

The One Thankful Leper

Encounters With Lesser Knowns, part 5

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As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' He looked at them and said, 'Go show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, 'Praise God!' He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?' And Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.'

Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)

What one thankful leper teaches the Christian about gratitude

1. Gratitude redirects our distracted focus

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus...

Luke 17:15 (NLT)

And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

Colossians 3.4 (NLT)

Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.'

John 11:25 (NLT)

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Matthew 14:29-30 (NLT)

2. Gratitude inspires our joyful worship

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, 'Praise God!' He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done.

Luke 17:15-16 (NLT)