

## Them That Had Need

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

**Luke 9:10-11.** "And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing."

Did you notice that it was those who had need that received healing, and were blessed of God? I'm sure that they were well aware of the needs that they had. If a person has health problems, or other needs, he is aware of it more than anyone else. Some needs a person has may be more subtle, and even that person may not realize it.

Why don't we see more people come to Christ today? Why isn't there more joy, and victory in the life of many Christians? Well, for one thing, most people hate to let anyone know that they have needs. We like to present a picture of being strong, and having things under control. We

can often fool other people, and sometimes even fool ourselves, but we can never deceive God.

Can we find it in ourselves to have an honest look at who we are? To do as God's Word tells us to do, and to examine ourselves? **2 Corinthians 13:5.** "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" While it may be hard to admit a weakness, or fault, to others it should be easier to talk to God about it. Man may not keep your situation confidential, but God will. **James 5:16.** "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another; that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I wonder how the church would change, and how much stronger it would be, if we did what the Lord tells us here and quit acting like we know so much and are so strong. The truth is that we all have needs whether we like to admit it or not.

Jesus rebuked the church of the Laodiceans in the book of Revelation because of this very attitude. **Revelation 3:17.** "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest

not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." They had spiritual needs that they either didn't realize, or wouldn't admit, but the Lord saw the true condition and told them of it. Are we like the Laodiceans, and figure that we know it all, and don't need anything, even from God? If we are, then we are foolish, and ignorant of our true condition. Rather than act like we are so strong, we need to trust in the one who is strong and all knowing - God and his son, Jesus.

Remember God is the source of our strength and wisdom. Peter is a good example of what happens when a man thinks himself strong and in control. He went from a proud, confident boasting of never denying Jesus, to cursing and swearing that he didn't even know him, in just a short while. Why? He failed simply because he trusted in himself. If, and when, we do that, we will fail too.

We don't have to fail, because help is just a prayer away. If we can ask the Lord, in faith, then we will find the help that we need. **Luke 5:31.** "And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick." Jesus is the great physician and wants to help those who will trust him - all we have to do is ask in faith.

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**JACOB'S TOIL**  
JACOB, HAVING STOLEN AWAY IN THE NIGHT WITH ALL THAT IS HIS, LABAN NOW PURSUES HIM, BECAUSE HE DID NOT TELL HIM HE WAS GOING...

WE SHALL OVERTAKE JACOB FOR WE ARE NOT HINDERED BY THE SLOWNESS OF THE FLOCKS AS IS JACOB.

AYE, FATHER LABAN! AND WHEN THOU OVERTAKEST JACOB WHAT THEN SHALT THOU DO UNTO HIM?

LAST NIGHT THE GOD OF JACOB SPOKE TO ME AS I SLEPT AND COMMANDED THAT I DO NO BAD THING UNTO JACOB.

I MUST OBEY, FOR HE IS A POWERFUL GOD!

... AND LATER.

BEHOLD! JACOB HAST PITCHED HIS CAMP ON THE MOUNT OF GILEAD!

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