

The Precursor to Healing

Walk With a Limp - Part 1

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**Everyone has a story.
Every story matters to God.**

We all walk with a limp.

*“⁹Then Jesus told this story to some who **had great confidence in their own righteousness** and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: “I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! ¹²I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.” ¹³But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, “O God, be merciful to me, for **I am a sinner.**” ¹⁴I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home **justified** before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)*

The Gospel is not:

- **If I do enough good things, God owes me heaven.**

The Gospel is:

- **God owes me nothing, yet gave me everything.**

*“⁸God saved you by His grace when you **believed**. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)*

*“This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by **faith**. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through faith that a righteous person has life.’” Romans 1:17 (NLT)*

*“¹⁶For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who **believes** in Him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷God sent His Son into the world not to **judge** the world, but to **save** the world through Him.” John 3:16-17 (NLT)*

We’re not saved by **our good works. We’re saved by **Jesus’** good work on the cross.**

“¹²When Jesus heard this, He said, ‘Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. ¹³... I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.’” Matthew 9:12-13 (NLT)

Humility before God leads to healing from God.

Humble yourself before you get humbled.

*“²⁸Then Jesus said, ‘**Come to Me**, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you **rest**. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**. ³⁰For My yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.’” Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)*

You can’t change your past. But God can change your future.

One day God will use your **past** as your **platform** to help others.