



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

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Bob Snider

The Beloved Physician and the Great Physician

Luke, writer of the third Gospel, was also a faithful coworker of Paul. The apostle referred to him as "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14). It's interesting, then, to follow Luke as he considers Jesus, "the Great Physician," at work (Lk. 4:23; 5:31). Chapter eight is especially instructive about the Lord's care for the entire human person.

Neither of these physicians undervalued practical well-care of the body. Food, drink, and sleep were necessary for Jesus and the twelve, just like everyone else (v.3, 23). It's Luke who notes the noble women who provided for them.

The Lord's teaching, and responses to it, are described by the beloved physician in terms that might reflect health and well-being, or lack of it. It depended on whether one had ears to hear (v. 8). A good and honest heart would make the difference (v. 15). How one heard would determine if he would be given more (v.18).

It's also understood throughout the chapter that a person's condition may impact those around him. There's an interest in whether this influence is wholesome. Does one's presence enable others to see (v.16)? Is one connected with, and can he relate to, others who are able to hear and do (v.21)?

Luke seems to take special notice of the way Jesus introduces calm and well-being into very stressful situations. His presence and his word brings the storm under control (v.24), puts the man in his right mind and able to be himself (v.35), and gives a sense of compassion and hope to the hurting father and the lonely woman (v.41, 44).

Most strikingly, the beloved physician saw clearly that the Great Physician cared beyond where others might have, and cured what no one else could have. One who'd spent all her living on physicians who couldn't help found that touching Jesus could make her well (v.43, 48). And he would and could go with a mother and dad to where their only little daughter lay lifeless, take her by the hand, gently tell her to arise, and give her back to her parents (v.54, 55).

No wonder the doctor devoted himself to the cause of the Lord.

—Bill McFarland

