

Walking with the Word
(Study of Jesus' interaction with People)

BEING THE LIGHT (OF THE WORLD) IN DARK TIMES

Jesus Heals Woman with Flow & Jairus' Daughter

Matthew 9:18-26 ¹⁸ While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler (*Mk-of synagogue*) came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." ¹⁹ So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples. ²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years (*Mk-suffered many things/many physicians*) came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "**Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.**" And the woman was made well from that hour. ²³ When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, ²⁴ He said to them, "**Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.**" And they ridiculed Him. ²⁵ But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went out into all that land.

- * Do we "turn around" to help people?
- * Do we make time to help people (who might not help us)?

Jesus Heals Centurion's Servant

Luke 7:1-10 ¹ Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. ² And a certain (*Roman*) centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. ³ So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, ⁵ "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." ⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, having

soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*." ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "**I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**" ¹⁰ And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

- * Who is "worthy" of our help?
- * Are we as willing to help the "Servant" of a "Roman Soldier"?

BEING THE SALT OF THE EARTH

Luke 5:29-31 – Jesus Eating at Levi's (Matthew's) House

²⁹ Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. ³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.**"

- * Do we eat & socialize with "tax collectors/sinners" to bring healing?

Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus Eats at Simon the Pharisee's

Luke 7:39 ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Versus...

Luke 7:44-47 ⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "**Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are many*, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."**

- * Who warrants our attention in mixed crowds?

Luke 19:1-10 Jesus' Visit to Zaccheus' Home

V2 Zacchaeus – Tax Collector, Rich (Gouged the people)

V5 Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name, Must stay... Why?

Luke 19:8⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

V8 – Not sure what transpired between V5 & V8...

* Do we invite ourselves into peoples lives?

* What is the impact of our time spent with “sinners”?

Luke 14:12-14¹² Then He also said to him who invited Him, “**When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.**¹³ **But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.***¹⁴ **And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”**

1 Corinthians 5:9-11⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.¹⁰ Yet *I* certainly *did* not *mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.¹¹ But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner— not even to eat with such a person.

Application:

1. Be the Light of the World – In Dark times

- Turn around to help people
- Help those who might not help us
- Who is worthy of our help this week?

2. Be the Salt of the Earth

- Eat with Tax Collectors/Sinners – Desire to Bring healing
- Pay attention to the “sinner” in a mixed crowd
- Invite yourself into someone’s life and impact them with Christ!