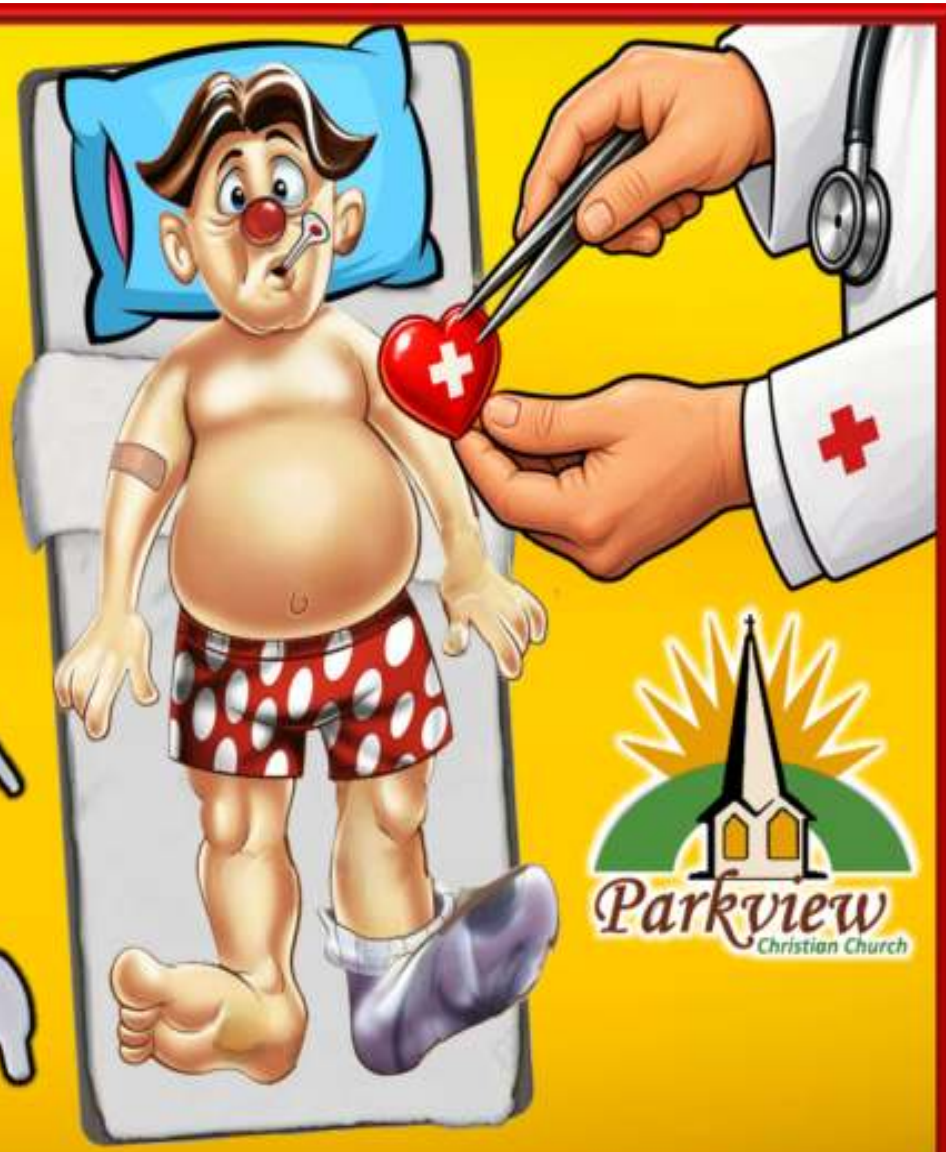
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Allowing the Great Physician to Work in Our Life



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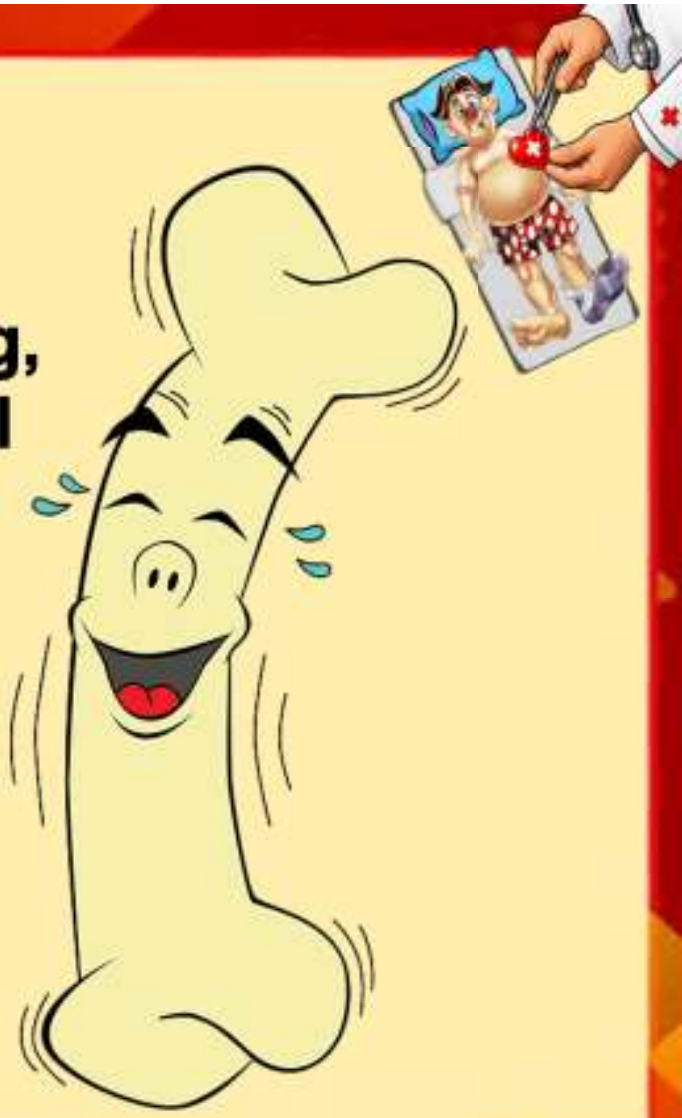
The Funny Bone

