

## **CALVARY CHAPEL EMANUEL CHURCH – AUGUST 21, 2016**

### **MESSAGE TITLE: BE CLEANSED YOU LEPER!**

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#### **INTRODUCTION:**

**Let us pray!**

#### **TEXT:**

*Luke 5:12 And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was **full of leprosy** saw Jesus; and **he fell on his face** and implored Him, saying, "**Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.**"*

Sucedió que estando él en una de las ciudades, se presentó un hombre lleno de lepra, el cual, viendo a Jesús, se postró con el rostro en tierra y le rogó, diciendo: **Señor, si quieres, puedes limpiarme. (Lord, if you want, you can make me clean)**

*Luke 5:13 Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" Immediately the leprosy left him.*

Entonces, extendiendo él la mano, le tocó, diciendo: Quiero; **sé limpio.** Y al instante la lepra se fue de él.

#### **KEY WORDS: (Please check the correct Spanish translation)**

Full of leprosy; contagious; Fell on his face; Implored; Willing; Lord, if You are willing; Clean; Put out His hand; touched; I am willing; cleansed; Be cleansed; cooperate; obey; immediately

#### **MESSAGE OUTLINE:**

##### **1 A DESPERATE, LEPROUS MAN, WITH NO HOPE, COMES TO JESUS:**

- Leprosy, that deadly disease, starts insidiously; small spot underneath the surface of the skin, seemingly no big deal, initially, but then spreads, eating away the body, gums recede, teeth out, puss putrid sores, toes fingers gone
- In the Bible, it's a type of sin, a picture of sin, people might not notice, under the surface, but then it spreads, devours, destroys!
- Lepers were not to come into a crowd, because it was contagious. If they did come in, people would throw rocks at lepers and chase them away.
- This man, full of leprosy, advanced leprosy, had had it for a long time.

• He had the daring to come into the city and to come to Jesus! Made his way, v. 12 - *a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."*

## **2 LEPER HAS ENOUGH HOPE TO BELIEVE JESUS CAN CLEANSE HIM IF JESUS IS WILLING;**

- V. 12 *Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.*
- He can do everything! I know You can do it. But **do You want** to do it!
- The Lord can set you, set me, set us free; deliver us; help us. **I know He can but is He willing?**
- I know He could, but is He willing. But is He willing?
- If You are willing! That's what this leper is saying. He's going to Jesus just like we do.
- Lord if You are willing! You can make me clean!

## **3 JESUS LOVINGLY RESPONDS BY TOUCHING THE UNTOUCHABLE!**

- v. 13 - *Then Jesus put forth His hand and touched Him!* I love that. Leprosy was highly contagious. By law no one was to touch lepers! People kept away, the leper was to stay 150 feet away and whenever he moved about outside of the leper colony, he had to shout "unclean, unclean".
- People were so afraid about it, but Jesus wasn't. He was filled with compassion! He touched him. That must have blown his mind. He hadn't been touched for a long, long time.
- Whatever is eating you up, ripping you apart. Working perhaps, under the surface. Jesus is not put off by it nor offended about it! Jesus is a friend of sinners and lepers.
- He touched me. Oh, He touched me. And oh the joy that filled my soul! Something wonderful happened and now I know . He made me **whole!**
- This is my story, this is my song. **Praising my savior all day long, because He touched me!**
- When I didn't even like myself. Ashamed of myself, embarrassing myself! He's not offended
- If You are willing! You can make me clean.
- **Before Jesus answered He showed tenderness and kindness**, in a touching way –
- **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus was happy the man came to Him.**

## **4 I AM WILLING! BE CLEANSED!**

- After touching him, I love this! He said **I am willing! I will! It's true! Absolutely!**
- Interesting thing to me, in the Bible, is that **Jesus never said no to anyone who sincerely came to Him, wanting help** from Him. **Anyone who was sincere in their coming.** They received a help, a healing!
- He doesn't turn people away who come in humility, in brokenness. If they come, saying Lord, if You are willing! And He says, I'm willing, BE CLEANSED!
- Now watch! Unheard of that a leper would come in. Lord, if You are willing. You can make me clean!
- Crowd was standing aghast! Eyes would be opened widely! He risking contamination!
- Then! Watch this! Subtle! **Jesus Touched him AND UTTERED THESE two words**, amazing to me, **"be cleansed"!!!**
- If You are willing You can make me clean. **I am willing! Be Cleansed! You be cleansed!**
- He gave him **an order, a command!**
- He's not speaking to the leprosy! **No, He's speaking to the leper!**
- **I will**, yes indeed. You believe it! **Now you be cleansed**, an order, a command!
- **"Lord, if you're willing You can take away this addiction to pornography. I am willing. Stop it!"**
- **Lord, if you're willing You can take away this propensity to lie. I am willing. Quit lying!**
- **Lord, if you're willing You can take away my drug or alcohol addiction. I am willing. Stop it!**
- **Lord, if you're willing You can help me love my husband. I am willing. Love your husband!"**
- You see what's going on here, it's amazing.

