

“Jehovah Rapha”

Exodus 15:22-26

A. Jehovah Rapha – Yahweh Heals

1. Israel complained at the Marah River.

“The Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went to the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, ‘What are we to drink?’”
Exodus 15:22-24 (NIV)

2. Moses cried out to the LORD.

“Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood.” Exodus 15:25a (NIV)

3. The wood healed the Marah River.

“He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.” Exodus 15:25b-c (NIV)

B. The God Who Restores

1. Yahweh put conditions on Israel.

“He said, ‘If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees...’”
Exodus 15:26a (NIV)

2. Yahweh gave His promise to Israel.

“I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, Who heals you.”
Exodus 15:26b (NIV)

3. Yahweh brought the spiritual healing.

“Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”
John 4:13-14 (NIV)

C. Our Part – God Is Jehovah Rapha, Therefore, We Will...

1. God is Jehovah Rapha, therefore, we will trust that He is more of a healing God, than a judging God.

“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.” Psalm 103:2-4 (NIV)

2. God is Jehovah Rapha, therefore, we will be okay that perfect health is not the norm in this life.

“Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses,

in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
2 Corinthians 12:6-10 (NIV)

If God is our Jehovah Rapha,
WHY DOES HE CHOOSE TO HEAL SOME,
AND NOT OTHERS?

3. God is Jehovah Rapha, therefore, we will trust He can heal:

- a. Sickness (Psalm 41:3, 103:3)
- b. Mental Affliction (Jonah 2:5-7)
- c. Spiritual Fatigue (Psalm 23:3)
- d. Emotional Suffering (Psalm 147:3)
- e. Anxiety and Worry (John 14:27)
- f. Death (Mark 2:17 and Revelation 21:4)

“On hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’” Mark 2:17 (NIV)

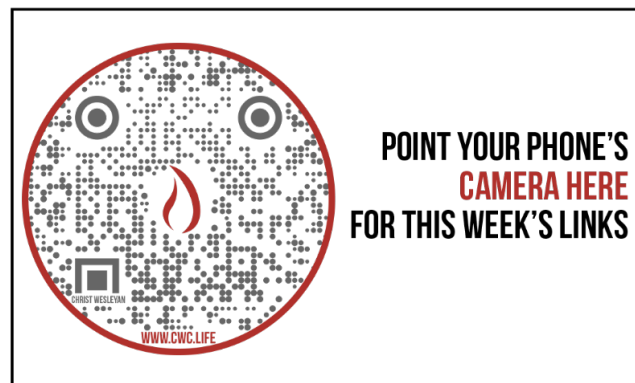
“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

There is a greater healing
than a physical healing.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
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Next Sunday: Week 8: “God is Jehovah Nissi”
Milton: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury: Pastor Billy Robel



Stewardship Update

Giving Last Weekend: 75.1%

Giving YTD: 84.2%

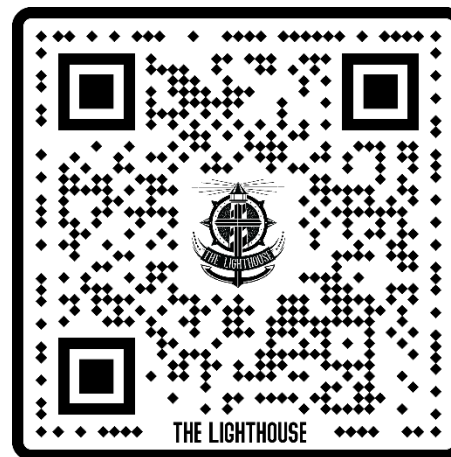
Attendance Last Weekend: 1,940

Salvations to date: 30 | Baptisms to date: 35

Save the Date:

July 23-30: Wesleyan Family Camp

The Lighthouse (Recovery House) Amazon QR



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