

Handout November 17, 2023

A Grateful Heart **Luke 17:11-19**

Welcome back. Wow, the world has gotten even crazier. Just when you think maybe things are settled, maybe we can relax... “a thought”...

What has God done for you in your lifetime?

I can give a testimony--- I am full of testimonies of God’s faithfulness to me... the miracles, the second chances, the blessings, the peace in difficult times. I can go on and on.

I can sometimes only see just in front of me, and then I entertain worry and anxiety and allow stress to rule the day.

Today’s story focuses on 10 lepers.

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1) When we _____ out, Jesus _____ us.

We have 10 lepers here and they are crying out. What’s interesting is --- they listened.

Hebrews 11:1 *‘Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’*

2) We have to act as though we _____. That is the _____.

We’ll get back to this point!

Only one leper returned, a foreigner, which leads us to believe the others were Jewish, which means they knew God and knew of God. Obviously, they all knew of Jesus.....

I think for me, I always come back and give thanks (on the flip side). I think of all the things I have been allowed to do for people, and I wonder how many remember... as time passes. People don’t remember what you’ve done... Also, do people appreciate my time, effort, love, acts of kindness, generosity, forgiveness?

3) People _____ meet my _____.

In today’s broken world, people in need are not really thinking of your needs. They can’t. Not when they are in need. But in truth, what really are my needs?

- Approbation • Acceptance • Gratitude • Repayment • Forgiveness • _____

Do I need them to come back and say thank you.....?

Certainly, I would appreciate that! Which begs the question, “Why do I do what I do?”

This teaching really brings to light another thing.

4) The people I _____ expect to show _____, fail me.

Like in this story Jesus.... He's like, where are the religious people who need the approval of other men, as proof, yet here's this foreigner... It's almost like, the 9 needed to fit back in, whereas the foreigner was just glad to be healed.

Maybe people are just glad to regain something that was "lost".

Again, "Why do I do what I do?"

5) I don't feel appreciated by _____.

Let's really try to get some healing and closure here. Maybe it's from a long time ago, a past relationship, family, kids.

Maybe it's from right now... current relationship, family, kids, co-workers, friends...

Do people owe you something?

Is that why I do what I do? To accrue a debt..... Or to make myself to feel good or feel better.

Ephesians 6:5-8 'Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.'

6) Do _____ things as _____ the Lord.

Oh, what about a grateful heart.... what has God done for me.... why did He do it.... why does He do it... why did Jesus do it? For appreciation?

Eye-Service - now that's next level... doing it to be seen... How does it feel to be unseen when doing good....?"

Back to that point In **Hebrews 11:1**..... My faith in the Lord repaying me, shows in how I accept my return... or lack of return in terms of appreciation.

Let's refocus.... On Ephesians This is why I have a grateful heart.... why you should have a grateful heart. Back to the beginning of the message. What good has God done for you? How much do you ascribe that to other people doing God's will? Maybe the others went back to God instead of to you to say "Thank You", ----- maybe not.

Be grateful --- for opportunities --- not reward.

7) My _____ comes from _____.

Let's pray.

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