



THE HEALER

MESSAGE NOTES

WEEK 3 - UNDERSTANDING WHY GOD SAYS NO TO OUR PRAYERS

In order to understand God, we must first be able to see God.

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way. MARK 10:46-52 ESV

WE DON'T ASK JESUS

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. MATTHEW 7:7-8 ESV

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. JOHN 16:24 ESV

But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” ACTS 3:6 ESV

WE DON'T HAVE FAITH

And (JESUS) could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. MARK 6:5-6 NLT

My miracles are limited by my faith.

WE ARE ASKING FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT GOOD

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
MATTHEW 7:9-11 ESV

WE ASK WITH SELFISH MOTIVES

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives. JAMES 4:3 ESV

Praying for someone else can do two things:

- Convict them of what needs to change.
- Remove the Devil from their struggle.

WE HAVE UNCONFESSED SIN IN OUR LIVES

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
JAMES 5:16 ESV

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

And (JESUS) withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." LUKE 22:41-42 ESV

And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. LUKE 22:43 ESV