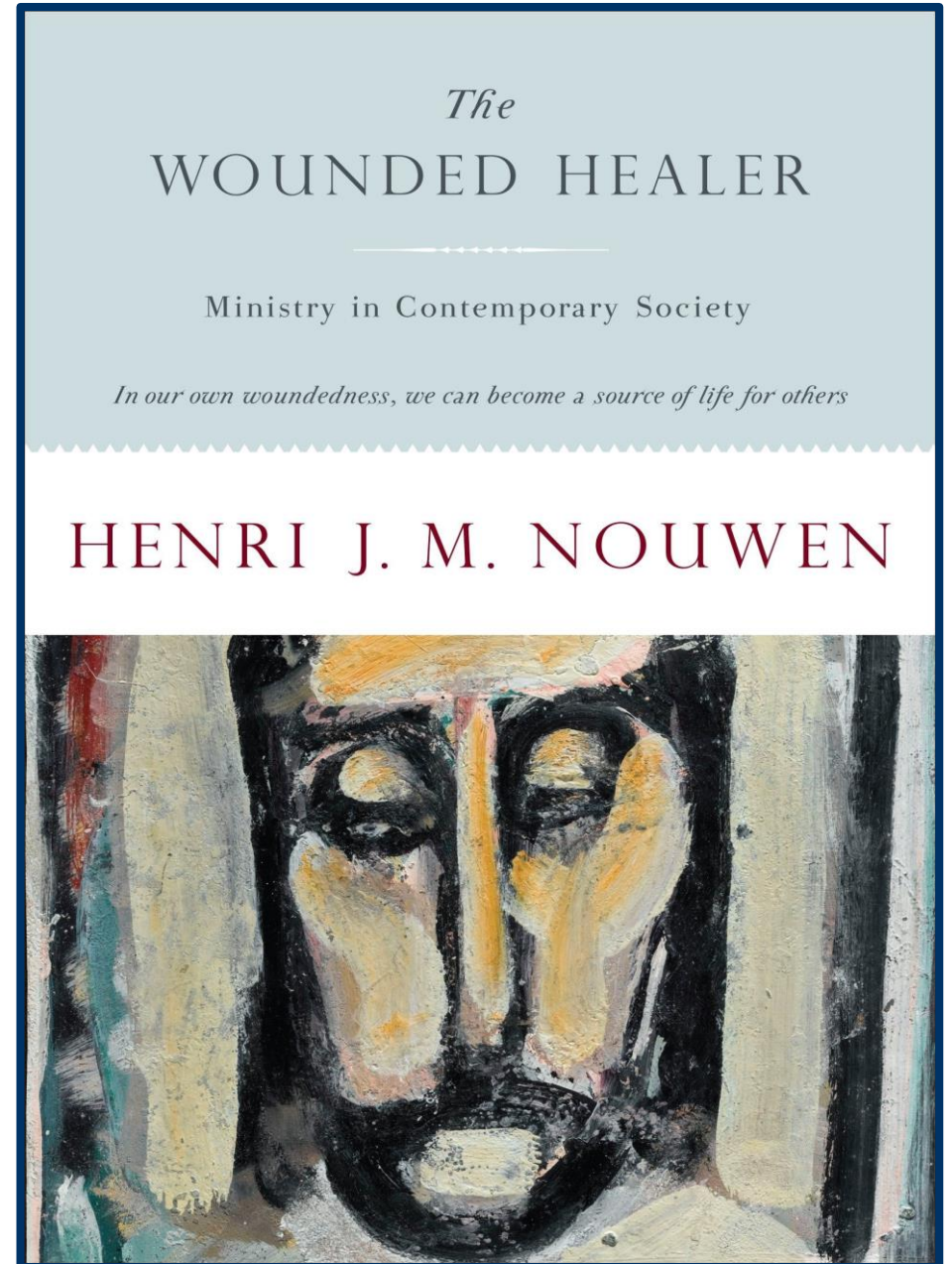


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Luke 6:17-26 (CEB)

“The Wounded Healers”

Real living
in a Real World



“preaching means more than handing over a tradition; it is rather the careful and sensitive articulation of what is happening in the community”



Preaching & Teaching is not simply the conveying of Biblical Truths. Rather, it is the creating a climate of awareness within our souls.

This awareness is to prevent numbing to our human condition and the condition of the outside world.

The mind rarely sees the need for change until it is confronted with it's soul.

¹⁷ Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground.

A **great company of his disciples** and a **huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there.**

¹⁸ They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed.

¹⁹ The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.



Followers of Jesus:
These had decided that Jesus was something to cause them to pull away from their lives and mix with the unclean.

The Unclean:
These had disease and unclean spirits

A “Follower of Jesus” draws near to this intriguing life with a sense of wonder.

²⁰ Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“**Happy are you** who are poor,
because God’s kingdom is yours.

²¹ **Happy are you** who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

The **Disciples:**

Are searching for something.

Willing to be near the unclean to find it.

The search/journey lives in each eternal moment called “now”.

Pausing from LIFE to listen to something out of character.

What sort of people are these “followers & disciples”?

Jesus speaks to his Disciples!



How deep must
our need be to
open our hearts &
minds to new
thoughts, ideas, &
lifestyle changes.

We each are given an eternal space in which we live on earth.

We each are given eternal moments in which we live on earth.

We each are given a calling to live in these eternal spaces and moments to focus on being the **Christ**.

