Learning From Jesus

Greg Kline · Mark 1:40–45

INTRODUCTION

- We have to realize that we are the leper from a spiritual standpoint. We had no hope.
- We have this spiritual problem that only Jesus could take away.

1 Moved With Compassion, Jesus Touched Him

Mark 1:40–45; Matthew 8

- While in this story we are undoubtedly the leper, I do think one thing we need to consider is are we walking in Jesus' footsteps?
- Jesus didn't have to touch him. That makes this important.
- The healing starts with a recognition that I have to acknowledge I have a problem.
- If we're going to follow in his footsteps, then I have to be what kind of person? A compassionate to a fault individual.

2 Compassion for Sheep Without a Shepherd

Matthew 9:35–38

- When he had saw the crowds, he had compassion for them. Because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
- The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
- God needs workers. Maybe I'm not the person to be sent, but I can be one who prays that God will find the one who is.
- But in his life, what did he do? He showed compassion for both.

3 We Have to Get Our Hands Dirty

Galatians 6:1–3; 1 Corinthians 5

- Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.
- To bear one another's burdens, I have to care about that brother's burdens.
- Being socially distant does not give an excuse for not taking care of needs.
- Do things that are uncomfortable. Be places at times that are inconvenient. Think of others first.

4 Find the Good in Any Situation

Philippians 1:12–14

- Finding the good does not mean ignoring bad or pretending that bad is not serious.
- I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

- Here's this bad thing that happened, but you know what's way more important? That God is glorified, that others are bold, that good can come from a tough circumstance.

5 Praying, Contacting, Serving

Philippians 1:3–6

- I'm going to be praying, I'm going to be contacting, I'm going to be serving, I'm going to be glorifying God.
- Pray for world leaders. I'm not saying agree with them. I'm not saying vote for them. I'm saying pray for world leaders.
- And maybe contact someone you don't normally talk to. Make a connection now that will help you bear burdens later.
- And you know who God's solution is on earth? Us. The church.

6 Thank God for What I Do Have

Philippians 4:11–13; 1 Peter 1:3–7

- I'm going to thank God for what I do have.
- According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- That's above all else, no matter what happens, what there is to be thankful for.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Use what God has given you and always be thankful for everything He's done.**

MY NOTES