

Mark 6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. **54** When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, **55** and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. **56** And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Part of the reason I became a pastor was because I saw a lot of physical healing in the hospital even some that seemed miraculous and yet those who were healed still led the same pointless selfish lives. I came to realize that more was needed. What we need more than anything is Spiritual Healing from the one who can do both.

Once I laid hands on a young man who was in a terrible car accident with a group of very drunk friends. I had been called by his father who was my landlord when he was taken to the hospital. I saw the oxygen and the test tubes and the blood. I laid hands and prayed for him before he went to the OR. Two days later when visited he was sitting on the side of his bed dressed. I asked what had happened because I had expected a long recovery. His mother said, "We don't know, the doctors think it was you." I told her it was not me but God. After talking a while and then starting to leave I turned and said, "I don't want to sound like an episode of touched by an angel or anything but God did not save you to go back to the same old crappy existence, God saved you for a reason." I wonder how many of those that Jesus healed got it that a whole new life was being offered them?

Let us pray, Lord may we receive the healing you offer to all of us and more may we live into the new life in the kingdom. Amen