

TEN LEPERS ARE CLEANSED

LUKE 17:11-19

TO BE LIKE JESUS

- Luke 6:40 - "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."
- John 14:12 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father."
- Jn 15:15 - "I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you."

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM THE BIBLE

RECAP

- Do a **READING** the passage 2 or 3 times
- Make an **ENQUIRY** into any surprises you find
- Find out the **CONTEXT** of how the passage fits
- Decide on **ANSWERS** to your questions
- Put what you find into **PRACTICE**

READING

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ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

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THIS DIRECTION?**

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**3. WHY IS JESUS SO DISAPPOINTED
THAT ALL TEN DIDN'T RETURN?**

4. WHAT IS THE FAITH THAT THE SAMARITAN HAD?

CONTEXT

THE STORY SO FAR ...

- Luke 9:1 - And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.
- Luke 9:38-40 - A man from the crowd shouted, saying, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son ... "I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not." And Jesus answered and said, **"You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."**

THE STORY SO FAR ...

- 16:14 - Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things [*that Jesus was saying*] and were scoffing at Him.
- 17:2 - "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble."
- 17:5 - The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH - LUKE 17:6-10

And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you."

"Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'? "But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'?"

"He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH

- Its not the quantity of faith its the quality
- Its about understanding our authority (Luke 9:1)
- Its about giving God thanks for what happens
- Its something we ought to do

ANSWERS

1. WHY IS JESUS TRAVELLING IN THIS DIRECTION?

- Luke 9:51 - Jesus leaves Caesarea Philippi to go to Jerusalem
- As he approaches Samaria, the Samaritans do not welcome him (Luke 9:52)
- Jesus travels along the border of Samaria and Galilee (Luke 17:11) towards Perea



2. WHY IS THIS AMAZING MIRACLE SO UNDERSTATED?

- The healing is not the main point of the passage

3. WHY IS JESUS SO DISAPPOINTED THAT ALL TEN DIDN'T RETURN?

- To make sure that His Father gets the glory from the goodness that they have experienced.

4. WHAT WAS THE FAITH THAT THE SAMARITAN HAD?

- It was as small as a mustard seed
- But he did what he was commanded to do
- And when it yielded fruit, he returned to Jesus to give God the glory
- He simply did what he ought to have done

PRACTICE

HOW CAN WE PUT THIS INTO PRACTICE?

1. Understanding that we have a long way to go as far as faith is concerned
2. Exercise the authority that God has already given to us through Jesus Christ - just do what He tells us and expect creation to obey what you tell it
3. Make sure we give God glory whenever we see His love conquering anything of the enemy in the world around us.
4. Understand that increasing our faith is just something we ought to do



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