



The Creator Can Restore, Recreate, and Heal!

Understanding God's Healing Power and Practice

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Do miraculous healings still happen today?

Why doesn't God always heal people when they ask?

I was so sick and tired of the despair and the feelings of self pity, I cried out, "God, if I can't die, show me how to live." And I'm not kidding, the next morning I woke up a different person.

-Joni Eareckson Tada

Staggering Facts about Joni Eareckson Tada

- Artist and Painter
- *Joni and Friends International Disability Center*
- Member of Disability Advisory Committee
- Daily radio program
- Author of more than 40 books
- Autobiography, *Joni*, was made into a feature film
- *Wheels for the World* wheelchairs

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If I had been granted a miraculous physical healing back when I was 17, I know I wouldn't be in a ministry serving other people with disabilities around the world.

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Do you trust that God [knows](#) and [wants](#) what's best for you and His Kingdom?

The Healing at the Pool John 5:1-15

1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

11 But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

12 So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Why does Jesus [heal](#)?

Why doesn't Jesus heal everyone by the pool?

John 5:6

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John 5:7

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Biblical Examples of Healing

Matthew 15:27-28

27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, **you have great faith!** Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. -

Mark 1:40-42

40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "**If you are willing, you can make me clean.**" 41 Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Matthew 8:5-8, 10

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel **with such great faith**."

Mark 9:22-24

22 "...But **if you can do anything**, take pity on us and help us."

23 "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

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Isaiah 35:5-6

5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

John 20:30-31

30 Jesus performed many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written **that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah**, the Son of God, and **that by believing you may have life in his name**.

Jesus' Primary [Purposes](#) for Miracles and [Healings](#)

- [Trust](#) in Him
- [Find life](#) in Him

John 5:12-13

12 So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

John 5:15

15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Do you want to get well?

Do you want to be whole?

Friends, bask in the rays of the light of the world, let the sun burn away every bit of half-hearted, ho-hum, average, mediocre approach to God. Feed on Him, taste the bread of Heaven and see that He is good. Die to self, and live to Jesus; keep dying until you are dying to know Him more.

-Joni Eareckson Tada (2010)

James 5:16

...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. -