

# Healing the Past

△ John 4:1-28, Luke 13:6-8

## Reminder of service structure

Sermon

Song

Prep for receiving  
Communion

Receiving Communion &  
Prayer Ministry

Final song

## Why do we need prayer ministry?

### What is prayer ministry?

A time when people help you  
to spend time with Jesus

Identifying areas in your life that  
need healing

Maybe physical, but also mental  
and spiritual healing

Maybe the underlying root of

maybe the underlying root of  
physical complaints

## Pray for you, with you

receiving words of knowledge

help you identify areas in your life

To help you bring these to Jesus  
for healing

## Areas

Traumatic memories

Abuse, accidents,

Before or after becoming a Christian

Unforgiveness

Forgiving those who hurt you

Asking for forgiveness for self from  
Jesus

Forgiving yourself

Lies

You are not worthy

Jesus does not love me

I am not saved by Jesus

I sing too loud

It is OK for me to engage with this  
activity

Curses and soulties

Spiritual oppression

Example Samaritan Women

## A strange conversation with Jesus

### wide ranging

Ask for drink - W asked who are you?

Jesus: points to God: living water

Woman does not understand: focuses on the practicality of drawing real water

Makes it theological: this was Jacobs well, how can you draw Living Water from it?

But finally she is convinced she needs the Living Water: and asks for it

### Turning point: Go get your husband

△ v16

Jesus, knew that the woman did not have a husband

And when she admits

He tells her her history

And her sin

Having had four husbands

and now living with another man

### W deflects

easier to talk theology: where we worship Jerusalem or Samaria

Jesus: Not important: worship in Spirit and Truth is!

Another deflection: I know the  
Messiah is coming

He will proclaim all things to us

(I do not want to hear the truth of my  
life, not now)

Jesus: I am he

(And I have spoken the truth of your life,  
even if you were not ready to hear it)

Disciples return interrupt and the  
woman leaves

Come see a man who told me  
everything I have ever done

△ v29

This is Jesus

a man who knows everything that  
we have ever done

The good, the bad and the ugly

And he still loves us and offers us  
his Living Water, forgiveness,  
restoration and redemption: the  
Holy Spirit,

All of us need to hear from  
Jesus

Everything that we have ever  
done

So that we can know that we  
are forgiven and that we can

are forgiven and that we can  
forgive others and self

So that we can be healed in  
our inner most being

So that we can accept Jesus  
for who he truly is

The Messiah

But I am already a  
Christian!

I know that I am forgiven

I don't need to do this anymore!

Ada:

read Luke 13:6-8

read Tree planting story

God wants us to bear fruit

But if we are hurt and in pain

We stay small, do not have  
confidence, do not want to  
step out

The parable talks about  
cutting down the tree

But the Gardener: Jesus

Let me give it extra special

care

I change the soil

I add some manure

And then the situation has changed and the tree will grow!

How much love and care does the gardener give to the tree

How much love and care does Jesus give us

We are forgiven

But do we know it

Or have we actively forgiven those who hurt us?

By name and situation?

Especially when it was traumatic?

Has our head forgiven people - rationally: because that is what we do

But have our hearts caught up with our heads?

Or are we still afflicted by the pain of the past

Is it still holding us back, so that we are not fruitful?

# This is what Prayer Ministry is about

Today is your opportunity

And allow you to bring those  
hurts and pains to him

As we partake the bread and  
the wine

Remember that Jesus died for  
us

Allow his Spirit to work in our  
hearts

So that he can heal you!

For you to bring to Jesus  
things that you know you  
need to address

For Jesus to bring to your  
attention things that he  
knows you need to address

and then address these