

*Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians  
in Need of Guidance and Deliverance*



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Dear APF Supporter:

**Greetings!**

I hope that life is going well for all of you. Since it is approaching Thanksgiving, I want to be sure and tell you how thankful I am for you. The support for the ministry is tremendous, and I hope God blesses you all in return.

**Praises:**

A big praise to God for how outside work has been done for the office building before the weather turned cold. My dad, with his favorite toy (John Deere 4020), moved dirt, gravel and stone to finish the parking area and begin the landscaping.

I praise God for the blessing of seeing a number of people receive healing. Time after time, the Lord Jesus has healed a broken person before my eyes, and the healing is obvious just by looking at the person.

Teaching at Riverview Mennonite Church is continuing to go quite well. I have enjoyed each session, and look forward to the next week.

**Something to Consider:**

An important part of the ministry of *A Pastor's Friend* is that of leading a person to the Lord Jesus for healing of wounded memories. Hurts and pains that happen throughout life color our perspective about ourselves, others, God, and life in general. These perspectives can actually be *misperceptions*, and in essence a person believes a lie about something.

The process I use is to simply ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind the wounded memory that He wants to heal. Generally, we'll move from conception to present, but sometimes wounds that are connected will be grouped together. Now, some of you are asking, "How can a person remember something before being born?" When the time period is before a person can remember, I ask the Holy Spirit to reveal emotions that the young child has. For instance, if the child feels fear, then I ask the Lord Jesus to come and bring peace and security to the child. If possible, I ask the person to see Jesus holding the child. When a person can visually remember the memory, I ask the Lord Jesus to enter the picture so the person can see Him minister the healing.

It has been an incredible experience watching how Jesus knows exactly what a person needs for healing. He works with each person differently, and sometimes even differently with each memory a person has. As a facilitator, I simply need to follow His lead, and be open to what the Holy Spirit is telling me. For instance, in session, I asked the Lord Jesus to minister healing to the person, but the person said, "He's just standing there!" Very soon after that, I sensed the Holy Spirit say, "Forgive! Give Jesus your anger." I suggested to the person to forgive but the person was very hurt and didn't want to forgive. My next suggestion was to, "...just put all of your hurt and anger into a container and give it to Him." The person did so and chose to forgive. Jesus then came and held the person, taking away the pain. When I asked if the memory produced any pain,

the answer was, “No!” The memory didn’t go away, but the hurt and pain attached to it did.

Such an experience is not by my planning or design. It is the work of God healing one of His children. Not all can visualize and see Jesus and totally operate on what is felt. Regardless, the facial expressions and bodily reactions give evidence to inner peace. To make sure that it is not a demonic counterfeit, I put the spirit to the test (see 1John 4). If the spirit declares that Jesus Christ did come in the flesh, I can trust that it was indeed the work of God. The healing process is done after confession of sin, trying to deal with anything that would hinder God’s healing work. In some cases, as the example above, we discover areas of sin that weren’t addressed. Nonetheless, it is the Holy Spirit who guides the process.

First Peter 2:24 says, “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” This verse fits well with the ministry. A person confesses all known sin and addresses the aspect of being “in Christ”—realizing that identity is based on our position in Him instead of what we do. Then He heals the wounds. Peter was quoting Isaiah 53:5, where the work of Jesus was foretold. It humbles me that Isaiah prophesied 700 years before Jesus that He would heal by His wounds, and 2000 years after Jesus, He is still in the business of healing! Simply put: God is so good.

I wish that each person who comes for help experiences the healing work of God. For some though, facing the memory in and of itself is just too painful. God has to continue to prepare them before they can continue. It is for those in this situation who need prayer for God’s work. Again, I praise God for His love for us, that He heals our wounds! Whether it takes one session or one year, God doesn’t quit but works a ministry of healing.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for the community’s economic situation. We know how some have lost a job or hours have been reduced.

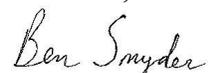
Please bless in prayer those who come for help. Many are discouraged and need to experience God’s love.

Please pray for my family’s health. In the last month, we all have been battling illness.

**Final Thoughts:**

In Matthew 8:1-4, a man with leprosy came to Jesus. He said to Jesus, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” The Lord Jesus responded, “I am willing.” I truly believe that God is willing to heal each and every person of emotional hurts and pains. The healing may not come as quickly as we’d like or in the way that we like, but He knows *exactly* what we need. I encourage all to allow Him to do a work of healing for you!

In Christ,

  
Ben Snyder