

JUNE 11

**“YOU HAVE TO COME TO THE  
PLACE WHERE YOU ACCEPT  
YOUR ACCEPTANCE.”**

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**READ**

*Luke 6:6-10, Romans 6:11-14*

“And a man was there whose right hand was withered.” I’m fascinated that the Holy Spirit would point out which hand was withered. In Scripture, the right hand of a man is the hand of power and authority. This man, because of a paralyzed right hand, felt he had no authority in that culture. Jesus said to the man, “Arise and stand here,” and then, “Stretch out your hand.” In standing, he became visible, and in stretching out his hand, he became whole. Notice that Jesus didn’t say if you believe, you’ll be healed. No, it was when he did what Jesus commanded that his hand was restored. His withered, paralyzed, embarrassing hand became as whole as his other one. Before being healed, the man’s deformity was the master of his life. How does this translate into spiritual things? The Scriptures teach us that when the Blood of Jesus washed your sins away, when God, through Christ, forgave you. Sin, at that very moment, was defeated. Sin is no longer your master. You have power and authority in Christ because Jesus has healed you from the curse of sin and made you whole.

**PRAY**

I can never thank You enough for Your goodness to me. I have been saved by Your righteous right hand. Praise You for taking the withered and making it whole.

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