

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## *His Cost & Our Healing*

### **Matthew 8:14-17**

**8:14**, Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house,  
He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.

- **He saw his wife's mother**
- The leper & the Centurion approached Him

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Jesus maintained **situational awareness**

- Human & Divine
- Earthly & heavenly

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**John 5:19**, The Son is not able to do anything on His  
own, but **only what He sees the Father doing**.

**Luke 19:5**, When Jesus came to the place, **He  
looked up and said to him**, "Zacchaeus, hurry and  
come down because today I must stay at your  
house."

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Are we **Intentionally aware** of God & those around  
us?

- Jesus calls us to follow His example, toward  
God & each other
- You probably notice people who are  
unaware of those around them
- People thinking only of themselves... in  
traffic, or the grocery store
- I remember the day I determined to be  
aware of my surroundings

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Would you rather be unnoticed for being aware,

- Or **noticed for being unaware?**
- Awareness of the people around us **values  
them**
- Many are unaware because they don't value  
others

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He saw his wife's mother **lying sick with a fever**.

- He was attuned to people suffering around  
Him
- Some He helped. Some He didn't

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**8:15**, And He touched her hand, and the fever left  
her.

- **He touched her hand**
- There is no greater human **identification  
with someone** than touching
- To touch someone who is suffering values  
them more than ourselves
- Jesus touched people, including the  
untouchables
- And people constantly sought to touch Him
- A common defense mechanism is **"Don't  
touch me!"**

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He touched her hand, **and the fever left her**.

- He touched her with all of who He is
- He touched her as one person to another, as  
the Son of Man
- He touched her imparting all of who He is to  
her

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Sometimes compassion compels us to **reach out to  
touch someone**

- **But we don't have all of what they need**
- Sometimes our touch can bring healing to  
**who they are...**
- Even when we can't improve their  
circumstance
- Our inability to help can seem frustrating

- Jesus didn't heal all the hurting people, all the time

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 We can only give from Him, **when He is giving it**

- **As the Father directs Him**
- Sometimes He left them; needs unmet
- He trusted the Father, when He gave & when He didn't
- It requires **staying in contact with the Father**
- And **He gave us that**, to the extent we take Him up on it

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 The deepest healing is the **healing of who we are**

**Psalms 147:3**, He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (sorrows).

- He has empowered us to do this (**Matthew 10:8**)
- "Freely you have received, freely give."

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**James 5:16**, Therefore **confess your sins** to each other and **pray for each other** so that **you may be healed**. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

- Healed of what? Our confessed sin. (**1 John 1:8-10**)
- It's common to place our hand on someone as we pray for them
- It symbolizes **identification with, and impartation**
- I always ask permission if I'm not sure of their preference

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 Then she arose and served Him/them.

- The most natural response to being touched & healed by Jesus...
- Is serving **Him by serving others** in His behalf (in His name)
- If you wouldn't naturally serve other – **Do it for Him**

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**8:16**, When evening had come, **they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed**. And He

cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.

- Someone troubled by demons should be brought to Jesus
- **Acts 19:13-16**
- Don't use His name unauthorized (**John 5:19 & 20:21**)
- There is much error with binding & loosing (**Matt. 18**)

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 He **cast out** the spirits **with a word**

- Please note He did not touch them
- He does not identify with (touch) demons, or their influence
- Though healing usually follows deliverance...
- Casting out evil is not the same as healing afflictions or disease

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 And **healed all who were sick**.

- **Mark & Luke** both say He healed & delivered **many**, not all
- Mark was taught by Peter & it happened in Peter's house
- We're going to see some times when Jesus healed some...
- And some times He didn't heal any

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**8:17**, That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "**He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.**" (**Isaiah 53:4**)

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**"He Himself took our infirmities"**

- He who made, sustains & restores all things
- On His own. No one assigned this to Him

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**John 1:1-3**, In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word was with God**, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

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**Hebrews 1:1-3**, **God**, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **has** in these last days **spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all

things, **through whom also He made the worlds**; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, **when He had by Himself** purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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"He Himself **took our infirmities**"

- **Took** = Obtain possession of, took to Himself
- Not forcefully, but in gentleness
- **Infirmities** = Feebleness, Frailty or Weakness

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**He makes them His**, instead of ours

- He relieves us of them

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"And **bore our sicknesses.**"

- **Bore** = To lift & receive, to carry
- He now carries what we used to
- **Sicknesses** = Malady or Disease
- **1995**, "Will you let me do this?"

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**Matthew 8:1-17**

- The leper, the Centurion, someone sick at home
- Whether we come to Him for ourselves or someone else,
- Or whether He enters our environment...
- Will we stay in contact with the Father?
- Will we surrender & relinquish control of our own life & those we love?
- Will we entrust everything too great for us, to Him?
- Fully trusting Him, no matter what He does or does not do
- I admit it seems I have to do this almost every day
- Paul said he did have to do it daily (**I Corinthians 15:31**)