

# He Gets Us.

**Jesus is ready when I am. So, I am ready to be changed.**

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*TEXT: NUMBERS 21:4-9, JOHN 3:14-21*

Is there a habit or an issue in your life that has cost you enough? Maybe you know the truth in your mind, but are not ready to change and let go. If you're tired of the darkness in your life, are you ready for God to help?



## NOTES

*"...there has been a global surge in cosmetic surgery."* – NCBI, National Library of Medicine

People were ready for a change and found someone willing to help.

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**Step 6:** We were entirely ready to have God remove all defects of character.

Seeing our defects does not always mean believing, though. Sometimes seeing means *dis*believing. That's one of the reasons we don't change.

"The true Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him... his own did not receive him."

*JOHN 1:9-11*

"Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light.."

*JOHN 3:19*

We know the truth in our minds, but we are not ready to be changed. We are not ready to let go of the problem.

**We tell ourselves:**

- These defects aren't so bad.
- They have helped me survive through some bad pain.
- They are not moral defects, they are coping mechanisms.

This is how denial and rationalizing works!

**Step 6 asks:** *Having faced the darkness in your life, are you ready for God to remove your defects of character?*

**What 'snakes' have you been playing with?**

Has your habit, your hang-up, your issue cost you enough yet that you've hit your limit?

In Numbers 21, God lets snakes serve as an act of severe mercy, an object lesson for a stubborn and rebellious people in severe denial.

God would remove their defects if they were ready.

"Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us."



NUMBERS 21:7

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.’”

NUMBERS 21:8

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son...”

JOHN 3:14-16

### **Why does Jesus compare himself with the snake on Moses’ pole?**

1. Because He gets us.
2. He knows we are snake bit and he knows he's the antidote for every one of our flaws, mistakes, habits and hang-ups.

“God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness, by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 PETER 2:24

### **He offers us more than healing. He promises deliverance and freedom.**

“I give you authority to trample on snakes...and over all the power of the enemy...”

LUKE 10:19

### **Jesus is ready when I am. So, I am ready to be changed. Are you ready for a change in your life?**

“Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart...”

HEBREWS 3:15

### **Jesus is ready when you are.**

