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- **Gospel**

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- *“Son.” “Daughter.”* *Τέκνον.* *“Child.”* He says it with tender intimacy.
- *Just think for a moment about the compassion of Jesus.*
- *Feel His compassion for you .*
- *He stoops to our weakness. He comes down to our level. (That’s incarnation. “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”)*
- *Sometimes we don’t seek forgiveness because we don’t think He cares about us.*
- *Other times we don’t seek forgiveness because we don’t recognize our sins as sins.*

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- It isn't necessarily arrogance. It can be ignorance.
- Society seems to say this is okay.
- But it's killing us, and we need forgiveness.
- Why deprive yourself of the healing, the wholeness, the salvation that comes with the forgiveness you so desperately need?
- Write your name in the blank under #2.
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- Notice the man came for physical healing, not forgiveness.

3. We need spiritual healing before physical healing.

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**or**

- Spiritual healing is a higher priority.
- I visited a friend in the hospital. God healed him, but he didn't return to God.  
[I will ask him to listen to this sermon.]
- Sometimes spiritual healing has to come before physical healing in time.

- “Take up your mat and walk” is easier because it is objectively verifiable.
- We’ve seen people physically healed. (God wants to do more.)
- Guilt can cripple us. Guilt can blind us. Guilt can deafen us to Good News. Guilt can paralyze us. Guilt can kill us.
- I passionately want you to experience physical healing.
- But it is far more important that you experience, beyond a shadow of a doubt, spiritual healings.  
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4. Forgiveness leads to change/transformation.

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- Forgiveness frees us from the behavior patterns that have us paralyzed.
- It’s hard to kick an addiction to a destructive substance, a sinful behavior.
- It’s almost impossible if we don’t know we are forgiven.
- But forgiveness frees us to start life anew!
- It snaps the straps that tie us down to the old way of life.

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- Sometimes we think our sins are too great, too many, too frequent, too recent.

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- Who first brought you to Jesus?
- Who brings you to Jesus now?
- Need small groups. Stan Ott's "Refrigerator Friends"
- Need a confessor.
- Prayer ministers. Let them carry you to Jesus for healing!
- You need the church! (Not an institution. One another)
- Particularly elders.

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- Tell people what Jesus has done for you.  
(Homework this week.)
- Invite them to church.
- Ask them to listen to a sermon at
- Give them literature.
- PRAY for them. With them. (Dentist office?)

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