We each can become preoccupied; with who will be upset with the evil around us with the good ole days with the “how it is done” with far to distant worries.



We can focus our Hearts into this Eternal Space and for a brief period see with the eyes of God.

We don't have to see upset faces, evil, the past, the “ways” we do it, and the worries that we have so little control over.

In this space we meet God & ourselves.

²² **Happy are you** when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.

²³ **Rejoice** when that happens!

Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven.

Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

The **Followers:**

Are present in spite of others comments

Are following out of interest

Are willing to discover what *they do not know that they do not know.*

**Jesus admires/blesses
the followers:**

These did not stand for their faith, rather they stood in curiosity toward this Rabbi who said what Rabbi's did not say.

Curiosity, then extends to "why" are other upset over Jesus going before & touching the masses.

Peace in decision settles as they realize they are "ok"

***“True spirituality is not taught,
it's caught.***

Once our sails have been unfurled
to the Spirit, henceforth our motivation for
the journey toward holiness and wholeness
is immense gratitude.”

Quieting
our
Minds



Faith Lives
when we let go of
our judgements,
need to prove,
defend the faith,
anger over evil, and
what others need to
be doing.

Our Faith is not exorcised by
Proving our point.
Discovering what is wrong with others.
Angry because of perceived evil.
Hoping others do something.

Faith Lives
when we set our minds on
immense gratitude for the Grace
that we receive for our imperfections.

This frees us from the need to ...

Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive? Did I love?'

These are the real questions.

I must trust that the little bit of love
that I sow now will be many fruits,
here in this world and the life to come.

**“How you do life
is your real and final truth,
not what ideas you believe.”**



The question is not directed to the nature of my loving character, rather to whether I put myself in positions to encounter others outside of my norm.

“Our wounds are the only thing humbling enough to break our attachment to our ego.”

²⁴ But **how terrible** for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ **How terrible** for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ **How terrible** for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false
prophets.

The **Whom**:

Seem to be content that they are well.

Seem to be apathetic to others.

Seem to be living in a false reality.

Be wary of becoming such a person.

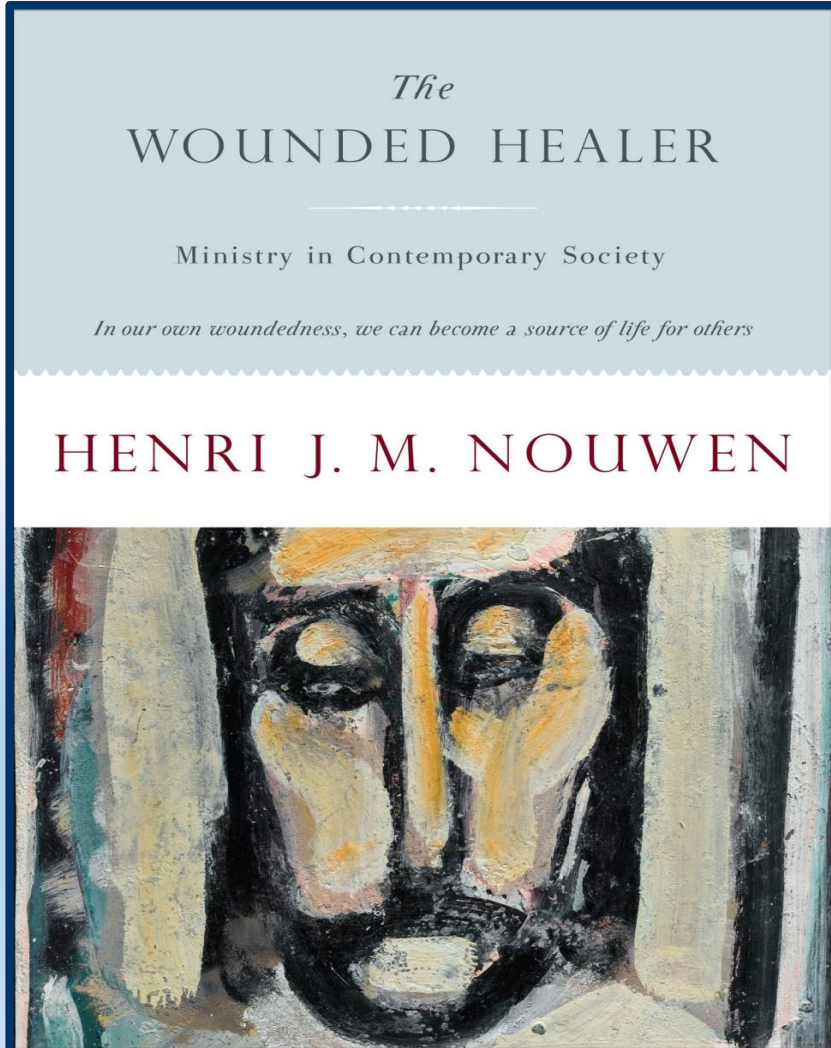
To whom is Jesus speaking?

“Who can listen to a story of loneliness and despair without taking the risk of experiencing similar pains in his own heart and even losing his precious peace of mind? In short: “Who can take away suffering without entering it?”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, [The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society](#)

“The great illusion of leadership is to think that man can be led out of the desert by someone who has never been there.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen,



“Christian leadership is a dead-end street when nothing new is expected, when everything sounds familiar and when ministry has regressed to the level of routine.”

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