



Gratitude and Faith: Lessons from the Cleansing of Ten Lepers



Explore faith and gratitude through Jesus' healing of ten lepers, understanding how faith calls us to action and thankfulness.

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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day study on the powerful story of the **Cleansing of Ten Lepers found in Luke 17:11–19**. This passage is a profound glimpse into how Jesus heals, how faith works, and what true gratitude looks like in the life of a believer. *Lepers were outcasts, isolated from society because of their disease, desperate for healing and acceptance.* When Jesus encounters these ten men, He not only offers healing but also reveals a deeper lesson about faith in action and thanksgiving.

As you journey through this study, you will be invited to explore the dynamics of faith—how belief is more than a feeling; it’s a trust that leads to obedience. You will also reflect on gratitude—how the one leper who returned to thank Jesus models a heart posture that Jesus Himself commended.

Each day, you will dive into scripture, supported by related passages that illuminate the themes of faith and thankfulness. Through devotional reflections, you’ll engage with the story personally, seeking to apply the truths in your own life. Thought-provoking questions will challenge you to dig deeper, and journaling prompts will help you process your experiences and prayers.

Whether you’re new to the faith or have walked with Jesus for years, this study promises insights to enrich your walk with Him. Let’s begin, ready to see how faith, healing, and gratitude intersect in powerful ways through the simple but life-changing act of returning thanks.





Day 1: Encountering Jesus: A Request for Mercy



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Your Verse

Luke 17:11-13 NIV - "On the 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 and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Mark 10:47 NIV - 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'*
- *Psalms 86:5 NIV - 'You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.'*



Day 1:  Encountering Jesus: A Request for Mercy

Devotional: Faith Begins with a Bold Call for Mercy

Faith begins with recognizing our need. The ten men with leprosy were excluded from society because of their illness. Yet, when confronted with Jesus, they cried out for mercy. Their faith was demonstrated not in silence, but in bold action—calling out to the One who could heal.

This moment teaches us that faith starts with an honest appeal to God, especially in our weakness. It's humbling to admit our brokenness, but it's also the first step toward transformation. Like the lepers, we must approach Jesus with dependence, acknowledging that healing—physical, emotional, or spiritual—comes only from Him.

Even from a distance, they believed Jesus could heal. This story encourages us to trust God's power even when we feel far off or unworthy, and to never hesitate to ask Him for mercy and help.



Day 1:  Encountering Jesus: A Request for Mercy

Reflect and Apply

1. How comfortable are you with admitting your need for God's mercy?

2. What holds you back from boldly approaching Jesus with your requests?

3. In what ways does faith require action, not just belief?



Day 1:  Encountering Jesus: A Request for Mercy

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you boldly called out to God in a moment of need.




2. List areas in your life where you need to ask Jesus for mercy and healing.

3. Reflect on what it means for you to trust God even when you feel isolated or distant.



Day 1:  Encountering Jesus: A Request for Mercy

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, today I come before You recognizing my need for Your mercy and healing. Help me to approach You with boldness and faith, trusting that You hear my cries even when I feel distant or unworthy. Teach me to rely fully on Your power and grace. *Thank You for being compassionate and good to those who call on You.* In Your name I pray, Amen.   





Day 2: ✨ Obedience in Faith: The Path to Healing



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Your Verse

Luke 17:14 NIV – "When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed."

Supporting Scriptures

- *James 2:17 NIV – 'Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.'*
- *Hebrews 11:6 NIV – 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.'*



Day 2: ✨ Obedience in Faith: The Path to Healing

Devotional: Faith That Acts: Obedience Brings Healing

Healing comes not only through belief but also obedient action. Jesus instructed the lepers to go and show themselves to the priests, a command to affirm their cleansing legally and socially. They obeyed before seeing the results, and their healing happened as they obeyed.

This teaches us that faith includes trusting God's commands and stepping out in obedience, even when the outcome isn't yet visible. Like the lepers, we might be asked to act in faith—praying, forgiving, serving—before seeing immediate change. True faith puts trust into motion.

Obedience is a tangible expression of faith, a demonstration that we trust God's word over our circumstances. This day encourages us to examine how we respond to God's leading and whether our faith motivates us to act.



Day 2: ✨ Obedience in Faith: The Path to Healing

Reflect and Apply

1. What steps of obedience is God asking you to take, even if results aren't clear?

2. How do you typically respond when God's direction challenges your logic or feelings?

3. In what ways does contemporary faith need more visible action?



Day 2: ✨ Obedience in Faith: The Path to Healing

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a time you obeyed God's Word and experienced unexpected blessing.

