

Sermon – Let Me Be the One – Luke 17:11-19

Jesus is met by a gang of lepers.

About lepers – hung out with other lepers; had to keep their distance from other folks; had to tell others they were unclean; the sickness and condition caused them to have long distance relationships with other. They couldn't get close to you...and you didn't want to get close to them.

Way out there.

Application: You might not be a leper, but your condition can still have you way out there. Anybody here ever been way out there?

They couldn't get any closer to Jesus because of their condition.

V13 – they cried out to Jesus asking for mercy. Asking for a healing for their condition.

V14 – Jesus saw them and doesn't ignore them, instead gives them a word and instructions for how they can change their condition....go to the priest/church. As they went, they noticed a change in their condition.

- Pause for a praise.
  - Praise him for your previous condition – if you were not once way out there....you never would have been in that place looking for Jesus.
  - Praise Him, because our condition doesn't disqualify us for a breakthrough.
  - Praise Him, because Jesus is interested and concerned about us despite our condition.
  - Praise Him because he cares.
  - Praise Him because He always has a word for our sickness. There is a word for your condition.
  - Praise Him because he shows us how to recover, how to get a breakthrough, how to be healed. What you talking about – step 1, humble search and submission, 2) hear the word; 3) obey and apply the word.
    - The miracle is in your move of faith
    - When they started to obey, the healing process began.
  - Praise Him, even though you might not hear what you want to hear; even though it might not happened the way you planned.....that doesn't mean you can't be healed.

V15-16 – One of them, when he saw what had happened, went back and gave some loud praise and worship, hit the ground and gave thanks to Jesus.

- When he saw he was healed; when his condition changed; problem was resolved....he gave thanks.
- That was the reason he gave Him thanks. Anybody got a good reason to give thanks.

V17-18 – Jesus’ response to his praise; Jesus noticed his thanksgiving. Giving thanks will get you noticed by the Master.

- If Jesus comments about him giving thanks and glorifying God, then giving thanks will get the Master’s attention. If you want to get Jesus’ attention, giving thanks and praise will probably do it. A grateful heart will probably do it.
- Jesus asks a question....didn’t 10 get healed.....where are the other 9?
  - I don’t know where the other 9 went.....Bible doesn’t say where they went. But I been an ingrate before....I’ve gotten a hook up before and not went back to give thanks. I wonder if they went to the same places where I used to go.
  - Back to what I was doing before I got my change.
  - Might have went to church....just because you show up to church, doesn’t mean that you will thank Him when you get there or praise Him when you get there.
  - Lots of ingrates still show up to church.

V19 – Jesus has a word for the one....arise....that’s another reason to give thanks....God doesn’t want you to stay down....the purpose of being down is to get back up again.

If you can’t get down before God, then you can’t get up.

Tells him his faith....hearing the word, doing the word....even when the word doesn’t make sense....not only can you qualify for a break through....you can be made whole.

I want to be the one. The one who turns around to give thanks.

- I want to be the one that can notice a change before I get to the priests.
- I want to be the one, who can praise and give thanks before I even make it to church.
- I want to be the one, who can get down to the Master’s feet and give thanks.
- I want to be the one who can brag about how big and bad my God is.
- I want to be the one, who doesn’t follow the crowd.
- I want to be the one who can get Jesus’ attention through my praise, thanksgiving, worship.
- I want to be the one, who can get loud about God....if He ain’t never healed you, if you ain’t never been fixed....then you might not have a reason to get loud...but He not only saved me....made me whole.
- I want to be the one....who couldn’t get close enough before...but can get closer to Him now. Let me be the one, who walks by faith and not by sight. Before I see it, I want to be the one who believes; the one who trusts; the one who moves by faith.
- Let me be the one.
- Let me be the one.....who turns back every time I think about what He has done for me.

Oh, I just thought about something He did, let me pause for a moment, I gotta go back to give thanks.

Oh, I just saw something about Him and His goodness, gotta turn back.

Oh, I just realized my condition has just changed, please excuse me for a moment while I turn around and thank Him.