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Good News to Those Disabled and Sick

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Luke 5:12-15 (NLT)

In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.”

¹³ Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared. ¹⁴ Then Jesus instructed him not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, “Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.”

¹⁵ But despite Jesus’ instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases.

Jesus shows us that the heart and character of God
is an unrelenting concern for those on the fringe of society.
To say that you are a follower of Jesus
means that you are to be like Him.

Quick Review of Last Sunday

- Joseph – A carpenter from Nazareth
- Mary – A young, uneducated girl from Nazareth
- Shepherds – Nomads living on the fringe of society

The entire story of Jesus’ birth
reveals the heart and character of God,
because the entire cast was a bunch of outcasts and nobodies.

Luke, Chapter 4

- Jesus returns to His hometown of Nazareth
- He is invited to preach at His home church (synagogue)

*“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,
¹⁹and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”*

Luke 4:18-19 (NLT)

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. Luke 4:28-29 (NIV)

The way that I see the world;
the way that I see people;
the way that I see Jesus
shapes the way I think, act and do.

Luke, Chapter 5 – The Man with Leprosy

- If ever there was a “nobody,” an outcast, it was this man
- The Law:

"The person ... must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!'" ⁴⁶ ... He must live alone; he must live outside the camp."

Leviticus 13:45-46 (NIV)

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English
Touched

Greek
HAPTO

Meaning
To grab; to seize

Thoughts on God's Promise to Heal

- God does promise to heal those who come to Him in genuine faith, but the healing God promises is not always physical.
- God's priority is our spiritual healing.