

## Easter Sunday 2019

### “Wounds, Scars, and Healing”

Does time really heal all wounds? No. Ever been wounded? Of course, you have. We all have been wounded in one way or another. Some have been wounded physically, some emotionally; some very deeply. Time seems to help a wound, but only if healing is taking place.

I remember my first significant wound. I was young and it involved a handsaw (thank God we didn't own a power saw). I was cutting a board with the family handsaw and thought holding the board down with my bare foot rather than guiding it with my hand was a good idea. Turns out it wasn't a good idea...the dull saw jumped off the board and onto my tender ankle bone. There was a moment of pain, panic, and blood and I was off into the house to find our family doctor (we called her "mom"). I still have a scar today, but not an open wound. Why? Because time helps heal a wound. Time also helps us bury wounds and burying a wound and healing a wound are two different things.

This past week, we have been reminded of the wounds Jesus received. There was a scourging, a beating, and a crucifixion. After all the wounding that ended in death, there was a resurrection that actually was a "death healing". This power over sin and death is what brings spiritual healing to all who want it for themselves! We don't have to live with our wounds! We don't have to be ashamed of our "sin scars"! We don't have to hope that "time will heal all wounds"! We can know that we have a Savior Who lives today to bring genuine healing and hope!

**The Sin Wound** – We have a sinful nature; it is exercised in our treatment of God and others.

- When people sin against us, they wound us (we have the scars to prove it).
- When we sin against others, we wound them (they have the scars to prove it).
- Healing is the body's treatment for our physical wound.
- Wounds need treatment:

**Luke 10:34** – story of the Good Samaritan  
*and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them;*

**The Sin Scars** – We have scars of what sin does to us

- We have evidence in our lives that, we see perhaps every day, reminds us sin has scarred us.
- Scars can serve as a reminder that we were once wounded; we can dwell on that. Or...
- Scars can serve as a reminder that we have been healed of our wounds.

What determines perspective?

- The perspective that determines how we see our wounds is healing. Has healing taken place?

**The Sin Healing** – We have access to healing because of His sacrifice for us.

**Isaiah 53:5-6 NAS**

*5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.*

*6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.*

-Jesus' death was a substitutionary death each of us.

**1 Peter 2:24 NAS**

*and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

Where there is healing there is hope!

**Bottom Line - His wounds reveal that our wounds can heal.**