophe* will heal?

James 5:14-16 –

We see two things in these verses: One, God uses the body of Christ – other Christ-followers in your life, (especially your community of faith) to bring his healing. We are to anoint and pray for each others healing. The prayer offered in faith will heal the sick and the Lord will make them well! We have the promise that the earnest prayers of a person who is right before God has great power and wonderful results! It is a blessing and honor to pray for each other when we need it! It is a wonderful expression of love and compassion – and God uses it in a special way.

Two, we see that sickness is often (but not always) associated with sin or the consequences of sin in our lives. God is showing us that there is a strong connection between the physical and the spiritual. Unconfessed sin – especially harboring unforgiveness – can make us physically sick and keep us in sickness as well continual abuse of our bodies which are "temples of the Holy Spirit" – the place where God dwells. We cannot ignore this! I emphasize again that this does **NOT** mean that all physical sickness is because of **personal sin!!** But, it should be the place we start – making sure our heart is right before God and that we are not holding on to habitual sin or an unforgiving heart. These things may not have **caused** or sickness – but they can **block** our healing! We have to realize that if there had been no sin – there would be any sickness. Sometimes our sickness is just the result of living in a broken, fallen world where everything – even the genetic code is broken and our bodies do operate the way they were designed. God says that he will and does bring healing when we pray for each other – and our sins will also be forgiven!

- ♥ Have you ever prayed over someone who was sick, or had someone pray over you? What was the experience like? Would you do it again? Why or why not?
- ♥ What are some ways you experience healing every day even though it is often unnoticed or recognized? God has endowed the human body with an unusual capacity to heal itself. We are often unaware of how much healing we "automatically" receive! Do you think God is behind all healing we experience? We can plant a seed and provide a healthy environment for growth – but only God can make the seed actually grow. So it is with healing. We may take medicines and treatments, bind and treat wound or have surgery, etc. – but only God can actually cause something to heal. Why or why not?
- ♥ What do you think the connection is between confessing sin and healing? Between prayer and healing?

See above

2 Chronicles 7:14 -

God will heal a land or nation if the people humble themselves before him, seek him, pray and turn from their wicked ways. Then, God will forgive their sin and heal their land.

We often think of our relationship to God in individual terms – but groups, communities, churches and nations are also accountable to God and can "sin" by doing the wrong things, embracing the wrong values, not being concerned about compassion or justice, or even ministry to the poor. All these actions have consequences and may lead to the "sickness of a society." For example, selfishness and self-centeredness may become a predominant value and then the whole society will begin to suffer in many ways. Or, a society might become enslaved to various addictions that have harmful and negative consequences for the whole society. In this sense, the community needs to confess their wrong doing, seek God's ways through prayer, and change their ways. If they do this, God will bring healing.

We might think this sounds impossible – but it has happened several times, even in "modern history" when great revivals would sweep across whole nations. The first great revival was Pentecost, when God sent the Holy Spirit to live in hearts and the church was born. This event effected all the known world. More recently, we have "The First Great Awakening – 1727-1750 (Jonathan Edwards); The Second Great Awakening - 1830-1840; The Revival under D.L. Moody – 1857-1861; The Great Welch Revival beginning in 1904; The WWII Revival under Billy Graham and others and even the Jesus Movement of the 1970's.

The point is, that these movement affected the whole of society (although not every individual responded) and society itself took a moral upswing that changed core values of nations for decades.

- ♥ Why would a nation (land) need healing? How might God heal a nation (land)?
- ♥ Do you think this verse applies to us today? Why or why not?

♥ Heart Therapy

Yahweh Rophe is the God who heals – but healing does not come without cost. According to **Isaiah 53:3-6** and **1 Peter 2:24**, why is our healing possible?

Healing is possible because Jesus took on all the consequences of all sin in his own body when he died on the cross. This is the only reason we can experience healing in our broken, fallen world. By his wounds, we are healed!

See yourself in a quiet place with Jesus. Be still and become aware of his Presence with you. Thank him for taking on himself all your sin, sorrow and sickness, when he died for you on the cross, so that you might be healed. Tell him your wounds and ask for his healing. Listen for what he will say to you.

O Lord, you alone can heal me; you alone can save. My praises are for you alone! Jeremiah 17:14 NLT

BELOW IS THE SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE FOR THIS LESSON THAT CAN BE PRINTED OUT FOR SMALL GROUP TIME

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Psalms 150:1 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. **2** Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. **3** Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, **4** praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, **5** praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. **6** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Exodus 12:28 The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 12:50 All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 14:29-31 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. **30** That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. **31** And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Exodus 14:11-12 They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? **12** Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

Exodus 16:2-3 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. **3** The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

Exodus 15:22-24 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. **23** When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) **24** So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

Exodus 17:3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

Exodus 16:8 Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

Jeremiah 23:5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

Isaiah 4:2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel.

Isaiah 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Psalms 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 103:2-5 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— **3** who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, **4** who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, **5** who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

James 5:14-16 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

2Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Isaiah 53:3-6 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. **5** 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 wounds we are healed. **6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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Psalms 150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his heavenly dwelling; praise him in his mighty heaven!
2 Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness!
3 Praise him with a blast of the trumpet; praise him with the lyre and harp!
4 Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with stringed instruments and flutes!
5 Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.
6 Let everything that lives sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Exodus 12:28 So the people of Israel did just as the LORD had commanded through Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 12:50 So the people of Israel followed all the LORD's instructions to Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 14:29-31 The people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry land, as the water stood up like a wall on both sides. **30** This was how the LORD rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. And the Israelites could see the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the shore. **31** When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the LORD had displayed against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and put their faith in him and his servant Moses.

Exodus 14:11-12 Then they turned against Moses and complained, "Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves for us in Egypt? Why did you make us leave? **12** Didn't we tell you to leave us alone while we were still in Egypt? Our Egyptian slavery was far better than dying out here in the wilderness!"

Exodus 16:2-3 There, too, the whole community of Israel spoke bitterly against Moses and Aaron.

3 "Oh, that we were back in Egypt," they moaned. "It would have been better if the LORD had killed us there! At least there we had plenty to eat. But now you have brought us into this desert to starve us to death."

Exodus 15:22-24 Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the Shur Desert. They traveled in this desert for three days without water.

23 When they came to Marah, they finally found water. But the people couldn't drink it because it was bitter. (That is why the place was called Marah, which means "bitter.")

24 Then the people turned against Moses. "What are we going to drink?" they demanded.

Exodus 17:3 But tormented by thirst, they continued to complain, "Why did you ever take us out of Egypt? Why did you bring us here? We, our children, and our livestock will all die!"

Exodus 16:8 The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and bread in the morning, for he has heard all your complaints against him. Yes, your complaints are against the LORD, not against us."

Jeremiah 23:5 "For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will place a righteous Branch on King David's throne. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

Isaiah 4:2 But in the future, Israel—the branch of the LORD will be lush and beautiful, and the fruit of the land will be the pride of its people.

Isaiah 11:1 Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

Psalms 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 103:2-5 Praise the LORD, I tell myself, and never forget the good things he does for me.

3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

4 He ransoms me from death and surrounds me with love and tender mercies.

5 He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

James 5:14-16 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

2Chronicles 7:14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

Isaiah 53:3-6 He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised, and we did not care.

4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins! **5** But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed! **6** All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all.

1Peter 2:24 He personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You have been healed by his wounds!