

Healing Part 2 - Ain't Too Proud to Plead

22 They (Jesus and his disciples) came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Mark 8:22

Begging openly expresses a deep sense of neediness and personal bankruptcy.

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:13-16

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Our deepest and most meaningful relationships in life must come from this church or from our relationships with other believers.

Do your friends bring you closer to Jesus or lead you away from him?

23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Mark 8:23a

Jesus reflected the compassion and tenderheartedness of God with great intentionality.

Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" 24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Mark 8:23b-24

25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Mark 8:25

We have to desire more from Jesus and force ourselves out of the gray middle-ground where we aren't that bad, but we certainly aren't that changed.

