

GET IN HIS WAY
Luke 17:11-19
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*Awkward moments...with my kids, high five, hug, and smile...GET IN JESUS' WAY
Position yourself to be in line with Jesus, you will experience great things!

READ LUKE 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

12As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

13and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

14When he saw them, he said, "Go, and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

15One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. **16**He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? **18**Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" **19**Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

I. GET IN HIS WAY v11-13

A. Jesus did many miracles "On His way" somewhere

1. Examples of People accidentally in Jesus way...

- a) Mk 3:1-6 Jesus was on his way into the synagogue, a man with a withered hand.
- b) Luke 7:11-17 A woman bringing her dead son out of the city as Jesus entered.

2. Examples of people purposefully in Jesus' way...

- a) Jn 4:46-54 Jesus in Cana- Royal official gets in His way to appeal to Jesus.
- b) Mk 2:1-12 People tore a hole in the roof to lower their friend
- c) Crowds of people left their homes to follow Him for long periods of time, they were healed, delivered, fed.

B. Jesus was on a mission to preach the Kingdom, and then be crucified.

- 1. Many people received from Him if they arranged to be in His way.
- 2. In our text 10 men positioned themselves in His way.
 - a) They "met" Jesus- *to go meet*, they were proactive. Have you gone to meet Jesus?
 - b) They "Called out"- they were desperate and unashamed. Humble. Have you called out to Jesus?
 - c) "Master"- The faith and public acknowledgment that Jesus is Lord. Is Jesus your "Master"?
 - d) "Have pity"- The humble notion that Jesus owes them nothing, but faith in His goodness that He may give to them anyway.

- C. We should live in line with Jesus.
1. What is His mission today?
 - a) To establish His church, and reach the world with the gospel through it.
 - b) Mt 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.
 - c) You can't be living in line with Jesus if you are not committed to a local church. That IS HIS PLAN, HIS MISSION, And HIS ESTABLISHMENT.
 - d) You may be able to "get fed" streaming sermons, but God's plan is for His people to rally together in local church bodies all over the world- to unite, to be resourceful, to reach out, to build, to sharpen each other, to serve the community...you can't do that from a podcast. (Private study is an amazing supplement, but it should not be the only thing.)
 2. If we live outside of His way, we cannot expect great things from His hand.
 - a) God certainly can do great things for people outside of His will. But it is not a consistent occurrence as it is for people living in His way.
 - b) If you are praying for those outside of God's will, keep praying! James 5:16 The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
 - c) If you are living outside of His Way (His will), you can't expect to consistently see His hand of blessing in your life.
 - d) Examples of living outside of God's way
 - (1) Unethical business practices
 - (2) Inappropriate relationships
 - (3) Unfaithful in finances
 - e) Results of living In Jesus' way
 - (1) Strength PS 1 the person whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. **3**That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers
 - (2) Blessing- natural and supernatural
 - (3) Generational stability and blessing- more valuable than anything!
 - (4) God's hand consistently at work.
 - (5) **I know a testimony is coming...*
 - (6) God created a specific order to the universe, and to the heart and soul of mankind. When we live in line with those principles, those taught by Jesus, we find GOOD SUCCESS!

(7) *Joseph- you meant it for evil, God used it for good.
Because Joseph lived in line with God's ways, no matter what evil was thrown at him, He overcame it.

3. Where do you stand?

a) Are you living in line with Jesus? You will consistently see His faithfulness deliver you.

b) If not, why?

(1) Lack of strength to do right? Surround yourself with strong believers. 1Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

(2) Fear man over God? Choose to honor God over all other options. It's a choice. Prove 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom

(3) Trust your ways over God's ways? Prov 3:5-6 5 [Trust in the LORD with all your heart](#) [And do not lean on your own understanding.](#) 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight

(4) Impatience? Ecc 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

(5) Ignorance? Jonah 4- they don't know their right from their left, but I love them...go preach. FIND A PREACHER & STUDY.

II. ON THE WAY v14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed

A. When He saw them...

1. God sees you

2. 2 Chr 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him

3. Is your life committed to His mission?

B. Obedience over observation.

1. Go show yourself to the priest- The priest was the man assigned to inspect people with skin diseases to declare them clean for society or unclean, and to remain in obscurity.

2. They were not healed, yet they were to go show themselves to the priest.

3. A natural observation would be that "we are not healed; we have no reason to go to the priest."

4. They chose to obey the direction of Jesus rather than trust their natural understanding of the situation.

a) They could be mocked

b) They could be punished for their request while being clearly infected.

5. Why did they have such great faith?

a) They'd seen the work that Jesus was capable of.

- b) They were desperate for any kind of hope.
- c) They were together! It's easier to walk in faith if you are surrounded by faithful people. (come to prayer)
- d) Hb 10:25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another

C. Where are you going?

- 1. The 10 men walked in faith and obedience.
- 2. If you continue in the direction you're going, where will it end?
- 3. *Jaz, "Where's the dead person?"
- 4. Are you choosing to go in the direction that Jesus is pointing?
 - a) Prayer
 - b) Reading of His word
 - c) Commitment to Church
 - d) Simple obedience

III. KEEP COMING BACK v15-19 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. [16](#)He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. [17](#)Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? [18](#)Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19](#)Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well.

A. To praise Jesus

- 1. Top priority- He could have chosen to go see family or friends first...But He chose to honor Jesus first. Maybe that is why Jesus had them healed on the way, to see who would be truly grateful.
- 2. Unashamedly- He praised God in a loud voice. Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes

B. To thank Jesus

- 1. In humility- He fell at Jesus feet
- 2. It was His choice- "He threw himself"
- 3. James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up
- 4. Choose to humble yourself before Jesus each day, give Him thanks. We have much to thank Him for.

C. Choose to Honor God over all things

- 1. Mt 6:33 seek 1st His Kingdom and righteousness
- 2. Most choices will be made for us...have the strength to choose honor.
- 3. *Brookie's bead up her nose...Got to prayer for last 3 min...We went, knowing we would miss the worship, teaching, and even the prayer...why did we go? WE HONOR GOD. WE KEEP COMING BACK.

D. He was the last man that was expected to return

- 1. He was a Samaritan- enemy of the Jews.
- 2. Jesus even calls him a "foreigner"
- 3. But this outsider was healed and blessed for His faith.

4. Jesus brings us all into His family- who worships at church with their backs against the wall? Cops and convicts together! (Usually tell who is who!)
5. Maybe you've been the outsider...It doesn't matter-GET IN HIS WAY-GO WHERE HE POINTS- ALWAYS COME BACK TO WORSHIP.