

## LUKE 5:12-26

### Review

- Are you hungry for the word?
- Are you a willing vessel?

### Today's Outline

- Jesus our model of heart, thought and behavior
- Attributes of Jesus
  - Not afraid to get his hands dirty
  - Made relationship with the Father His priority
  - Omnipotent – All Powerful (Heal the sick, and forgive sins)
  - Omniscience – All Knowing (Jesus knows their thoughts)

### Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

<sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy.

- **Leviticus 13:45**  
“Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’”
- Jesus Ministered to the Nasty, Smelly, Contagious, The ones no one wants to be around let along touch
- Calvary Fellowship “The Church of the Socially Awkward”
- Are you willing to get your hands dirty in following Jesus?

12b When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

- The leper demonstrates an attitude of humility
- Demonstrates Faith in Christ for healing

<sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him.

- Jesus demonstrates a hands on approach to ministry.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

- Leviticus 14:1-32 (The Ritual for Cleansing Healed Lepers)

<sup>15</sup> Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

- Jesus models getting away from it all to be with the Father
- This takes time, resources and energy
- How important is it to you to have a vibrant relationship with the Lord? Are you willing to make it a priority even making plans to get away?

## Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

- These are awesome friends!
  - Not willing to give up (oh it's too crowded, sorry man)
  - Creative (Who's idea was tearing up the roof?)
  - Willing to disrupt the normal flow of things (Jesus, I know you're in the middle of speaking but my friend needs help)
  - Selfless not selfish
- Are you this type of friend to anyone? To have good friends you must be a good friend

<sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?"

- Deity of Jesus – Only God can forgive sins
- Jesus is:
  - Omnipotent – All Powerful (Heal the sick, and forgive sins)
  - Omniscience – All Knowing (Jesus knows their thoughts)

<sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

- Jesus backs up talk with Action

<sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

- You cannot have an encounter with Jesus and walk away unchanged!
- A true encounter leaves you praising God.
- If we don't feel like praising God it is because we have had no encounter.