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## Jesus' Cleansing Touch

### The Faith of the Man Covered with Leprosy

(Luke 5:12; Leviticus 13; Luke 5:8)

The man did not question Jesus' authority to cleanse him of his leprosy, but humbly implored Jesus to be willing to do so. He understood the difference between believing that Jesus can heal him, and trusting in Jesus' will to be done.

### The Power of Jesus' Loving Touch

(Luke 5:13; 5:10; Isaiah 6:6-7)

Jesus displayed great compassion for the man with leprosy by reaching out, touching him, and healing him. What was resident in this man's body, left him. He was rid of the leprosy. He was satisfied. He was made clean!

### The Significance of the Miracle of the Healing of the Leper

(Luke 5:14; Matthew 5:17; Leviticus 14)

We see here, Jesus keeping the Law of Moses. Remember, Jesus did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it, and therefore He does so here. The miracle of healing the Leper was a game changer in Jesus' life, specifically in regards to His claim to be the promised Messiah sent by God.

### The Impact on Jesus' Ministry

(Luke 5:15-17)

There are two things to note in terms of the impact on Jesus' ministry due to the healing of the person with leprosy:

Increased attention given to Jesus by the religious leaders. Unprecedented attention that Jesus gives to His relationship with the Father.

## Things to Ponder This Week

Based on Luke 5:12, we see that not only did this man display faith in Jesus, but he also showed complete trust in Him. Do you truly believe that Jesus can heal you? Do you trust that it is Jesus' will to heal you, or better yet can you trust Jesus to accomplish His will without concern as to your own benefit?

Based on Luke 5:13, how does Jesus see people, and how does He respond to the needs of those who are weak, sick, and downtrodden? How does Jesus see you? How does Jesus minister to your areas of weakness, sickness, and discouragement?

Based on Luke 5:14-16, how did Jesus act in the moment of the miraculous healing of the man covered with leprosy? How did those around Him respond? What is your response to Jesus' power and love to miraculously heal people? What can you learn from Jesus' example regarding prayer? Do you take the time to pray in quiet with God? Commit yourself to continually seek the Lord for strength to live each day.

Next Sunday, we will be blessed to hear from Greg Newell as he brings us the message in our worship service. Prayerfully read Luke 5:17-26, and consider Jesus' authority to forgive sins. How does healing and forgiveness go hand in hand?