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Devotion for October 4th, 2021

Matthew 8:1-17

Today's reading focuses on several healings that Jesus did during His earthly ministry. While they are all significant, and everything that He did was miraculous, these three accounts share some very specific details that teach us much about Jesus.

In the first one, the healing of a man with leprosy, we're shown Jesus' care for all, regardless of circumstance. In those times, someone with leprosy was an absolute outcast. To go near them was to go extremely against the grain. And yet Jesus went, and even more so, He touched the man. And when Jesus had healed the man, He told him to not tell anyone, showing us that He was not looking for fame or notoriety.

In the second account, Jesus heals a centurion's servant. This time He heals without even being near the injured person. This shows us not only the great power that our God has, but the great faith that we are also to have in His ability to do all things.

In the third account, we hear of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Obviously our Lord was close with Peter, and his mother-in-law was someone who cared for Jesus' earthly needs. And then it continues to talk about Jesus "healing many." Through this we're shown that Jesus did not just come to die on the cross and rise again for our sins, He cared for people each and every day of His earthly ministry.

I pray that you might be reminded of the amazing power and care that your Lord and Savior has for you. That no trouble is too small to bring to Him and that someday He will completely heal and restore you, when He brings you to Him.

*God's blessings,
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