2. List current situations where you need to step out in faith and obedience.

3. Reflect on how your actions reflect your trust in God's promises.



Day 2: ✨ Obedience in Faith: The Path to Healing

Prayer for Today

Father God, please give me courage to obey You fully, even when I cannot yet see the outcome. Help me to trust Your plans and to step out in faith, knowing that You are working for my healing and good. Strengthen my faith to act in ways that honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙌 🙏 🌿





Day 3: 🙏 The Power of Gratitude in Healing



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Your Verse

Luke 17:15-16 NIV – "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."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV – 'Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'*
- *Colossians 3:17 NIV – 'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'*



Day 3: 🙏 The Power of Gratitude in Healing

Devotional: A Heart That Returns Thanks to Jesus

Gratitude is more than a polite ‘thank you’—it’s a powerful spiritual practice that draws us closer to God. Notice that only one of the ten lepers returned to thank Jesus. This man’s gratitude was marked by loud praise and humble bowing at Jesus’ feet.

His response illustrates that true thankfulness flows from a heart deeply touched by grace. Gratitude acknowledges God’s goodness, reinforces our faith, and cultivates joy and humility. It also authenticates the reality of our healing or blessing—it proclaims that the change is not taken for granted.

Today challenges us to reflect on our own gratitude. Do we sense the magnitude of God’s gifts? Do we express thanks with our whole heart, not just in words, but through worship and devotion? Let’s be inspired to return to Jesus daily with hearts overflowing in thanks.



Day 3: 🙏 The Power of Gratitude in Healing

Reflect and Apply

1. How often do you pause to genuinely thank God for His blessings?

2. What might prevent you from expressing heartfelt gratitude?

3. How can cultivating gratitude transform your relationship with God?



Day 3: 🙏 The Power of Gratitude in Healing

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a recent blessing and how you responded in gratitude.

2. List specific ways you can practice daily gratitude to God.

3. Reflect on a time when gratitude led to deeper faith or joy.



Day 3: 🙏 The Power of Gratitude in Healing

Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your healing power and mercy in my life. Help me to cultivate a heart of gratitude that never takes Your blessings for granted. Teach me to return often to worship You with praise and thanksgiving. May gratitude transform my outlook and draw me closer to You every day. Amen.





Day 4: 💡 Faith That Recognizes God's Work



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Your Verse

Luke 17:17-18 NIV - "Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?'"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 103:2 NIV - 'Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits —'*
- *Hebrews 12:28 NIV - 'Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.'*



Day 4: 💡 Faith That Recognizes God's Work

Devotional: Recognition Fuels Lasting Faith and Joy

Recognition of God's work in our lives is vital for sustaining faith. Jesus' question about the nine who did not return highlights a common human tendency to forget what God has done once our immediate needs are met.

Faith includes awareness—recognizing God's ongoing blessings and responding in praise. When we acknowledge God's hand in our healing, provision, and everyday blessings, we remind ourselves of His faithfulness and invite deeper worship.

Today invites you to consider areas where you may have received God's grace but failed to express recognition. Cultivating a spirit that remembers and praises God builds resilient faith and a joyful heart.



Day 4: 💡 Faith That Recognizes God's Work

Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways do you sometimes forget to recognize God's work in your life?

2. How can acknowledging God's blessings help sustain your faith during hard times?

3. What practices help you remember and celebrate God's goodness regularly?



Day 4: 💡 Faith That Recognizes God's Work

Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a blessing you initially overlooked but now praise God for.

2. Write about spiritual habits that help you remember God's faithfulness.

3. Reflect on how recognition of God's work impacts your worship.



Day 4: 💡 Faith That Recognizes God's Work

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, open my eyes to see Your hand at work in my life, even in small ways. Help me not to take Your blessings for granted or forget to praise You. May my heart be filled with constant recognition of Your goodness and may I worship You with reverence and joy every day. Amen. 🙌 ✨ 🙏





Day 5: 🌿 Gratitude that Transforms Society



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Your Verse

Luke 17:19 NIV – ‘Jesus said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 5:16 NIV – ‘Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.’*
- *Galatians 5:22 NIV – ‘But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.’*



Day 5: 🌿 Gratitude that Transforms Society

Devotional: Grateful Faith Changes Lives Beyond Ourselves

Faith that results in gratitude leads to transformation, not only personally but also in community. Jesus tells the healed leper, ‘your faith has made you well,’ showing that beyond physical healing, faith restores the whole person.

Gratitude expressed shapes how we live and interact with others—it becomes a visible testimony of God’s goodness. When we live openly thankful, our faith inspires others and honors God publicly. It’s a ripple effect that can heal broken relationships, bring hope to communities, and glorify God.

