

healed
(Mark 1: 32-34)

Scripture:

That evening at sundown, people brought to Jesus all the sick and those who had evil spirits: the whole town was pressing around the door. Jesus healed many who had various diseases, and drove out many demons; but he did not let them speak, for they knew who he was.

Meditation:

i was waiting
outside of peter's house
waiting
i had been crippled
 all my life
 i had been paralyzed
 since birth
i looked about me
 i saw a sea of faces
 many of these people
 i had known since childhood
looking back
at the lake
the light was barely shining
 over its surface

to be healed

so many people
had spoken
about jesus
how he could touch you
 you would feel
 a burning sensation
yahweh's power
would be flowing through you

looked
inside peter's house
saw jesus peering out
he saw this line of sick
he looked moved
knew soon

he would leave those doors
and begin to heal

jesus leaving peter's house
he saw me
he came over
to where i was
he bent down
he looked at my crippled legs

jesus put his hands on top
of my legs
feeling power
flow into them
i was no longer confined
to such a locked up position
rather my legs were straightening

jesus looked at me saying
samuel
come with me
i need you to help me
to heal
all these people
it is too much for me

jesus i have been crippled
all my life
i have never been to school
don't know anything
about healing

samuel come with me

we walked down
the long line of sick
to be walking
not to be in pain
to be whole
there was a joy
that flowed through my heart
walking again
i wanted to run
now jesus
was asking me
to heal

there was an elderly woman
her skin disease
was horrible

i almost
felt like crying right there
i felt so helpless

jesus looked at me
thought to myself
who is this person?
first he heals me
then he asks me
to come with him to heal

everything was happening so fast
he knelt next to this woman
she mumbled some words
could not understand them

jesus
looking at me
now put your hands
over her head
ask yahweh
to let his healing power
flow through into her

took my hands
put them over her head
looking at the sad expression
in her eyes

i closed my eyes
with my whole heart
i prayed
yahweh
i am no one
to be asking you this
since i myself
have just been healed
but yahweh
i ask for my sister here
she is suffering so much
i know you do not wish her
to suffer so much
i ask you
to heal her

with those words
 heal her
it was as if an explosion
had occurred
it was as if
something broke open
it was like
a brilliant light
in front
hearing again and again
 heal her

yahweh
 heal her
 heal her
i could feel tears streaming
 down her face
felt a power
 flow through my hands
 into her
felt something
powerful was happening

i slowly
opened my eyes
 looked
 in front of me
she did not have
 blotches of red oozing sores
 her skin was clean
i looked at jesus
 he was smiling
once again
 could not figure out
 what was happening
to be a channel
 of his healing power
i was glad
i could be part
 of this healing

the young boy
next to her
reached out his arm
to me
 help me he cried

my head hurts
so much
day and night
 help me
looked back
 at jesus
 but he was helping
 someone else
i knew
 could not leave
 this young one
 alone
 without trying to help him
i knelt down
 next to him
he told me his name
was joshua
he was nine

i just hurt
please help me
please help
so this pain can go away
i hurt so much

large tears rolled down
his face
our country
has so much pain
so much suffering
 joshua...
i could not finish
what i was going to say
instead
i just put my hands
 over his head
my heart
was moved so deeply
feeling his head
beneath my hands
 i desire so much
 to be able to help him
closing my eyes
once again
praying with all my heart

yahweh
i feel powerless
i know you do not want
the young to have to suffer
so much
i am asking you
to heal
joshua
please help him
to be whole
once again

it was as if a loud explosion
as a rush of power
flowed
into this young boy's body
flowing through my hands
as if lightning broke
into the moment
light
heat
could tell healing
had taken place within joshua
his eyes opened
a joy spread across his face
he jumped up
hugged me
wild with joy
he knew that his life
was going to be different
not to have to suffer
so intensely

so i came here today
to be touched by jesus
he did touch heal me
but never did i think
that he would ask me
to do the same

before
i could reflect anymore
a young mother
came before me
with her baby
who appeared half dead

burning
with a fever
her weak infant's body
struggling to survive
the mother looked
me in the eyes
imploring me
to help her baby
please
i have already lost two children
from diseases
please help me
my baby's name is rafael

once again i tried
put my hands
over the baby's head
once again
yahweh's healing
passed through me
into this new life
well into the evening
i knelt down again and again
healing light
flowing through me
praying
with my whole heart
for yahweh's power
to continue to flow
i do not remember
how many people
there were on that hillside
i was just moved deeply
by the pain
the suffering
of so many

it was late
into the night
when there
was no one left
i saw jesus
he was
sitting
staring looking down
at the lake

lit up
by the moon strong
i joined him
we walked down to the lake
could not ask one question
we walked
without saying a word
being involved
in the mystery of healing
of bringing wholeness
where there is brokenness
reaching the shore
sitting down
listening to the water
beat against the shore
again and again

jesus
i never had experienced healing
til this afternoon
first you touch heal me
then you ask me to help you
to heal others
i am grateful
to be a channel
of this healing
i saw so many people
all evening
who were in pain
the old the young
you were with me
giving me strength
to heal
i do not even know
what happened
except
that i am grateful
that you asked me
to do this work
of being a healer
feel humbled jesus
to be a healer

after that day
i would accompany jesus
i was no longer crippled

no longer shriveled up
i enjoyed this healing work
in the countryside

with jesus and his friends
after that afternoon

jesus
asked me many times
to help him

each time
every time
i felt insecure
i could not do it

it was too much
there was too much suffering
i felt this every time
jesus asked me

but every time
i began

every time
i knelt down laid hands

praying
for yahweh's healing
there was a change

a transformation
that afternoon

changed my life
i knew

the power of healing
knew how much
our god

desires us
to be whole

how important
to go before yahweh
to ask him
for this healing