

# December

## Jesus - Healer of the Brokenhearted

*Psalm 147:3*

*"He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds."*

*"Let's ask Jesus to heal it." They were simple words that I spoke to my young children when they fell or got hurt. "Oh, Jesus!" I'd cry out, as if it were the most important prayer in the whole world, "Please heal Kolton! He has fallen and his knees are scraped and he is in pain! Please touch his legs and heal him. Amen."*

Today, when they are in pain, or when they are sick, or when they are facing a medical procedure, I pray for them. I ask out loud for the Lord to be the Healer in their life.

When was the last time you prayed and asked God to heal?  
What were you praying for?

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When you think of God being the Healer, do you most often think of the ways that He heals physically? I do. I go to the Lord when my kids are sick, or if friends are sick, or when someone I know reveals they're facing a troubling diagnosis.

Exodus 15:26 says, *"If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."*

## I AM THE LORD, WHO HEALS YOU

God didn't just describe His actions toward His people. He revealed a name that He could be called in the future. We can call out to God our Healer.

This time of year especially, our bodies need Jesus to bring restoration as sickness seems to fly through our families and communities. But also, it's during this season of family and celebration that our need for the Lord who heals us might extend beyond what we feel in our bodies and reach into what we experience in our hearts. We might recognize our need for the Lord to heal us not just physically but emotionally as well this time of year.

The good news is that Jesus is Healer of the sick and a Healer of the brokenhearted.

Psalm 147:3 says, *"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."*

This word "broken" in Hebrew is *shabar*. It is a picture of something shattered, splintered, or fragmented.



We see this word used again in Isaiah 61:1-2 when the prophet spoke about what the Messiah would come to do 800 years later...

*"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God..."*

When Jesus came, He stood in the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth and read from this passage of Scripture. You can read what took place in Luke 4:16-21.

*So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

*Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE  
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My friend, when was the last time you asked God to heal a broken heart in the same way you might ask Him to heal a sickness or disease?

He doesn't just help us. He heals us. He is able to mend the shatter places in our heart and lives just like He heals a shattered bone.

Is that where you are now? Are there areas of your life that seem to be left in tiny pieces unable to be restored? Do you need a miracle this miracle season? As we think about our precious Jesus and what He came to do, let's pause to praise God the Healer of the brokenhearted.

## Let's Pray

Father, I ask You to do now what I asked when my children were young and would scrape their knees. Please help my friend here. Please bring healing! She feels shattered and she is in pain. Please mend her broken heart and heal her. Thank You for caring about everything we face. We ask in Jesus's name. Amen.

