Jesus Gets Us: Got Thankfulness?
Luke 17:7-19
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Luke 17:7-19: 7 "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? 8 Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" 11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him– and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____for a greater faith

_____ with life: It is impossible to miss the stumbling blocks and obstacles to faith…even if a person sins against you seven times a day, but says "I have had a change of heart," forgive them.
Luke 17:1,4 (JOT)

_____ faith: The apostles said, "Yikes, Lord! This is really hard! Build our faith!" Jesus said, "Faith is like the smallest seed but as it grows you can do what you think is impossible. You can accomplish what experience, reason, and probably would deny! Like saying to this tree…" Luke 17:5-6 (JOT)

2. _____ through the power of thankfulness

_____ the Master's joy: Should the Master have an exceptional gratitude for basic service? So, it is with you, if you only do what you have been commanded, just enough to get by, then you should say, "We are unproductive and lackluster servants because we have only fulfilled our obligation!" Luke 17:9-10 (JOT)

_____ toward the next step: "As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.
Luke 17:12-14 (NLT)

_____ intentional praise: One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.
Luke 17:15–16 (MSG)

3. _____ to saving grace

_____ transformation: Jesus did not want the disciples to miss the point. He asked, "Weren't all ten healed of their leprosy? Where are the other nine? Thankfulness and praise to God was not found among them, except for this despised Samaritan?" He said to the man, "Rise and go! Your faith has not only healed you but it has truly saved you! Luke 17:17-19 (JOT)

Spiritual Action Step:

Are struggling to believe in God's promises and power for your life? Do you find a growing resentment that continues to lead you to despair and hopelessness? The prophet Isaiah reminds us that "*But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.*" (Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)) God's love has come to you in Jesus Christ. Admit that you need God's help and accept this love into your life. You will find the power of faith to save and transform your heart. This week, read Luke 17 and Psalm 103 to realize the power of offering your life in praise and thanksgiving to a living God!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: New Living Translation; MSG: The Message.