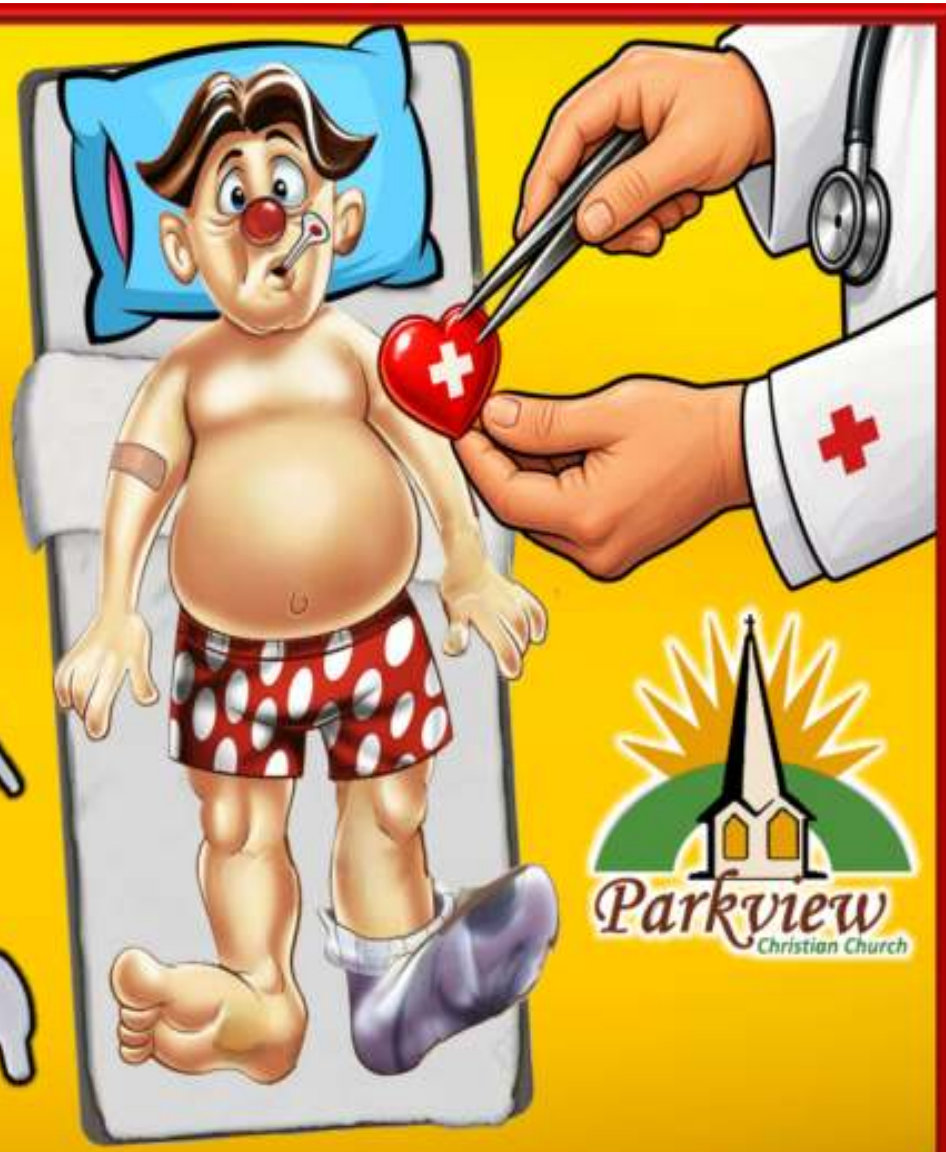
OPERATION

Allowing the Great Physician to Work in Our Life



Parkview
Christian Church


The Final
EXAMINATION
How do we walk?

Swollen Knees

Diagnosing our walk does not begin with stepping but kneeling

Water on the Knees: Fluid builds up around the knee, it creates swelling, stiffness, and discomfort

Pride makes surrender difficult

Self-sufficiency makes dependence difficult

We become more comfortable trusting ourselves than trusting God



Swollen Knees



When we stop bending before God, our relationship with Him begins to suffer. And one of the first places we see that is in our prayer life

We become less dependent on His direction

We start trying to manage things ourselves rather than bringing them before Him

A healthy walk with God begins with a willingness to humble ourselves before Him



Rigid Faith

It is not a lack of faith. It is rigid faith

Rigid faith looks strong on the surface

It knows the rules. It knows the patterns

It knows what is acceptable
and what is not

But rigid faith cannot stretch

It cannot adapt when God
moves outside our expectations



Rigid Faith



Rigid faith trusts God right up to the point where trust becomes inconvenient

It believes until belief requires risk

It obeys as long as obedience does not disrupt comfort, reputation, or routine

And like a ligament that has lost flexibility, rigid faith does not respond well under pressure

