

**KEY VERSE:**

*"I am the Lord who heals you."  
Exodus 15:26*



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# FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

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**What's In A  
Name?  
Healer**



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## KNOW WHAT:

- Today we are starting a new series on names of God in the Old Testament. This week we are looking at God being called 'Healer'.
- The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible which tells stories about God and his people before Jesus was born.
- After Moses led God's people out of Egypt they couldn't find any water. After three days they found water but it was too bitter to drink.
- Moses called out to God to help them and he told Moses to throw a tree into the water. When Moses did what he was told the water changed from being bitter to being sweet.
- God promised his people that he would be their healer and that he would look after them.

## SO WHAT:

- In the Old Testament God is given different names because of what he does. His names tell us what he is like and what he is able to do.
- God is a healer. He is able to make bitter things better.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let us trust God to do what he says. He is able to do anything for us.
- Let us ask God to heal us if we need it or to heal others who we know.

## LUKE'S LETTERS:

Healing is always an exciting but difficult topic of conversation. For as many people as you meet that have incredible stories about people getting miraculously healed, it often feels like there are five or six heart-breaking stories of times they didn't get healed.

I've seen both in my life and experienced both the celebration and devastation. Every time the same question comes around. "Why?"

"Why not them?" "Why did that happen?" "Why didn't God heal this time?"

The truth is that I've had to become used to saying "I don't know." For as much as we try to rationalise what does or doesn't happen, we just don't know.

What I do know is that God has healed and God does still heal. I know that God is good and loves us dearly. I know that God wants good things for us and for our family. The hard thing is that we just aren't living in a world in which everything goes God's way, not yet at least.

The thing that we can do is that we can pray and we can offer each other prayer and support. If you feel like you need healing or know someone that you want to see healed, whether it's for something physical, emotional or mental, find someone to pray with. If you're not sure who to talk to then me or anyone from the staff team would be happy to pray and talk with you.