

Journey Enews

Things to Know:

Join us this weekend as we continue our series

Stay Positive! Our services will also be streaming this weekend on Facebook Live. Service times and Facebook Information are down below.

Journey Community
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Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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Soothing Lotion

If you are like me, you've found yourself looking for some really effective hand lotion the last few months. Daily, regular hand washing can be hard on the skin. To make things worse, my hands always seem to crack open during the cold winter months when indoor heat dries everything out. Do you have a go-to brand of soothing lotion for those cracked fingers and itchy arms?

My bathroom medicine cabinet is full of helpful products for dry eyes and moisturizing my hair. My skin, however, is often the last thing I consider until it's too late. Growing up on a farm and working in harsh outdoor elements meant roughed-up knuckles were the norm.

I can still remember years ago when my dad ripped a chunk of skin out of the middle of his hand while plowing a spring garden. His hand got pinched between a big mechanical spring on our Farmall garden tractor. In those days home remedies often substituted for a doctor's visit. Mom cleaned the wound and wrapped dad's hand in a kerosene-soaked bandage. In Biblical times anointing wounds with oil had medicinal benefits. Dad's hand soon got better without infection.

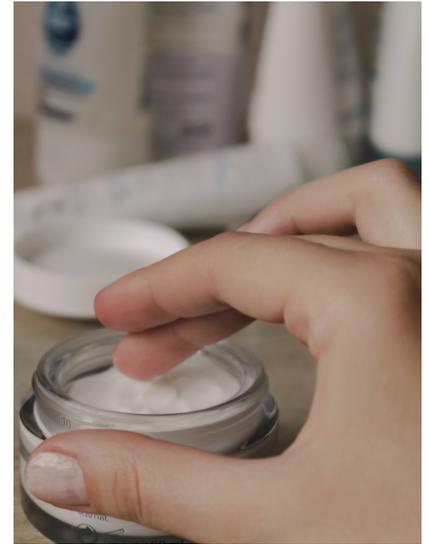
I bring all this up today to say this: By now, everyone has a 2020 story. We've all lost some skin off our hands or bruised some knuckles as a result of the COVID pandemic. There have been injuries, accidents, misunderstandings between friends and strangers, oftentimes expressing themselves in verbal outbursts, ugly moments and rude behavior.

The actual virus may not have impacted everyone directly, but its effect on interpersonal relationships has certainly taken its toll on all of us. Like my sore, bleeding hands after constant washing with soap and water – in desperate need of an effective, soothing lotion – the human race is ready for some relief also. Words can be caustic and painful.

In the Old Testament there is reference to a healing spiritual medicine. Jeremiah 8:22 refers to this as the "Balm of Gilead," which makes the wounded whole. In the New Testament Jesus represents this balm for our hurts.

What can we do to help people during a global pandemic? Help others discover Jesus, who is our soothing balm for the weary, sin-sick soul (Matthew 11:28-30).

Moving Forward. God is Good.



Bobby D.