

## A THANKSGIVING STORY

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### **Luke 17:11-13 (ESV)**

*On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”*

### **The Lepers:**

Leprosy was actually a variety of diseases that had some things in common:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ people survived it.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ the body.
3. It was not only a physical disease, but also a social and spiritual disaster.

But these lepers had two things going for them:

1. They knew \_\_\_\_\_ they were calling out to:  
*“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”*  
*Master = “Chief”, “Commander”, “the one who has power”*
2. They knew \_\_\_\_\_ to call out to Jesus:
  - They called to Him \_\_\_\_\_. (*“and lifted up their voices”*)
  - They called to Him \_\_\_\_\_. (*“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”*)

Good models for us to follow:

### **Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)**

*So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

### **James 4:10 (NIV)**

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

## Jesus' Response:

### **Luke 17:14a (ESV)**

*When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."*

These lepers weren't "clean" yet! Going for certification before healing?

### **Philippians 4:6 (NIV)**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Thanksgiving before answer?

In both cases this is an exercise of \_\_\_\_\_ - trusting the Lord for His answers before seeing God's answer.

Are you willing to do that?

### **Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)**

*Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.*

## The Result:

### **Luke 17:14b (ESV)**

*And as they went they were cleansed*

### **Luke 17:15-18 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> *Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>*

*Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

On the negative side:

*"Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"*

Do we always show the Lord the gratitude He deserves?

On the positive side:

### **Luke 17:15-16**

That's \_\_\_\_\_! It's gratitude.

But who are we thanking?

- This man \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.
- This man \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

### **Luke 17:19 (ESV)**

*And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

The other former lepers were well in their bodies, but his man was also well in his \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Psalms 107:1-2 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!*

*His faithful love endures forever.*

<sup>2</sup> *Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!*

*Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.*