

Be Made Whole, by Jentezen Franklin

Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. Luke 17:19

Sin looks a lot like leprosy. Physically, lepers were zombie-like creatures whose skin rotted away little by little until there was nothing left. It happened slowly over time so that eventually they were numb to the pain. Sin is just like that. The further it goes, the less sensitive you are, and the more isolated you become. You can cover up sin for a while, but eventually it will consume you and reveal itself in every area of your life.

But there is a cure for your sinful condition and that cure is Jesus. Just like He did for those with physical leprosy, if you will turn to Him, He will make you whole and restore what sin has stolen.

- 1. Can you relate to the spiritual leprosy that is described above?
- 2. Can you remember something you were struggling with that God delivered you from? Are you willing to thank God publically, like that one who turned back? Are you open to THAT kind of blessing?
- 3. When you go through things, is your first instinct to think and worry and strive...or is it to worship?
- 4. Rate your private worship life on a scale from 1-10, with 10 being powerful and intimate worship and 0 being none at all. What would it take to move your daily and weekly worship closer to a 10?

All of us struggle with sin. No one is above being tempted. Unless we turn to Jesus, we will wear our sin like a leper wears leprosy. The wages of sin IS death—it just is. But we have hope! We serve a God who provided forgiveness for our sin and a miracle cure called mercy! He can restore you! He can make you whole again. Face your struggle with worship. Praise God for who is He is, not just what He's done. God stands ready to heal and forgive. You don't have to wear your sin any longer, put on the garment of Praise!

Key Scriptures
Luke 17:12-19

We hope you'll use these notes to study and reflect on God's Word this week. It's great to hear an inspirational message on Sunday. It's life changing to take action and apply God's Word to your life daily!