

A Church for the Hurting

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They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See *that* no one knows *it*.” 31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

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35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

The Ministry of Jesus is a ministry of healing.

It is a ministry of hope to hopeless people.

It is a ministry of the Kingdom of God shining into a dark world.

Story: At my home church growing up, we had a saying; “This is a place for the hurt to heal and a new life to begin”...

And the Church was just that:

The Presence of God heals and restores...

The Presence of God puts things back together...

The Presence of God will pick you up and put you back on track...

The Presence of God and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit is Hope to a Hopeless Person...

Interesting History on this Church:

Take note of this: The way something is established is often the way it goes...

1907 this church was one of, if not the only Spirit Filled, Full Gospel Church in Pueblo, CO. The Church started out in a tent and was called Christian Assembly.

It was in 1925, under the name Glad Tidings Tabernacle, that the Church joined the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

It was in 1949 that the Church name was then changed to First Assembly of God.

In the 1950's there was a group that split off and formed Central Assembly.

In the early 1970's Pastor Jim Maley from Central Assembly and Pastor Darrel Madsen from First Assembly grew so close in their friendship and desire to reach Pueblo that they said, what if we merged back together as one Church. So they sold both their properties and in 1972 they broke ground on Pueblo Christian Center and the two Churches merging back together as one.

They recorded it like this:

“The Strong feeling is that the mind of the Lord was done in the merger as the sweet spirit between both groups, the souls being saved, and God's Holy Presence resting on the services has really been a present day miracle.”

- The History of this Church is Revival and the Presence of God...
- Reconciliation and Healing...
- I believe that's why Pueblo Christian Center has such a sweet spirit on it.
- We have seen troubled times just like they did before, but on the other side of difficulty this Church has maintained a spirit of unity and the Presence of God.
- People come here and are ministered to.
- Missionaries come here and ministered to.
- Hurting people come here and the Lord loves on them and heals them up.
- There is a ministry of Reconciliation and Healing over this Church.

I've heard it said the proof of any man or woman's ministry is in how many ministers come out of it...

I'll say this also: The proof of any Church is in how many ministers and ministries come out of it...

From our Text:

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Two Blind men came seeking Jesus

- What a picture of hope we get from this...
- We are living in a day of Spiritual Blindness like I've never witnessed...
- Oh but in their blindness let them see Jesus...
- Let them seek Jesus...

Jesus asked them "Do you believe that I am able?"

- There was a Supernatural Faith that came from these men...
- Faith because they believed in Jesus...

- Because even though they were blind in the natural, their Spirits could see that Jesus is the Son of God...

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

- That’s all we need today is for people to see Jesus...
- Oh that they would walk into a Church and feel His presence...
- That Pueblo would see Jesus...
- That America would see Jesus...
- I pray that Men and Women would have an encounter with Jesus Christ the Son of God
- That blinded eyes would be opened
- That hearts would be turned to Him
- I believe a Praying Church will soon become a Church of His Presence

Anything is Possible in the Presence of God

2 Samuel 6

9 David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, “How can the ark of the Lord come to me?” 10 So David would not move the ark of the Lord with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 11 The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

12 Now it was told King David, saying, “The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God.”

- David was moving the Ark of the Lord to City of David. They mishandled the Ark of the Lord and when Uzzah reached out his hand and touched it the Lord struck Uzzah and he died...
- Because of that David stopped and placed the Ark of the Lord inside the home of Obed-Edom.

And it says:

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- I try to imagine what those 3 Months looked like for Obed-Edom.
- It says The Lord blessed Him and all his household, and all that belonged to him...
- That must mean it was raining at Obed's house when it was dry everywhere else.
- Maybe that means Obed and his wife fell in love all over again...
- And He got a raise on the job...
- Or everything he touched was blessed...
- All the projects around the house got done
- And the kids started getting good grades in school and they stopped fighting with each other
- And the Garden went crazy that year, the Tomatoes were huge and the Peaches were sweet.
- I don't know exactly, but one thing I do believe happened is that the Presence of the Lord saturated that home and from the Presence of the Lord everything was blessed...

I can only imagine what it means when the Lord says because of his presence, the Lord blessed Him and all his household, and all that belonged to him...

But can I tell you the Bible says:

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

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That is my prayer for Pueblo Christian Center in 2021:

- **This year may we all Preach the Kingdom of God is at Hand**
- **Heal the Sick**
- **Cleanse the Leper**
- **Raise the Dead**
- **Cast out Demons**
- **Freely we have received, freely we shall give**