

Daily Devotion For October 16, 2022

"On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'" Mark 2:17

On Friday, I called my primary care physician to cancel an appointment that I had scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Since making that appointment I decided to take a few days of study leave to prepare better for the Thursday night Bible Study. I rescheduled for two weeks later.

There are times in our lives when we face problems. We may think that we can handle the problems ourselves. Sometimes we are hesitant to call on a doctor. I think that our Christ walk is often like that. For example, we have problems in our lives, but we think we are qualified to handle them ourselves. We have burdens, but we assume we can carry the weight on our own. We have questions, but don't really trust God to supply the answers. We need help, but stubbornly refuse to ask.

Some people call God the "The Great Physician." Although we think of this in terms of physical healing, Jesus walked the earth to provide something more: spiritual healing.

In Mark 2:13-17, the Pharisees asked Jesus why He was eating with sinners and tax collectors. Jesus explained that He came so we would know Him, and be healed from the inside out. If the world were a righteous place, there would have been no need for a Savior. But God knew just how much we needed a Great Physician. Out of compassion for us, He sent His Son to fill that role. In order to tap into His healing power, we simply have to seek Him.

In that great hymn of the Christian Faith, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" there is a line that says, "O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

**Thought For Today:** Are you hurting physically, emotionally, or spiritually? Take it to the one who is the Great Physician and healer. If you need a physician who knows your suffering, understands how you are feeling, and has the cure, make an appointment to spend time with God today, He is always available.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Praise God that He is the Great Physician and Healer. Both physically, mentally, and spiritually. Deo Volente.