

“Healed but not Whole!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. Share about Trip to Indo & Mindanao -
- 1.2. **Announce need for *Disaster Relief Fund*** – Present need **Jakarta** (Yusef).
 - 1.2.1. Put check in agape box marked ***Disaster Relief*** in bottom corner.
- 1.3. **Outline: The Request of the Ten, & The Return of the One.**
- 1.4. **Illustration: Andrew Carnegie**, the multimillionaire, left **\$1 million** for one of his relatives, who in return cursed Carnegie thoroughly because he had left **\$365 million** to public charities and had cut him off with **just one measly million**.
 - 1.4.1. **Q:** How does that make you feel when you here a story of ungratefulness, ingratitude, unappreciativeness, thanklessness?
 - 1.4.2. Let’s hear how Jesus felt about it!

2. **HEALED BUT NOT WHOLE! (11-19)**

- 2.1. **THE REQUEST OF THE TEN!** (11-14)
- 2.2. **THE CIRCUMSTANCES**(11,12).
- 2.3. **Leprosy** - a disease of a slow lingering death. They died *“inch by inch!”*
 - 2.3.1. Ken Gire writes, “There he lives. W/o love. W/o hope. W/o the simple joys & dignities of life: being smiled at...being greeted on the street...buying fresh fruit in the market... talking politics by the public fountain...laughing...getting to go to work...operating a business...haggling over prices w/a shopkeeper...getting a wedding invitation...singing hymns in the synagogue, celebrating Passover w/family. All these barred to him. Forever!
 - 2.3.2. Jesus is met by ten lepers.
 - 2.3.3. **Stood afar off** – Though not stipulated in Leviticus “how far” to stay away, someone came up with **50 yards** away.
 - 2.3.4. **Q:** How far were you away when you called on Jesus?
- 2.4. **THE CRY**(13).
 - 2.4.1. All 10 call out to him for help.
- 2.5. **THE COMMAND**(14a).
 - 2.5.1. He tells them to present themselves to the Temple priests.
 - 2.5.2. No note from the doctor would help. (Lev.13,14)
- 2.6. **THE CLEANSING**(14b).
 - 2.6.1. Their leprosy disappears en route!
 - 2.6.2. **“Faith believes in *advance* what will only make sense in *reverse*.”**¹

¹ Chuck Swindoll

- 2.7. **THE RETURN OF THE ONE!** (15-19)
- 2.8. **WHO HE IS!** [The story turns on a dime!]
- 2.9. We have 9 ungrateful men, & 1 unusual man...& he's a **Samaritan!** (16).
- 2.10. **WHY HE COMES!**
- 2.11. [1st] That he might **give testimony** to God the Father(15).
- 2.12. [2nd] That he might **give thanks** to God the Son(16a).
- 2.12.1. Here we find him "*building an altar*" at the feet of Jesus. 😊
- 2.13. **Q:** Do we take time to thank Jesus for **our salvation**, and **our new life**?
- 2.14. **Q:** Do we praise God that we have been **healed within**?
- 2.15. **WHAT HE FINDS!**
- 2.16. **THE SADNESS OF JESUS**(17,18).
- 2.17. The Savior expresses regret over the 9 who do not return.
- 2.18. **Q:** Why did only one cleansed leper return to thank Jesus? - The following are 9 suggested reasons why the 9 did not return:
- 2.18.1. #1 waited to see if the cure was real; #2 waited to see if it would last; #3 said he would see Jesus later; #4 decided that he had never had leprosy; #5 said he would have gotten well anyway; #6 gave the glory to the priests; #7 said, "Jesus didn't really do anything"; #8 said, "Any rabbi could have done it"; #9 said, he was already improving. Charles L. Brown, Main Street Monitor.
- 2.19. Faith **healed** not only the one leper who returned, but also the nine who appealed to Jesus for pity...and **then took off!**
- 2.19.1. **Q:** What will move us to stay close to Jesus?
- 2.19.2. **Q:** What will move us to that obedience Jesus has just said is so critical?
- 2.19.3. **Q:** What will move us to a spirit of **praise** and **thankfulness**, for all Jesus has done to heal us from the deadly disease of sin.
- 2.20. When *blessings* come upon a **careless soul** he believes there is no one to **thank**. Yet, when *disappointments* come he grumbles "**there must be someone** to blame".
- 2.21. (18) Wait...a **foreigner**? - Then the other 9 must have been **locals!** (i.e. Jews)
- 2.21.1. Interesting, such **Segregation & Integration!**
- 2.21.2. Lepers were **segregated** from all others.
- 2.21.3. Lepers were **integrated** by their common curse of this disease.
- 2.21.4. **Segregation** – The Jews despised the Samaritans. "**Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.**"(Jn.4:9) (*Woman @ well to Jesus*)
- 2.21.5. **Integration** – Yet here are 9 Jews Integrated with one Samaritan by the common curse of leprosy.
- 2.21.6. **Illus.** - If **flood** surges over a piece of country and the wild animals congregate for safety on some little bit of higher ground, you will find **standing peacefully together** animals who are *natural enemies* and who at any other time would do their best to kill each other.

