

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The past couple Sundays, and today continues, we see the development of the healing ministry of Jesus. For the God healing is more than curing our illness. Oh yes, we all do not want to deal with being ill, or in need of “fixing” our physical selves. And so yes, Jesus goes throughout Galilee curing diseases and driving out the spirit of evil. But notice, as soon as the illness is cured, Jesus speaks of the nearness of the Kingdom of God. So, does one point to the other?

Does healing indicate the anticipation of the reign of God? Point to wholeness?

The Kingdom of God is God’s original creative idea. The kingdom of God is what God had in mind in the first place! Like the Garden of Eden BEFORE the humans broke it open. Wholeness, fullness. So, when we hear the invitation to “bring forth the kingdom of God, we are invited to participate in the original creation - idea. How God originally meant for us to BE, to live. From brokenness to completeness!!!! God is inviting us, calling us, asking us to participate in bring the Kingdom to its completeness. To fruition So, healing is more than curing; healing is going deeper into the creativity of God and bringing us, God’s creation, to our original intension. To Fullness. We are called forward to become God’s original idea.

Notice in the first part of our reading today: “If you wish, you can make me clean.” ... clean as fresh and new. And Jesus, “touched with pity, [because we are BROKEN] .... I DO will it. Be made clean” ... as originally meant to be. To be complete. If you have ever had a broken bone, or surgery of some kind, as you come to curing the malady, it never feels “like new again”. No, impossible, that is the nature of human-ness. But through the Spirit of God, we can be HEALED, I do not mean cured, but HEALED. Whole