

**“Jesus the Healer” part 3
June 24, 2012**

PROP- Jesus created your soul, loves your soul, and is fervently devoted to restoring your soul to the place of living confident and courageous.

1. CONFIDENT

- **Matthew 11:29- “I will teach you to rest your soul in the place of settled confidence in Me.”**
- **Jeremiah 33:6- “Healthy” because your soul is “enjoying abundant peace and security (truth)” [Unencumbered by internal atmosphere of chaos & fear—unhindered by lies and insecurity]**
 - **STRESS** is “trying harder to be better than you believe you are”
 - **REST**- at the core of your soul (Psalm 139:13- “internal self”) you “know extremely well” that you are “reverently” and “distinctly” created as a “wonderfully unique” person (Ps. 139:14-15)
- **King Hezekiah “did everything well—in a spirit of prayerful worship” (2 Chronicles 31:20-21)**
- **Paul—“Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 28:31)**

NOTE: You were born again to be BOLD, UNAFRAID, and COMPASSIONATE—“fiercely loving, even when you’re scared!”

2. COURAGEOUS

- **No longer living as VICTIMS—holding onto a POWERLESS GOSPEL in which:**
 - **SIN** is seen as **DAUNTING**
 - **JESUS** is seen as **DISTANT & POWERLESS**
 - **CONFIDENCE** is seen as **PRIDE**
 - **TIMIDITY** is seen as **HUMILITY**
 - **Our IDENTITY** is seen as ‘**SINNERS**’ not ‘**SAINTS**’
 - **PRAYER** is seen as **WEAK & WISHFUL**
 - The ‘**SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**’ is an **EXCUSE FOR APATHY**
 - **POVERTY-MINDED**—just enough to “get by”
 - **Remain CHILDISH**—waiting for someone else to take care of you
 - **Live like a VICTIM**—shift responsibility to others; always having a “them” to blame
- **Instead, we hold onto a POWERFUL GOSPEL in which:**
 - **We are CO-LABORERS** with Jesus
 - **We do “greater works”** than He did
 - **We are MORE THAN CONQUERORS**—strong in the Lord...boldly doing exploits in His name

- SIN ‘NO LONGER HAS DOMINION’ over us
- As “joint-heirs” with Jesus we PROSPER (3 John 2)—“amply-supplied to reach our destination”
- Refuse to HIDE
 - Refuse to hold onto shame & fear & pain
 - Refuse unhealthy independence (Fear of being “found out”)
 - Refuse to hibernate my soul in counterfeit comforts (food, busyness, porn, technology, adrenaline)
 - Instead, choose 1 John 1:7- “Walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”
- Refuse to STOP BELIEVING
 - “Continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.” (Colossians 1:23)
 - Stewarding the “good seed” of His words with stubborn faith.
 - Though “testing comes (is attracted to you) because of the word” (Matthew 13:21), we refuse to let it go!
 - We will achieve the “goal of (our) faith—the salvation (*sozo*) of our souls” (1 Peter 1:9)
- Refuse INSECURITY
 - “Tall Poppy Syndrome”
 - Healthy souls celebrate the breakthroughs of others—inspired by them (not threatened)

RESPONSE

There is an “enemy of our souls.” But we are FULLY ABLE TO RESIST HIM (Ephesians 6:10-20)!

We have a “SHEPHERD” (*One who intuitively knows, cares for, and protects*) and an “OVERSEER” of our souls (*One who has the authority to make sure everything is thoroughly accomplished*) (1 Peter 2:25)