

Why Jesus Didn't Heal Everyone

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"This is the confidence we have in approaching
God: that if we ask anything
according to His will, He hears us."

-1 John 5:14

The Gospels say Jesus healed "all
who came to Him" (Matthew 8:16).
Yet at Nazareth, only a few (Mark 6:5).
At Bethesda, just one man (John 5:3-9).
Paul pleaded three times-and was told no (2 Corinthians 12:8-9).
Even Jesus prayed for the cup to pass-and
still went to the cross (Luke 22:42).

These aren't contradictions.
They're revelations.

Jesus didn't heal to impress crowds.
He healed to unveil the Father's heart.
And sometimes, silence unveils it even more.

In the waiting, God is not absent.
His glory doesn't bypass suffering-it meets us in it.
"I will make rivers in the dry wasteland" (Isaiah 43:19).

Faith isn't a bargaining chip.
Prayer isn't a formula.
It's an encounter.
Like Jacob clinging through the night.
Like Hezekiah weeping when God had already spoken.
Grace shines brighter in weakness-like
a lamp glowing against the dark.

Jesus responded because their cries revealed faith,
surrender, desperation-hearts the Father honors.
John 5:19 anchors it: "The Son can
do nothing by Himself; He can do

only what He sees His Father doing."
Every healing was Father-directed,
even when prompted by human cries.

And when the answer isn't immediate,
prayer becomes more than a request-it becomes an encounter.
God welcomes the plea, even
when His answer is already spoken.
Jesus doesn't just remove suffering-He redeems it.
Paul's thorn remained, not because God
failed, but because grace shines brighter through weakness.

So this Thanksgiving, I give thanks
not just for what is
answered- but for the places where love
is poured out- and still overflows.

For prayers still unfolding.
For grace that steadies me in the storm.
For redemption that runs deeper than resolution.

You may not know this about
Jesus: He didn't heal everyone.
But He never ignored anyone.
And while we're still waiting,
He offers something greater than resolution—
He offers Himself.
And for this, I'm thankful.