## **5 NECESSARY RESPONSE OF THE LEPER!**

- He's telling the leper to do something, **that without Him, apart from Him, it would be absurd, an impossibility.** But because it's Jesus, who is giving this instruction, this command, this inspiration – **there's POWER happening IF , If, If, the man will cooperate, and obey!**
- And every one of you, every one of us, in this room here today, who has come to meet with Jesus, every one of us, **He says to you, I willing to absolutely rid you of that dreadful, deadly disease of leprosy that eating away at your joy, at your peace, at your relationship** with your family – whatever it might be, I'm willing to -- and right now **I'm telling you to stop it!**
- And I, we, have to choose, whether I will embrace His command; believe

**His word and say, okay and allow the leprosy to be removed immediately**

- Or whether I choose to say, Ah, I don't understand the dynamic, practically. I don't think He really wants to **do that, not for me.**
- But **Jesus said, I am willing! Be cleansed!**

## **6 WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE!**

- **Immediately**, just like what the Lord is doing right now, **in some hearts, in some people in this place today!** You are being freed and cleansed, because you're just choosing to say, I'm not going to think about **why it can't be true or why it's not going to work out.**
- Lord, okay, you brought me here today! But how did that speaker up there know that just yesterday, last night, **I was thinking I've got to stop this stuff. It's Eating me up. It's defiling. It's stinking! It's stupid, but I seem to be addicted, overwhelmed.**
- I can't get clean. And now I'm coming today and looking at the Scriptures. And I see **that Jesus is not offended with me or mad at me or down on me.** But even in my leprous condition, **He touched me!** And **He said, I'm willing - Be cleansed! Right now, right here, immediately!**
- And I **believe the Holy spirit is at work even right now, right here and the power of Word of God is being applied by faith in the hearts of many., You're being cleansed, being made whole.**
- But **what about later on, tomorrow, the next day?**
- Take no thought about tomorrow, or the next day, **take one day at a time.**
- If I start thinking about what am I going to do tomorrow or next week or next month when that situation, that temptation appears, **I will get be paralyzed.**
- **I have to simply say, I'm receiving your blessing today, right now.** I'll tackle tomorrow when it comes.
- **Because Jesus Christ is coming back today, if not today, tomorrow or soon!**
- He touched me and made me whole.

## **7. TIME TO STAND!**

**For those who have asked – Lord if you are willing, You can make me clean**

- IF YOU HAVE ASKED JESUS IF HE IS WILLING TO CLEANSE YOU OF ANYTHING NEEDED – I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO STAND AND I WILL PRAY FOR YOU.
- WOULD THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ASKED FOR CLEANSING
- PLEASE STAND.
- STAND NOW! PRAY FOR THOSE STANDING. BE SEATED
- Will all of you who know the Lord now pray for any here who do not?

## **NOW I WANT TO SPEAK TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT YET MET JESUS?**

- CAN NOT SAY THAT YOU KNOW HIM?
- **AND THAT HE KNOWS YOU?**
- HAVE YOU CONFESSED TO HIM THAT YOU KNOW YOU ARE A WRETCHED SINNER, DESERVING NOTHING BUT HELL?
- HAVE YOU SURRENDERED TO HIM?
- HAVE YOU INVITED HIM INTO YOUR HEART TO DWELL, TO RESIDE, TO LIVE THERE FOREVER?
- HAVE YOU COMMITTED YOUR LIFE TO HIM?
- IF YOU HAVEN'T, YOU CAN DO THAT RIGHT NOW!
- I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE TODAY WITHOUT GIVING ANYONE A CHANCE THAT HASN'T GIVEN THEIR LIFE TO JESUS TO DO SO NOW.
- He love you so much! He gives us the choice of where we will spend eternity! He gives you that choice. It's your choice, He won't force you.
- YOUR DECISION NOW WILL DETERMINE WHERE YOU WILL BE SPENDING ETERNITY – WITH GOD FOREVER OR AWAY IN CONSTANT TORMENT FOREVER!
- IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKING TO YOU RIGHT NOW?
- IF YOUR HEART IS POUNDING. IF YOU FEEL SOMETHING MOVING INSIDE OF YOU! TELLING YOU TO GET RIGHT WITH YOUR CREATOR, YOUR MAKER, THEN NOW IS THE TIME
- THE BIBLE SAYS NOW IS THE TIME OF SALVATION! TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION
- **2Co 6:2** *Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*
- **So if you have never surrendered your heart to the Lord, if you have not invited Jesus to come into your heart – now is the time**
- **Luk 12:8** *... whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.*
- **I'm going to ask you to stand showing your confession of Jesus before man. - whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.**
- Let's take a moment now and pray about this? After that I'll ask you to stand. And say to Him, Lord if You are willing You can make me clean. Let's pray!
- LORD, if You are willing, You can me clean!
- We know He is saying, I'm willing! Be cleansed!

- **Our Lord and Savior is waiting. He hears! He knows! He will save! He will deliver you!**
- **IF YOU'RE NOT SURE; IF YOU WANT JESUS IN YOUR HEART STAND! Stand up for Jesus! STAND NOW**
- **PRAY FOR THOSE STANDING!**