

# The Healer is Here!

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Friday night began without irregularity. We got dressed, went to eat and were on our way to church to worship in the New Year. We dropped the kids off in children's church and went to the sanctuary. As we sat, my eyes wandered and I couldn't help but notice a lady who looked ill. I noticed her hands and then her face. She was frail and her skin was darkened. She smiled and had conversations with others around her. My eyes continued to wander about the sanctuary without noticing that she began having a conversation with the people behind me. I couldn't help but hear how she battled cancer. She said that she had a CT scan and they saw more spots in her body, specifically her lungs. She then said that she had PET scan and it showed nothing. She rejoiced and said "I'm just trusting God. He's in control. Those doctors can look all day and if God says no it's NO. I'm not worrying about a thing." The Holy Spirit said to me "In her spirit, she has health."



## FAST FORWARD TO SUNDAY...

We arrived at church a little behind schedule. We eventually had to go to the balcony...the nosebleed section. I was a little bothered but thought little of it. I had a lot on my mind. Things I had before the Lord and how I needed Him to hear my prayer. The choir began to sing "I love you Jesus. I worship and adore you. Just want to tell you. Lord I love you more than anything." It was powerful. The man in front of me stood. It was remarkable to me because when he stood, he wasn't straight. His spine was curved, and he lifted his hands that were obviously crippled with arthritis. His clothes were simple. His hair was unkempt. Unfortunately, he was easy to overlook. He held his head back and began to tell the Lord that he loved Him. I looked around and saw others who were very well dressed and appearing outwardly healthy...sit. Then the Holy Spirit said to me "In his spirit this man stands straight."

It was in the nosebleed section that I began to look around and wonder how many of us appeared healthy and straight outwardly, but were sick and crippled in our spirits. Then I heard the Holy Spirit say, "You don't have to look far. It's you." Tears began to fall because at that moment I realized that I was diseased with worry and crippled by the pain of circumstances in life. I immediately was comforted by the Holy Spirit saying "I AM is here. The Healer is here."

## THANK YOU LORD!

He gave me this word: Psalm 103 (The Message)

3-5 He forgives your sins—everyone.  
He heals your diseases—everyone.  
He redeems you from hell—saves your life!  
He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.  
He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.  
He renews your youth—you're always young in his presence.



My heart is overwhelmed. I would love to wrap this up eloquently, but I have no words. Maybe it's time for me to be quiet and let the Holy Spirit speak to you. Are you crippled? I AM is here.

I feel like the woman at the well. The Lord saw her, called her out and then restored her. "Come see a Man!" He's here...He heals.