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Journeying Together

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During the series "Journeying Together" all of us who gather together to worship and listen to God speaking to us, will be given a handout on which we can, if we wish, write down our thoughts and prayers. We can take it home with us so that we can give the topic that has been preached on, some more thought during the week. In this way we shall all become involved. Please speak to Jonathan Mobey, Pam Rolls, Vicky Johnston, or Jean & Peter Barton if you wish to know more.



Week 5

**The Woman in the Temple–Luke 13.10-17
Thinking about being strong
at the Broken Places –Healing**

Memory Verse

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. 2 Corinthians 12:9

In the space below or on the back of this leaflet, please feel free to make notes during the sermon, if that would be helpful. Here are some points made in the sermon.

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath when a woman came in who had been severely crippled for eighteen years. Jesus called her over, she came to him and He laid hands on her and healed her.

What were the reactions to this healing of

- a) The woman

- b) The Ruler of the synagogue

- c) The congregation

How might we explain each of these reactions?

In what way might we see what happened during this healing event relating to our journeying with others?

To think and pray about at home:

What aspects of the sermon which had the title 'Being strong at the broken places', struck you the most and why?

Write down what you feel are your personal strengths or weaknesses

We are thinking through the idea of 'coming alongside' or 'Journeying Together'. In this context, unpack what you see the following to mean, 'Journeying is the strong bearing the infirmities of the weak' (Rom. 15:1).

In the sermon last Sunday we were introduced to the idea of the world of infirmities. What are your thoughts about this in the light of these words from Hebrews?

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15

In thinking about debt and forgiveness – 'to forgive as we have been forgiven' (Col. 3:13) – look at the parable Jesus told about the king and his servant in Matthew 18:23—35. What message do you perceive here?