- 2.21.7. Leprosy is also a picture of **sin**:
- 2.21.7.1. Sin **integrated** all of Adams's race. "for there is no difference, for **all have sinned & come short of the glory of God.**" Rom.3:22,23
- 2.21.7.2. Sin **segregated** us from God. "Your iniquities have **separated you from your God.**" Is.59:2
- 2.21.8. When we're cured from the leprosy of sin when we're saved, everything flip flops: - We become **separated** from the world, & **Integrated** into the body of Christ. - We experience **Spiritual Segregation** from sin & condemnation, and **Spiritual Integration** with all other believers.
- 2.21.9. So, **Sin segregates** us from God & **integrates** us with evil; while **Grace** does just the opposite!
- 2.22. **How grateful** the men should have been for the **providence** of God that brought Jesus into their area.
- 2.23. **How grateful** the men should have been for the **love** that caused Him to pay attention to them and their need.
- 2.24. **How grateful** the men should have been for the **grace** and **power** of God that brought about their healing.
- 2.24.1. So often, once a man has **got what he wants**, he **never comes back!**
- 2.25. **But before we judge them too harshly**, what is our own "GQ"(Gratitude Quotient)?
- 2.25.1. How often do we take our blessings for granted and fail to thank the Lord? "**Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!**" (Ps.107:8,15,21,31)
- 2.25.2. Too often we are content to enjoy the **gift**, but we forget the **Giver**.
- 2.25.3. We are quick to **pray**, but slow to **praise**.
- 2.25.4. In time of **bitter need** we pray with **desperate intensity**; & then the time passes and we forget God.
- 2.25.5. **Many never even offer a grace before a meal.** ☹️
- 2.25.6. God gave us his only Son and often we never give to him even a word of thanks.
- 2.26. They should have formed an impromptu men's choir & sung **Ps.103:1-5** together!
[**Read Ps.103:1-5**]
- 2.27. If you ever have trouble praising the Lord turn to this Psalm.
- 2.27.1. "**We often write our blessings in the sand, & we engrave our complaints in the marble!**" (Spurgeon)
- 2.27.2. David doesn't make one **request** in this Psalm. It is just **pure Praise!**
- 2.27.3. **Q: Can you agree w/the new converted sailor who said, "To save such a sinner as I am!...He shall never hear the end of it!"**
- 2.27.4. **Q: Do you ever pray to God for the sole purpose of praising Him?**
- 2.27.5. **Q: Could you pray this long w/o asking for something?**
- 2.28. (1,2) **Praise...w/your entire being!**
- 2.28.1. "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!"

- 2.29. “He is cataloguing the goodness of God; enumerating his blessings, lest in a moment of depression or backsliding, he should forget the source of his prosperity & take God’s grace for granted.”
- 2.30. We can add to this list of His benefits: Life, health, home, food, Mercy, Grace, Victory over sin, etc.
- 2.31. What God has **done for us** far exceeds anything we have **done for or against Him!** 😊
- 2.32. Note all the “alls” we have here!
- 2.33. **Eagle** – Like an eagle that remains strong throughout its long life, the psalmist was spiritually vigorous under God’s hand.
- 2.34. “The **eagle** molts, loses its old feathers, gets a new coat & soars again!”(www)
- 2.35. God designed us to be **renewed** physically. – **All cells** in our body, including brain cells, make themselves new every 5 months (some cells like your **skin** make themselves new every month). Dr. Amen, “*Making a Good Brain Great*”.
- 2.36. **THE SALVATION FROM JESUS(19).**
- 2.36.1. Jesus tells the Samaritan that his faith has resulted in healing of both body and soul!
- 2.36.2. **Made you well** – he was already made physically well? - Oh, He must have meant **spiritually well** then.
- 2.36.3. “**Your faith has saved you**” (literal translation)
- 2.36.4. Same words He spoke to the woman who anointed His feet (Lk.7:50)
- 2.36.5. The Samaritan’s 9 friends were declared **clean by the priest**, but he was declared **saved by the Son of God!**
- 2.36.5.1. While it is **wonderful** to experience the miracle of **physical healing**, it is even more **wonderful** to experience the miracle of **eternal salvation**.
- 2.36.6. **Physical healing** is a great blessing, but it ends at death; while the blessing of **eternal life** lasts forever. (www)
- 2.36.7. Every child of God should cultivate the **grace of gratitude**.
- 2.36.7.1. It **glorifies** and **pleases** the Father, & opens the heart to **further blessings**.
- 2.36.7.2. An **unthankful** heart is fertile soil for *all kinds of sins*.
- 2.36.7.3. Rom.1:21 “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, **nor were thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”
- 2.37. This man became a trophy of God’s Grace!

2.38. **Gratitude** changes your perspective about life.

2.38.1. “**Bitterness** requires that you live in the **past**; **Hope** requires that you live for **tomorrow**. But **Gratitude** not only allows you to enjoy the **present**, but keeps you looking to the **future**.” (Erwin McManus; Uprising)

2.38.2. You see the **future**, experience the **present**, & remember the **past** in a dramatically different way.

2.39. **End:** In an interview with the inventor of the telegraph (Samuel F. B. Morse) George Hervey inquired, "Professor Morse, when you were making your experiments at the university, did you ever come to a standstill, not knowing what to do next?" "I've never discussed this with anyone, so the public knows nothing about it. But now that you ask me, I'll tell you frankly -- I prayed for more light" "And did God give you the wisdom and knowledge you needed?" Yes He did," said Morse. "That's why I never felt I deserved the honors that came to me from America and Europe because of the invention associated with my name. I had made a valuable application of the use of electrical power, but **it was all through God's help**. It wasn't because I was superior to other scientists. When the Lord wanted to bestow this gift on mankind. He had to use someone. I'm just **grateful** He chose to reveal it to me." In view of these facts, it's not surprising that the inventor's first message over the telegraph was: "**What hath God wrought!**"

Infants do not always appreciate what parents do for them. They have **short memories**. Their concern is not what you did for me **yesterday**, but what are you doing for me **today**. The **past** is meaningless and so is the **future**. They live for the **present**.