While on the board it is represented by a bone similar to what we would give a dog, the funny bone isn't actually a bone at all

It's a nerve, the ulnar nerve, that runs near your elbow

That nerve is exposed, there's not much protecting it

Sometimes worship feels a little like that



The Reality of Worship



There is nothing wrong with joy in worship

There is nothing wrong with creativity

There is nothing wrong with clapping in appreciation or celebration

There is nothing wrong with laughter or humor in church

Laughter is a gift from God

There's a difference between enjoying a worship service and actually worshiping God

The Doctors Office



Brightly colored waiting rooms

Magazines and toys

Play areas for kids

The doctor comes in with good bedside manner

There's a sucker or a sticker waiting for you on the way out



The Doctor's Purpose



The reason you go to the doctor isn't for the prize

It's not for the waiting room

It's not for the experience

You go to get healthy



"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

Diagnosis: The Source Matters



Before we can talk about what worship should look like on the outside, we need to understand what produces it on the inside



In John 4, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that the time is coming when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth



In John 15 we see Jesus is the source, the vine we are but the branches

Abiding in the Vine



"If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

He doesn't say, "Try harder"

He doesn't say, "Be more expressive"

He doesn't say, "Get your act together"

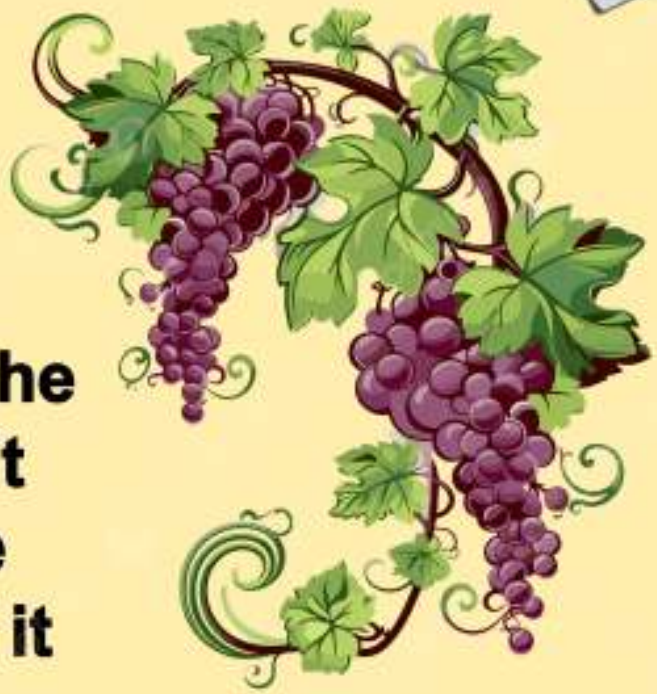
He says, the action is to remain



Abiding in the Vine



Worship doesn’t begin with performance, it begins with abiding



A branch doesn’t strain to produce fruit; it simply stays connected

And if a branch is disconnected from the vine, changing the conditions around it won't solve the problem. It needs to be reconnected to the source of its life or it withers and dies

Abiding in the Vine



"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:8

In other words, fruit is the evidence that something real is happening

Fruit isn't measured by the volume of our singing or the intensity of our emotions. It's seen in the transformation of our lives

Because God is not glorified by how impressed we are, He's glorified by the fruit our lives produce

Obedience is Worship



If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:10

Obedience is not separate from worship, it is worship

When we forgive instead of retaliate

When we choose integrity over convenience

When we surrender our preferences, our habits, our comfort

Prayer and Joy



But abiding in Jesus isn't just about commands and obedience. It's also about the life that grows out of that relationship—a branch

When we remain in Jesus and His words remain in us and our prayers begin to reflect His will



It's about our hearts being shaped by His Word until what matters to Him begins to matter to us

Prayer and Joy



He says He wants His joy to be in us and our joy to be complete

That's more than simply enjoying a worship service or feeling good when we sing

It's the deeper joy that comes from knowing Him, remaining in His love, and walking in His ways



Prayer and Joy

Prayer isn't a performance

Joy isn't a performance

They're responses to a relationship with Jesus

And that's the point: when we're connected to the Vine, worship isn't something we have to manufacture. It's the overflow of a life that remains in Him





What Needs Fixing?



The first question shouldn't be, "What's wrong with the service?"

The question we need to ask is, "Am I connected to the Vine?"

Sometimes worship feels funny not because something is wrong with the service, but because God's Word is challenging something in our lives that needs His attention


STAY CONNECTED
Because when we're connected to the Vine, worship doesn't end when the service ends. It bears fruit wherever we go