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Start Walking - Luke 17:11-19

If you are at a stalemate, waiting on God to do something before you will follow...start walking. Your miracle might be waiting down the road.

And then how do you respond to God's work in your life? With thanks.

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Community Thanksgiving Service at Nashville United Methodist

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Story: Dog in a butcher shop (gratitude)

Are you grateful for what you have?

The Modern Art of Complaining

Example of Complaining: Israel complaining that they are sick of manna

Luke 17:11-12

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

Defining leprosy and its ramifications, the laws for those called lepers, who were now defined by their disease

Matthew 8:1-4

When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Luke 17:13-14

and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

## The medical functions of the Priest

How does Jesus respond when they ask for help? Does He heal them on the spot? He sends them down the road to the Priest. And in faith...they go...even though they currently look the same as they did. They go in faith. Not based on any visual evidence.

You might be in a stalemate with God. "I'll go where you want if you will do this miracle first." When Jesus might tell us to "start walking" because the miracle is waiting down the road. It's there not so that we WILL have faith but because we already do!

Imagine the scene when these men begin to realize they are healed!

The men would have had to return to the Priest before they could re-enter society. But one hangs back. His life has been put on hold, he COULD pick it back up again. But he keeps it on hold long enough to go thank Jesus.

### Luke 17:15-16

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

1 out of 10 healed gives thanks...let's have better stats than that!  
Why is it significant in this story that he was a Samaritan?

### Psalm 30:11-12

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

### Luke 17:17-19

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Jesus didn't ask for a thank you note...but He shouldn't have to ask. Gratitude SHOULD be the natural inclination of one who has been saved by Him.

Three medical terms Dr. Luke peppers throughout this story

Healed: repaired, patched up

Has the Great Physician done some repair in you?

Cleansed: to remove the impurities, to pronounce healed

Has the blood of Jesus washed away your sins? Have you been pronounced clean by Jesus?

Saved (in the Greek): delivered into birth or delivered from calamity

Have you been delivered?

The Lord Saves...

Matthew 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

What is the proper response to the God who saves you?

To start walking in faith that He will

And to give thanks that He does