CARE FOR THE SICK AND DIFFERENTLY-ABLED
JOHN 9:1-41

Religious law practiced during the first century strictly prohibited people with certain diseases or ailments from fully participating in public worship or offering sacrifices. Lepers, the blind, menstruating women, and people with open wounds were often socially and religiously ostracized. We read about Jesus performing healing miracles throughout the gospels, clearing the way for active involvement for all.

 Monday: Read John 9:1-12.
What assumptions do we sometimes make about those who are struggling or suffering? How can believing in Jesus reframe how we see and treat those who are sick or in need of care?

 Tuesday: Read John 9:13-23.
Blinded by fear and distrust, the Pharisees cannot see the man's truth or accept the healing as a miracle. What might spiritual blindness look like today? What helps you see more clearly the people and needs around you—and what gets in the way?

 Wednesday: Read John 9:24-34.
The formerly blind man, now healed, speaks with spiritual boldness. What marginalized voices do we need to hear today that others try to silence? Where in your own life is God calling you to speak boldly?

 Thursday: Read John 9:35-41.
After the man is cast out by the Pharisees, Jesus seeks him out. What does this say about Jesus' heart for the rejected? Who in your community needs to be seen and welcomed with the kind of grace we experience in Jesus?

 Friday: Read Luke 5:17-26.
How might healing include being restored to relationships, dignity, or purpose?
Is there someone in your community who needs to be lifted up in this way?

 Saturday: Read Luke 14:12-14.
Jesus doesn't just heal people—he tells us to include them. What kind of healing might come through radical hospitality? Who is missing from your table, and how could you include them?

Healing is not always about being cured of a physical ailment or disease; it's about being integrated as a vital member of a community.
The Bible invites us to care for all, including those who are so often excluded.