

Sermon Notes – October 13, 2024

## **MAKING SPACE FOR GRATITUDE'S POWER**

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*And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers,<sup>[a]</sup> who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."<sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;<sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"<sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well. Luke 17:12-19 ESV*

### **1) FROM DISTANCE TO CLOSENESS**

He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a **distance** <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices. Luke 17:12,13

"AS THEY WENT THEY WERE HEALED" v14

IT TAKES EFFORT, HUMILITY, INTENTIONALITY to upgrade you from DISTANCE to CLOSENESS

### **2) FROM ENTITLEMENT TO ENJOYMENT**

v16 – "He was a Samaritan" v18 - Where are the nine?

<sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

*"A proud man is never a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves." Henry Beecher*

### **3) FROM BLESSING TO MULTIPLE BLESSINGS**

"Go your way; your faith has made you well." v19