

Becoming A Wounded Healer

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³He was despised and rejected by mankind,
A man of suffering and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
He was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
Yet we considered him punished by God,
Stricken by Him and afflicted.
⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The punishment that brought us peace was on him,
And by his wounds we are healed.

~ Isaiah 53:3-5 [NIV]

Jesus, *the* Wounded Healer, _____ with us in our suffering.

- Acts 26:14; Matthew 25:40; Hebrews 4:15
- “It isn’t just suffering that makes us wounded healers. It is in embracing any and all suffering as a true part of what is making us complete.” ~ Daniel J. Little
 - 2 Corinthians 1:5

A wounded healer’s _____

- Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ~ *Romans 5:1-5*

A wounded healer’s _____:

1. _____

- Luke 7:11-17; Colossians 3:12

2. _____

- Mark 1:40-41; Matthew 25:40; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3. _____

- Luke 5:31-32; Psalm 147:3

A wounded healer _____ to *the* Wounded Healer.

- 3 John 5-8; Acts 5:41-42; 8:26-38; 16:16-34
- Thomas needed to see the scars to believe; sometimes we need to experience the hurt to lead others to believe.

Being a wounded healer:

1. What are some of the “wounds” I have experienced in my life?
2. Who do I know that may have experienced similar wounds?
3. Do they know Jesus as their Savior and Lord – their ultimate Healer?
4. How can I come alongside them, share in their pain, and in caring for them also share the Gospel?
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to those you can minister to as a wounded healer.

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A wounded healer’s Heart:

1. Compassionate

- Luke 7:11-17; Colossians 3:12

2. Giving

- Mark 1:40-41; Matthew 25:40; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3. Humble

- Luke 5:31-32; Psalm 147:3

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