Instead of stretching, it resists. Instead of adjusting, it hardens and when God asks for movement, it breaks down

Cramped Religion





A charley horse is when a muscle tightens and refuses to release

Overexertion: Doing more than the body was meant to carry

Dehydration: When the life that's supposed to flow through the body just isn't there

Poor Circulation: When blood stops moving freely, when life gets trapped instead of shared

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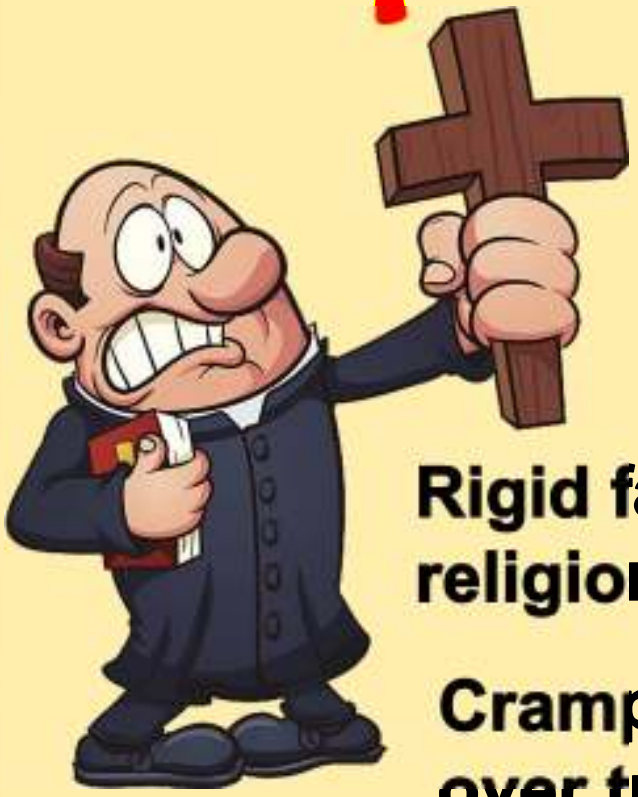




Cramped religion still shows up. Still sings. Still knows the right words. But it no longer expects God to interrupt anything

Rigid faith resists God's movement. Cramped religion learns to survive without it

Cramped religion prefers explanations over transformation. It would rather analyze what God is doing than participate in it

A Sinful Walk



It's that moment when you turn the wrong way, just slightly, and suddenly something feels off

And here's the danger, because
this is where we fool ourselves.

We Rest We Compensate We Adjust our Stride

We never deal with what twisted in the first place

We want movement without repair, progress without forgiveness, and change without healing

A Sinful Walk



This does not mean every struggle is caused by personal sin, but it does mean that no one walks freely without forgiveness

Jesus does not treat symptoms while ignoring the root, and now that we have our diagnosis its time to discuss a treatment plan

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

Luke 5:17

Humble the Kneels



Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.

Luke 5:18

Prayer is an acknowledgment that we need someone greater than ourselves

Prayer is an expression of dependence rather than self-sufficiency

Prayer is recognizing that we cannot do everything, but we know the One who can



Faith that Stretches



When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus." (Luke 5:19)



It stretches past obstacles, past inconvenience and past dignity

Healing begins when faith is willing to stretch beyond what feels reasonable

Faith means refusing to let an obstacle become the end of the story

Living Religion

Jesus looks at the man and says:
"Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Immediately, the teachers of the law begin to think: "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy?"

They do not celebrate healing

They do not make room

They do not move



Living Religion



"Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, 'Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"?'"

Luke 5:22-23



Doctors do not avoid sickness. They expose it

And sometimes the thing that needs healing isn't the person lying on the mat. It's the hearts of the people standing around him

Forgiveness that Mends the Walk



Before Jesus tells the man to get up and walk, He addresses something even deeper than his physical condition: ***his need for forgiveness***

Jesus does not ignore sin. He does not minimize it. ***He offers forgiveness***

Forgiveness matters because we cannot walk freely with God while refusing to deal with the sin that separates us from Him



Forgiveness that Mends the Walk



"But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So, he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Luke 5:24



His whole life, this man has been carried, managed, and positioned

Jesus didn't heal him so he can remain still. He healed so he could walk

Rise Up and Walk!



"Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God."

