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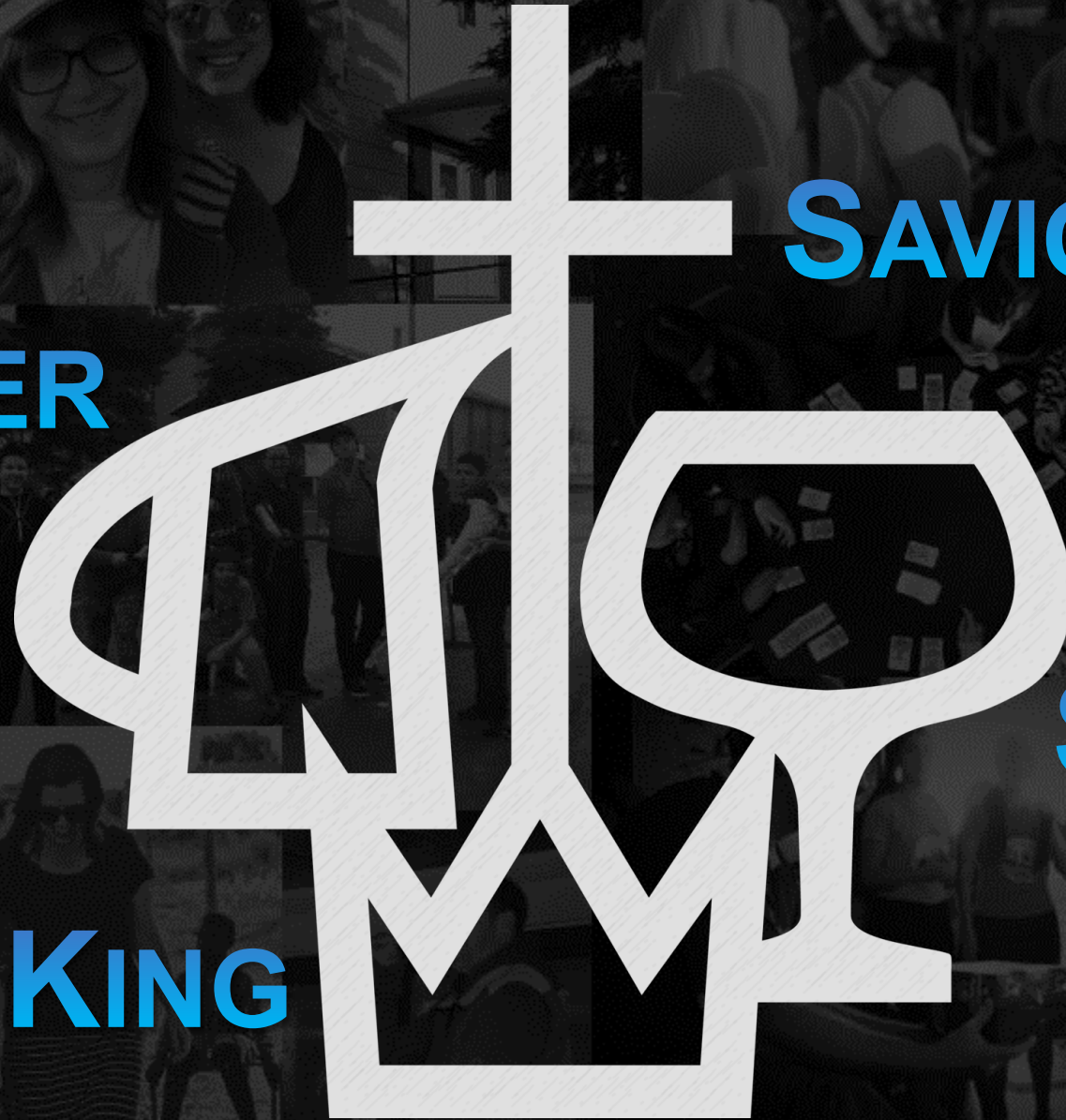
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HEALER

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Series – deep meaning in simple symbols

- difference between a logo and family crest
- marks of a movement – not a brand



The Cross – Christ our Saviour

The Cup – Christ our Sanctifier

The Pitcher – Christ our Healer

- used to fill individual vessels
- oil – representing the Holy Spirit & His work



Healing – topic bigger than today

- image – gravel road with ditches and soft shoulders
- Bible filled with images of God our healer
- As we try and apply that in a broken world
 - **Ditch of Demand** – for all, on demand, if for any reason you are not healed – you're the issue
 - **Ditch of Denial** – no longer witness miracles and healings. Easier to not expect it, hunker down, it will be better in heaven
- Can find truth and healthy practice





1. Healing Matters to God

- mission to redeem and restore His creation
- Exd. 15:23-26 “There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”



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- Matthew 11:4-6 “And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”



- pointed to Jesus as the messiah (Isaiah prophecy)
- pointed to authority of God over sin and world
- pointed to the restoring redemptive work

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Isaiah 53:5-6

**“But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned — everyone—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**



2. Jesus Healed

a) regularly

- Matthew 4:23-24 “And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.”



b) sent his disciples to proclaim, heal & cast out

- Mark 6:7,12 “And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits..... So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.”



- given the authority

- many healed



c) Not everyone seeking found healing

- Mark 1:37 “and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”



- goal not to heal physically whole nation - bigger
- was providing much more – securing eternity
- Paul & Thorn in flesh – 2 Cor. 12:7-10



3. New Testament Church

a) example of healing

- Acts 5:12-16 “Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”





b) Given clear instructions on asking

- James 5:13-18 “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”



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- prayer in faith
 - Matt. 6:10 'your kingdom your will'
 - Luke 22:42 'take this cup, not my will but yours'
 - Phil. 2:5 'Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus'
- identify need
- introspection of heart
- invitation to others
- asking the Spirit to do the supernatural

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Three Real Life Examples

1. **Instant Healing** – miracle unexplained
2. **Progressive Healing** – over time restored
3. **Persisting in Prayer** – so far grace extended to deal with sickness
4. **Taken Home** – time on earth over, separation from loved ones





Issues I Need to Mention



- 1. Physical healing is temporary** – all will die
 - restoration fully coming - Rom. 8:18ff
- 2. God uses suffering in the life of His children**
 - Psalm 119:71 “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.”
- 3. Have a good Father** – desires our best, invites us to ask
 - difference between our desire and his design
 - will never leave, not separated from love, carry us

So What?

- 1. If you have been in the ditch – get back on the road**
 - expectations, disappointments, meet with Jesus here
- 2. Posture & Perspective Important**
 - not deserve or demand – desire surrendered to one able
 - not my will – yours be done
 - you are a good good father – trust your ways and work
- 3. Invitation to Discern and Ask of God**
 - identify, inspect, invite, open to God

