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WHY DOESN'T GOD HEAL EVERYONE

You can ask for anything in my name and I will do it... **John 14:13 NLT**

¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well...
James 5:14-15 NLT

Beatitudes: Describe the ideal heart condition of a citizen of God's kingdom.

Why doesn't God heal everyone the way we want them healed?

- **We reap what we sow. God will forgive but may not remove the consequences.**
- **It's not always God's Will to heal people physically.**
"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." **Luke 22:42 NLT**
- **It may be part of God's plan for His glory and sovereign purpose.**
"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him." **John 9:3 NLT**
- **God is more interested in our character than our comfort.**
⁷...So, to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NLT**

God may be waiting for us to move...

- **In Faith**

²⁷ After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" ²⁸ "They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?" "Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do." ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen." ³⁰ Then their eyes were opened, and they could see!... **Matthew 9:27-30 NLT**

²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us if you can. ²³ What do you mean, 'If I can'? Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." ²⁴ The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" **Mark 9:22-24 NLT**

And so, he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.
Matthew 13:58 NLT

- **In Obedience**

⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. ⁷ He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So, the man went and washed and came back seeing! **John 9:6-7 NLT**

¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. **Luke 17:12-14 NLT**

- **In Community**

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. **James 5:16 NLT**

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47 NLT**

Celebrate Recovery is a structured approach to applying God's word in your life to experience healing from any hurt, hang up or habit, and to live out the Beatitudes through a community of support and accountability.

⁷ That is why the Holy Spirit says, ⁸ “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. **Hebrews 3:7-8 NLT**

You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. **Hebrews 3:13 NLT**

Next Steps...

- **Admit your need for God’s healing in your life.**
- **Act in faith/obedience to seek healing, encouragement, and accountability in Celebrate Recovery/Life Group.**