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Addicted to Love

Luke 17:11-19

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On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon Notes:

FURTHER STUDY

1. From today's sermon, one leper of the 10 who was grateful, returned to Jesus to worship and give thanks (Luke 17:11-19). Why do you suppose it is so difficult to live a thankful life?
 - ⇒ Discuss the tendency for people to forget about God once the prayer or need is answered or taken care of by God's intervention.
 - ⇒ What is the significance in Luke 17 that the one who returned was a Samaritan? Why do you suppose he came back to Jesus? What might his motivation have been?
2. Asaph in Psalm 73 is an example of a person who suffered from the inability to see past the suffering of this life and put things in eternal perspective. Read Psalm 73 together and then answer the following questions:
 - ⇒ There are certain things that make it difficult to have a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude. Point out in the Psalm where you see comparison and bitterness in the words of Asaph.
 - ⇒ What is it that ultimately helped Asaph overcome the trap of not having an eternal perspective on his situation?
 - ⇒ How does Asaph's attitude change once his perspective changes?
 - ⇒ What are things in your life that can help you gain perspective when you're struggling with any having a heart of gratitude toward God and His faithfulness in your life?
3. How, like the Samaritan in our story from Luke 17, have you felt compelled that you "must" return to Jesus in thanksgiving?
 - ⇒ Has there been a time in your life when, instead, you turned your back and walked away like the other nine in the story who did not return to give Jesus praise?
 - ⇒ Mike made the point that he "had to" return to Jesus. Do you agree or disagree?