

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## ***Down From The Mount...*** ***Now What?***

### **Matthew 7:24-25**

First, He **told us** how to live – (5:3-7:23)

- Now He begins to **show us** – 8:1-4

**Vs. 1**, “When He came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him.”

He **teaches in private**, those who separate to Him (5:1)

- He separated **from** the crowd
- His disciples separated **to** Him

### **Matthew 13:3-11 – (5:6)**

Then He **demonstrated** among the crowd

- We should live **in public**, what He teaches us **in private**
- We’re learning not just **what He said...**
- But also, **how He lived**

**Vs. 2**, “And behold, **a leper came and worshiped Him**, saying, ‘Lord, **if You are willing**, You can make me clean.’”

- He separated **to** Jesus... **in the crowd**
- **He’s a leper!** If not for Jesus, **they may have stoned him!**
- He could not have made himself **more vulnerable**
- He is exemplifying **5:3!**

### **He worshipped Him!**

- “**worshipped**” = like a dog licking his master’s hand (Psalm 123:2)
- He worshipped Him **FIRST...** for who **He IS!** (Matt. 13:58)
- **Not knowing** if Jesus will heal Him or not

- “**Lord**” acknowledges his **absolute submission** to Christ’s authority  
(Without requirement, before any benefit)

**Vs. 3**, “Then **Jesus** put out His hand and **touched him**, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

- Touching him may have done more to heal “**him**”, than healing his body.
- He was an **Untouchable!** Touching him violated the law.  
(Now they’re both guilty)
- Touching **identifies with** someone personally & completely  
(Both ways – Him with the leper & the leper with Him)

Are we willing to declare people **cleansed to us?**

- Knowing we are **not** their judge (7:1-2)
- **Jesus**, who is their judge, **chooses not to yet**
- Or would we leave them bound in their sin? (16:19)

“‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

### - **John 5:19 & 20:21**

- We rarely **KNOW** that the physical healing we pray for **WILL** happen
- We can **ALWAYS** know that the cleansing we bestow makes them **clean to us**
- **Matt. 9:5**, “Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?”
- **Romans 5:8, Matt. 10:8 & 16:19** (13-20) – “Who do you say I am?”

**Vs. 4**, “And Jesus said to him, ‘See that you **tell no one**; but go your way, **show yourself** to the priest, and offer

the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

- What we **demonstrate** is more compelling than what we say
- **Live in a way** that makes our words believable
- Literary rule: **Show, don't tell**
- **II Corinthians 12:1-4**
- **James 1, 2 & 3**, Talk is cheap. Show me!

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“And **offer the gift** that Moses commanded, **as a testimony**”

- Offer **the gift you have received** as a testimony (I John 1:9)
- **Has He cleansed you?**
- Then **give cleansing**, & live so they can believe **we don't condemn them**
- The world is awash in condemnation
- **Don't let Christ be labeled with it**

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**Give more than the gift...**

- Give the gift of **giving**
- **Deuteronomy 16:17**, “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.”

- **Matthew 10:8**, “Freely you have received, freely give.”
- **Matthew 16:19**, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
- **Luke 6:38**, “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”
- **II Corinthians 9:7**, “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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**John 13:15-17**, “For I have given you an example, **that you should do as I have done to you**. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**”

**And we do... so we should.**