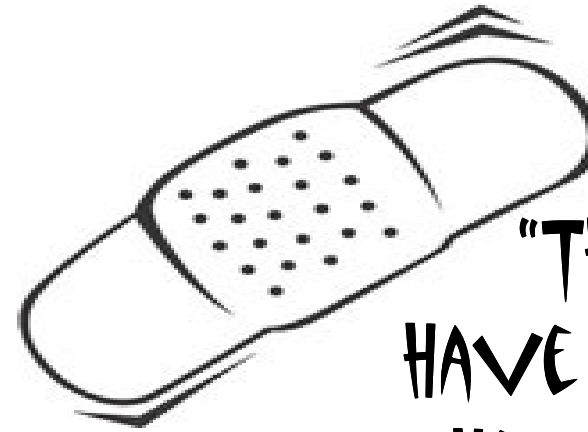


DAILY SCRIPTURE

The following readings will help prepare you for next week's message on False Teachers entitled, "Caveat Emptor: In Love with Money, Lazy, & Partial"

- MON - JAN 11**
- Study-related: Micah 3
 - *For what will these spiritual leaders lead?*
 - Psalms 15-16 & Proverbs 5:7-14
- TUE – JAN 12**
- Study-related: Zechariah 11
 - *What describes the "worthless shepherd"?*
 - Psalm 17 & Proverbs 5:15-23
- WED – JAN 13**
- Study-related: Matthew 6-7
 - *Note Jesus' warning in 7:15-20.*
 - Psalm 18 & Proverbs 6:1-5
- THU – JAN 14**
- Study-related: 2 Corinthians 2-3
 - *Who were peddlers of God's Word?*
 - Psalm 19 & Proverbs 6:6-11
- FRI – JAN 15**
- Study Related: 2 Corinthians 11
 - *On what terms did Paul do his ministry vs. the false teachers?*
 - Psalm 20 & Proverbs 6:12-19
- SAT – JAN 16**
- Study Related: 1 Timothy 6
 - *Contrast the false teachers with true contentment.*
 - Psalm 21 & Proverbs 6:20-35
- SUN – JAN 17**
- Study Related: Titus 1-2
 - *Why did the false teachers need a sharp rebuke?*
 - Psalm 22 & Proverbs 7:1-5



Jeremiah 6:14a

**"THEY
HAVE HEALED
THE WOUND
OF MY PEOPLE
LIGHTLY."**

"Pretending to be Mature" captures the heart of false teachers. But they go beyond being posers to quacks. They boast about their cures for what ails us, but they really only give us false hope.

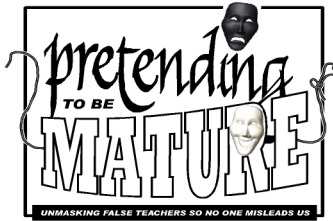
Today we will rejoice in the TRUE hope we have in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And we will expose the key missing ingredient that warns us when we are dealing with charlatans.

Real, true hope is too important in the recipe of life to substitute the cheap imitation stuff that so many want to sell us. Let's stick with the real thing!

- Gerhard deBock



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“Healing Cancer with Band Aids?”

When “false hopes” superficially heal our wounds

FALSE		Key Missing Ingredient:
TRUE		

Receiving the Real Healing Hope . . .

- *By becoming a follower of Jesus:*
- *By living as a follower of Jesus:*

USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY/SMALL GROUP TAKE HOME TODAY'S MESSAGE

1) Have you ever “covered up” a problem (or uncovered another person's attempt)? Perhaps it was medical, home repair, financial, or something else. Share what you learned since then about the process of considering, initiating, and living with such “band aid” solutions.

2) Read what Jesus taught about “whitewashed tombs” in context by covering the “woes” to the Pharisees in Matthew 23:1-36. How were these leaders similar to and different from the false prophets we read about in Jeremiah's day (Jeremiah 6-8)?

3) What makes “healing wounds lightly” such a temptation? Do you agree with Gary that the key missing ingredient in the false teacher's cure is “honest repentance?” Give examples of how “honest repentance” gets to the core of the wounds in our lives.

4) We are saved by grace through faith (see Ephesians 2:8-10). Explain how repentance is the flip-side of faith and not a “work” that we do to earn salvation. Can someone have saving faith if they do not have a heart filled with honest repentance?

5) Read 2 Kings 5. How are the prophet's instructions a means to get at the heart of the matter for Naaman's real need? Are you resisting God's directions to you because of pride?

6) Did the Lord nudge you during the service regarding any acts of repentance that you needed to do in order to restore real, true hope into you life? How can we pray for you in this regard?

