



Monday Matters

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HOUSE CALLS

The training wheels were off my bike. In fact they had been off for a few years and I felt very confident in riding my two wheel bike. I was maybe 10 years old at this time and loved riding around the neighborhood without much concern. Though we lived just outside of Chicago our streets didn't have much traffic. There were still many empty lots on my street.

One afternoon, without a care in the world, I was riding down our street when I rode right into the back of a parked car. I don't remember much of this incident but I must have been going pretty fast. I most likely hit the pavement hard. The next thing I do remember was laying on the couch in our home. A neighbor had seen me laying in the street, quite dazed. They had contacted my parents who took me to the house.



As I was laying on the couch my dad called Dr. Wiegen, who was my doctor since birth. He came over to the house. Yes, back then doctors actually made house calls and thought nothing of it. The diagnosis was a concussion. The doctor told my parents to keep me rested and check that I didn't sleep too much. After a few days I was back up and running around.

As I look back at this incident I am amazed that in my lifetime doctors actually made house calls in metropolitan areas. That doesn't happen today. However, this story brought to mind another physician, the Great Physician. In Luke there is a well-known passage that says, *Levi gave a large dinner at his home for Jesus. Everybody was there, tax men and other disreputable characters as guests at the dinner. The Pharisees and their religion scholars came to his disciples greatly*

offended. What is he doing eating and drinking with crooks and sinners? Jesus heard about it and spoke up, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I'm here inviting outsiders, not insiders - an invitation to a changed life, changed inside and out. (Msg)

This passage shows Jesus making a house call to visit those that needed Him. He offered life to them, for their heart and their body, inside and out. Today Jesus is just as willing to make house calls. He will come to you if you ask Him to come, wherever you are, in whatever circumstance you are in. Simply give Him a call and He will be right there.

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Isaiah 53:3-7 Song "By His Stripes We are Healed" (Christian Scripture Praise Worship Lyrics)



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