

# GOSPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## JESUS DRIVEN CHURCH

### WHOLENESS #2

We have already learned that it is Jesus' desire that all His believers would be walking in wholeness. That we would be people of a:

- Single heart
- Single mind
- Single will

That our lives would be filled with integrity, that we would walk righteously before God.

Below are a list of scriptures in which the Lord uses the word "WHOLE." As you read each section of scripture allow the Holy Spirit to speak words of life to you, to encourage you and to dispel any darkness which might be flooding you spirit and soul.

Matt 9:10-13 *And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be WHOLE*

*need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

Matt 9:19-22 *And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be WHOLE. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee WHOLE. And the woman was made WHOLE from that hour*

Matt 12:9-13 *And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among*

*you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored WHOLE, like as the other.*

Matt 14:34-36 *And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly WHOLE.*

Matt 15:22-28 *And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered*

her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made WHOLE from that very hour.

Mark 10:46-52 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee WHOLE. And immediately he

received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Luke 7:2-10 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant WHOLE that had been sick.

Luke 17:11-19 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him

ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee WHOLE.

John 5:2-9 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made WHOLE of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made WHOLE? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise,

*take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made WHOLE, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.*

Now as you have reviewed all the Gospel accounts where the word “WHOLE” was used with relationship to Jesus healing people, lets briefly examine them.

The first account was in Matt. 9. Publicans (tax collectors) and sinners came to sit and eat with Jesus. The Pharisees questioned His disciples about this. But when Jesus heard them He spoke words that were both gracious and condemning at the same time.

*“They that be WHOLE need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

These words were gracious to those who believed they were sick. They understood that they were sinners. They realized that they did not have a righteous standing with God. Consequently mercy was there lot.

To those who believed they were okay, not sinners, but righteous, they were to be condemning.

Let me ask you a personal question at this point, “How are you with respect to God?” By what action do you count yourself righteous before a living God?

According to a recent survey done by the U.S. News and World Report, approximately 80% of Americans believe that there is a heaven and hell. When asked how they are going to heaven this is there reply:

- I’m a good person (60%)
- I’ve done the best I could (15%)
- I believe in God (10%)
- I go to church (8%)
- I keep the 10 commandments (5%)
- I never hurt anyone (2%)

In other words these people counted themselves righteous before God because of what they have done.

Yet the scriptures remind us, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* (Eph 2:8-9)

The reason we have right standing with God is because we believe that Jesus died for us and paid the penalty for our sins. It is by grace alone, through faith alone in the work of Christ alone that saves us.

As we continued to review these Gospel accounts we found that most had to do with individuals:

- The Women with the issue of blood
- The Man with the withered hand
- The Woman with a daughter vexed by a devil
- Blind Bartimaeus

- The Centurion’s servant
- The Man infirmed 38yrs @ Pool of Bethesda

Men and women from all different walks and conditions of life. Jesus had compassion on them and they were all make “WHOLE.”

Some incidences had to do with mass healings, like all who were diseased at Gennesaret. Jesus had compassion on them and healed them.

Only one story had to do with a group of individuals who all had the same problem. They all received a healing of their physical condition. However only one was made WHOLE.

My friend Jesus wants us WHOLE. Don’t be like the nine lepers who received their physical (temporal) healing but didn’t see the eternal picture of WHOLENESS. Only one came back to give thanks and in doing so acknowledged the source from which is healing came, the Lord. Why not bow your knee at the throne of His sovereignty right now if you never have. Let the Lord of glory wash you in His precious blood that your sins may be forgiven, and declare that He has sovereign rule of your life. Yes there will be struggles and mistakes, but He will never leave you or forsake you.