Today encourages you to think about how your grateful faith can shine in your family, workplace, and wider community, making lasting impact.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does your gratitude as a believer impact those around you?

2. What changes when faith leads to visible expressions of thankfulness?

3. In what ways can you be a witness of God's goodness through your actions?



Day 5: 🌿 Gratitude that Transforms Society

Journaling Prompts

1. List ways your faith and gratitude have positively affected your community.

2. Write about opportunities to demonstrate thankfulness publicly this week.

3. Reflect on how your gratitude can encourage someone struggling with faith.



Day 5: 🌿 Gratitude that Transforms Society

Prayer for Today

Loving Father, help my faith and gratitude to radiate beyond my personal life and bring healing and hope to others. Let my thankful heart be a witness to Your goodness so that many will glorify You. Empower me to be a light in my community reflecting Your love. Amen. ✨ 🙏 🌍





Day 6: 🔥 The Cost and Reward of Faithful Gratitude



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Your Verse

Hebrews 11:6 NIV – ‘And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.’

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 9:23 NIV – ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’*
- *2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV – ‘God loves a cheerful giver.’*



Day 6: 🔥 The Cost and Reward of Faithful Gratitude

Devotional: Faithful Gratitude Requires Surrender and Rewards

Expressing true faith and gratitude often requires sacrifice and perseverance. The journey of faith is not always easy; it calls us to deny selfish desires and to seek God earnestly.

Yet, the promise of God's reward for those who faithfully seek Him encourages us onward. Gratitude is more than words—it involves surrender, trust, and joyfully giving back to God through our lives. Sometimes thankfulness means facing difficulties with a heart that chooses to praise.

Reflect on the cost and blessing of a grateful faith. Jesus' story of the leper who returned reminds us that blessing deepens when we are willing to pay the price of heartfelt gratitude.



Day 6: 🔥 The Cost and Reward of Faithful Gratitude

Reflect and Apply

1. What sacrifices has your faith and gratitude required recently?

2. How can you cultivate a cheerful and surrendered heart even in hardship?

3. What rewards—spiritual or relational—have you seen from faithful gratitude?



Day 6: 🔥 The Cost and Reward of Faithful Gratitude

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a situation where expressing faith or gratitude was challenging but rewarding.

2. List ways you can daily deny selfishness and embrace faithfulness.

3. Reflect on how your attitude toward giving and gratitude can grow.



Day 6: 🔥 The Cost and Reward of Faithful Gratitude

Prayer for Today

God of Faithfulness, teach me to faithfully seek You with a grateful and surrendered heart. When faith costs me something, strengthen me to persevere with joy, trusting in Your reward. May my gratitude be genuine and full, pleasing to You in all seasons. Amen. 🙏❤️🔥





Day 7: ✨ Living a Life Marked by Faith and Thanksgiving



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Your Verse

Psalm 100:4 NIV – ‘Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.’

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 4:6 NIV – ‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.’*
- *Ephesians 5:20 NIV – ‘Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.’*



Day 7: ✨ Living a Life Marked by Faith and Thanksgiving

Devotional: A Life Habit of Faith and Thanksgiving

A life truly healed by faith and gratitude is a life transformed. The leper who returned to thank Jesus shows us what it means to live with a heart constantly oriented toward God in thanksgiving and praise.

Gratitude is not just a response to blessings but a lifestyle that aligns us with God's presence daily. The psalmist encourages us to enter God's presence continually with thanksgiving, a practice that nourishes our spiritual health and deepens intimacy with Him.

Let this final day inspire you to commit to a lifestyle where faith leads to constant thanksgiving, where every moment is an opportunity to praise and walk closely with Jesus.



Day 7: ✨ Living a Life Marked by Faith and Thanksgiving

Reflect and Apply

1. How can thanksgiving become a daily habit in your spiritual life?

2. In what ways does constant gratitude strengthen your relationship with God?

3. What changes in your attitude and actions when you live with faith and thanks?



Day 7: ✨ Living a Life Marked by Faith and Thanksgiving

Journaling Prompts

1. Plan practical daily habits that cultivate thanksgiving in your life.

2. Write about how thanksgiving has drawn you closer to God recently.

3. Reflect on how a thankful heart changes your outlook on challenges.



Day 7: ✨ Living a Life Marked by Faith and Thanksgiving

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, help me to live each day marked by faith and overflowing gratitude. Teach me to enter Your presence with praise continually and to trust You in every circumstance. May thanksgiving become my daily habit, drawing me closer to You and reflecting Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏🌿✨





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