

Pastor's Perspective

A Story That Needs To Be Told

“Then (Jesus) said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’” -Luke 17:19

In the Gospel of Luke there is a beautiful (and short) story about Jesus healing ten men with leprosy (Luke 17:11-19). Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, ten men who have leprosy call out to him from a distance, begging Jesus to have pity on them. Jesus sees them and tells them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” That’s all he says. And as the ten men go, they are miraculously cleansed from their leprosy.

What is interesting about this story is that only one of the men comes back to Jesus to express his gratitude, and he isn’t even Jewish...he is a Samaritan. Samaritans were hated and despised by the Jews. But this Samaritan comes back, throws himself down at Jesus’ feet, and thanks him.

Jesus is quick to point out that only one of the ten (a foreigner no less!) came back to give praise to God. He wonders why the other nine (who presumably should know better than this Samaritan) did not come back. But then he says to this Samaritan, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

There are so many wonderful aspects to this story, such as Jesus’ authority over sickness, his acceptance of outsiders, and how this man is not only cleansed from his leprosy, but healed by his faith, a healing that covers not only the physical body but the soul as well. This healed man certainly has a story to tell. He began the day as an outcast, both by sickness and by society, and he ends the day restored, healed and whole, and accepted by Jesus.

And like this healed Samaritan, each of us has a story to tell. Every follower of Jesus has a story to tell of God’s grace and God’s healing in their lives. Think about your life, how God has saved you, healed you, and changed your life. That is quite a story!

What should you do with that story? Two things: One, follow the example of this cleansed Samaritan, who came to Jesus, thanked him, and praised God. Take some time today to thank God and praise him for the work he has done in your life. Even if you are facing hardships and struggles right now, there is so much for us to be thankful for. We have so much to praise God for!

Two, tell your story to others. Share the story of how God has moved in your life. Just picture the story this Samaritan man told that night when he showed up at home, cleansed and healed inside and out. Like the Samaritan, we have a story to tell. And like the Samaritan, we have people in our life who need Jesus, and they need to hear our story of God’s grace.

So who can you share your story with this month? And as you think about who you can share with, keep in mind that one month from now we will celebrate Easter Sunday together. We will celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead, and we will celebrate God’s grace towards us. Who can you invite to join us for that celebration?

I’m praying for you this month as you praise God for his work in your life and as you share your story with others!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

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Worship Schedule

Until Further Notice

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Outside & Online Sunday Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Zoom Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Children’s Bible Adventure

“this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1b-2

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Discover the hidden words.



Word Bank

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| JESUS | EVIL | GOD |
| CROWD | CAST | DROWN |
| BOY | DEAD | FIRE |
| SPIRIT | HEAL | WATER |

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Small Groups:

Monday
1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Bible Study at MVCF

7:00 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study at MVCF

7:00 p.m.
Men’s Bible Study Peek Home

Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Online

Wednesday
6:45 p.m. Youth Group Outside—MVCF

Friday
6:30 p.m.
Chris French Home Fellowship at MVCF

2nd & 4th Friday
11:00 a.m. Grief Group at MVCF

04—Darryl Angus	19—Frances Chism
04—Tony Quion	24—Frank Romeo
05—Tony DaVee	25—Jayson Stone Jr.
07—Andrew de Vos	25—Susie Scott-Manies
07—Van Thibodeaux	26—Chuck Sones
14—Matt Leigh	27—Mike Loren
16—Admasu Agiro	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	2 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	3 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group	4	5 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	6
7 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	8 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Online Council Meeting	10 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group	11	12 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	13
14 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 	15 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	16 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	17 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 7 p.m. Online Ash Wednesday Lenten Service 	18	19 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	20
21 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	22 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	23 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	24 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Online Lenten Service	25	26 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	27 Work Party 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
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05—Jean & Michele Fortanas
 05—Tony & Michele Quion

..as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience. Col. 3:12

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Worship	Arturo Aray

Sunday Schedule

Worship & Children's Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Nursery & Toddler Care is Available During Worship Service
Service will be live on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

Elders

Pastor / Elder.....Steve de Vos
Administrative Elder Tony DaVee
Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen
Arturo Aray

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