Luke 5:25



There was no hesitation. Luke says immediately he stood up

The mat that once carried him, he now carries

His healing becomes visible.
His obedience becomes worship

"Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God."

Rise Up and Walk!

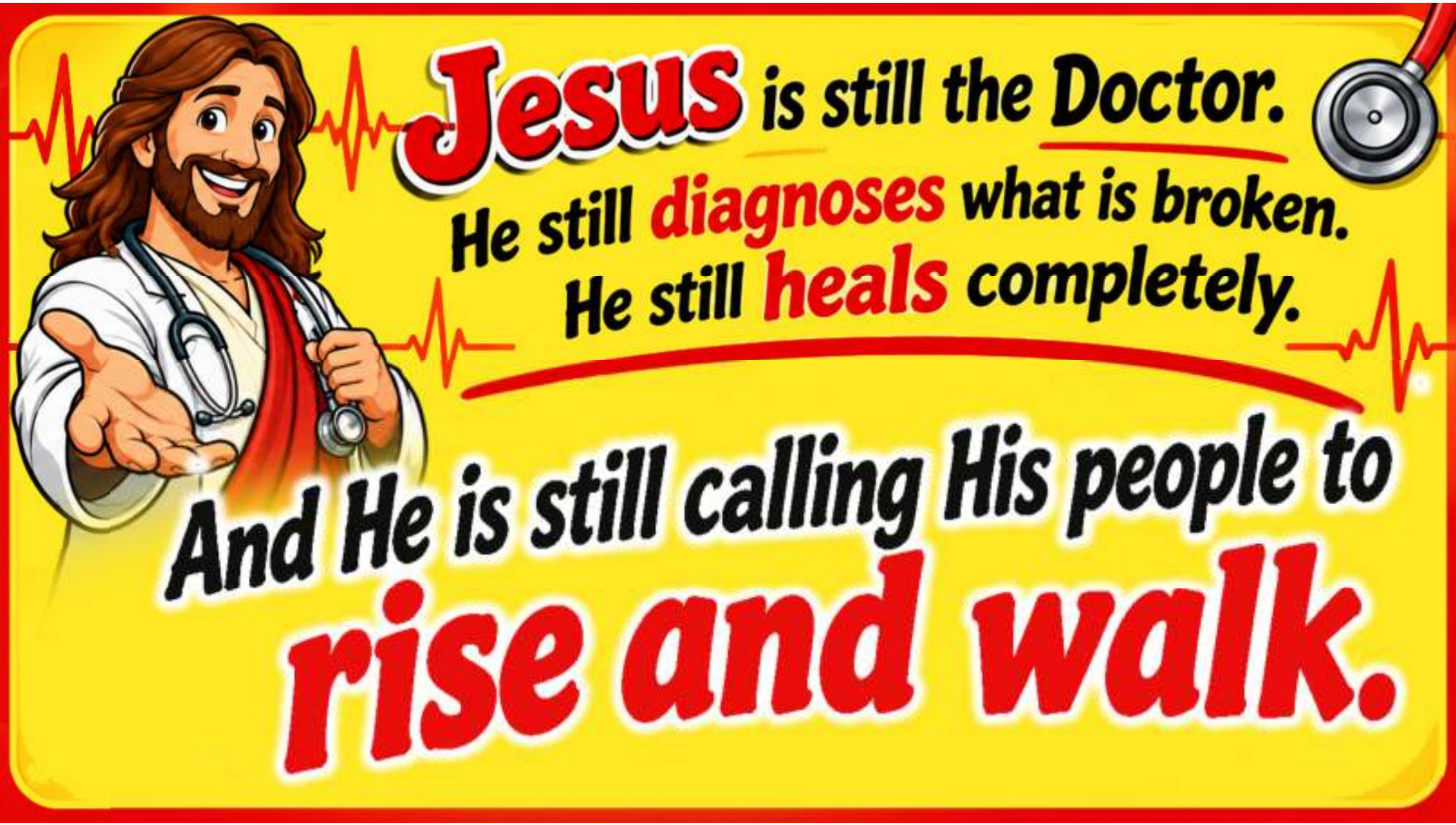


Jesus does not heal us so we can remain still.
He heals us so we can walk

He restores our thinking. He reshapes our service.
He renews our worship and heals our walk

Not so that we can just run into battle but to walk in relationship instead

Humble Knees, A Flexible Faith, Living Religion and a life made right through forgiveness


Jesus is still the Doctor.
He still diagnoses what is broken.
He still heals completely.
And He is still calling His people to
rise and walk.