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We talked yesterday about the teachers of the law and how they do one thing and say another. Being experts at hiding their sins. Jesus came and told them he came for the sick:

Mark 2:16-17

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¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

But what he should have said is for those who are ready to admit they are sick. Because if you are not ready, going to a doctor, hearing what he has to say and then you will not follow it. You must be ready for the change because the teachers were sick also.

Romans 3:23-25

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²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^[a] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by

faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

The first verse says ALL have sinned and fallen short. But until you are ready to admit it there is nothing God can do to help you. You have the gift of free choice and if you exercise it to the wrong choice God will not stop you. Remember what Jesus said about his hometown:

Mark 6:1-6

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A Prophet Without Honor

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph,^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

It isn't because Jesus lost his power but because if we do not believe we can not be granted healing. Whe must believe to be healed or saved.

Believing,

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