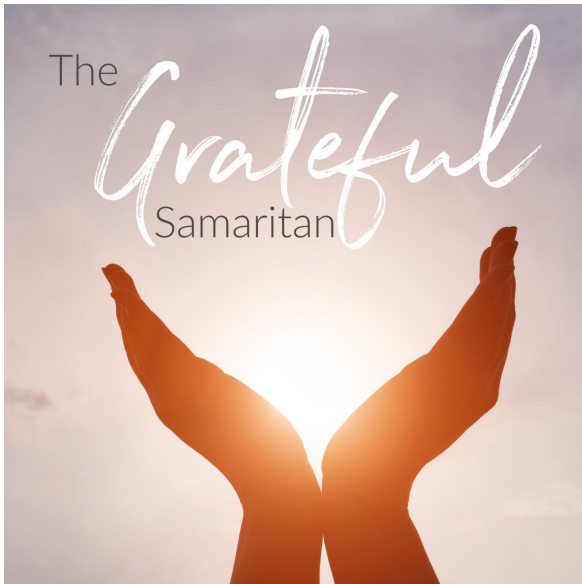


GRATEFUL SAMARITAN

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LUKE 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. This sermon pairs with the parable traditionally called "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37). What is similar about these two stories, and what do you think those similarities were meant to convey?
3. How do you practice or cultivate gratitude in your life?
4. Why might it be easier to "count our blessings to ourselves" than actually thank people for what they mean to us or how they have helped u?
5. Think of 5 people in your life who matter deeply to you. How can you show gratitude or thank them in a way that shows them the true depth of your gratitude?
6. What are some things or who are people you can thank God for in this season of life? Take time (by yourself, or in a group) to pause and pray in thanksgiving.
7. Nobody "needs" thanks (or at least few claim to need it), but everyone is changed by giving thanks. Reflect on how this might connect to Jesus' provocative statement in verse 19: "your faith has made you well."

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