

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"Finding Beauty in a Broken World"

Part 2

Today's Question: How can I become free again?

Luke 13:10-17 (NKJV); A Spirit of Infirmary

¹⁰ Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up. ¹² But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." ¹³ And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it?

¹⁶ So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" ¹⁷ And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Finding Beauty in a Broken World:

Review from last week:

1. Realize that we live in an unjust world in the present (v. 1-5).
2. Embrace the grace to change from who you are to who God wants you to become (v. 3, 5).
3. Don't give up on people too soon (v. 6-9).
4. Don't take God's mercy for granted (v. 9).

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5. Just because you have been _____ for a long time,
Jesus can change everything in just a _____ (v. 10-13).

- For 18 long years she was sick, but in just a moment, she was made whole.
- Satan promises freedom, but he tricks us, and we end up bound by Satan.

6. Be set _____ from all that holds you back from
_____ God in your life (v. 12-13).

- There is one major theme throughout this story: Being bound and being loosed.
- Jesus declares this over the woman, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

Luke 4:16-19; ⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to *heal the brokenhearted*,
To *proclaim liberty to the captives*
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

- Look at what Jesus does next: He laid His hands on her—on her broken, crooked, and lonely body.
- Notice the result: Immediately, she was made straight. Jesus likes to straighten out that which is crooked in our lives.

Colossians 1:17 (NIV); He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:3a (NIV); The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

7. Allow God to turn your p_____ into p_____ (v. 13).

- Immediately her pain and deformity left her body.
- Notice what happened next: Her pain was turned into praise!

8. Don't let the _____ put out your spiritual _____ (v. 14).

- When God does a work, critical people always come out of the woodwork! Don't be surprised when critics arise!
- Who was this synagogue leader? "**ruler**. An eminent layman whose responsibilities included conducting meetings, caring for the building, and supervising the teaching in the synagogue (cf. [8:41](#); [Matt. 9:18](#); [Mark 5:38](#))" (MacArthur).
- The church needs to be reminded that we are to stoke the Spirit's fire, not put it out!

→Do not quench the Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19). That is, don't put out the Spirit's fire.

9. Replace rigid _____ with a healthy blend of _____ and _____ (v. 15-17).

- How does Jesus respond to the negative naysayer?
- He rebuked the synagogue leader's duplicitous thinking by arguing from the less to the greater.
- To this unnamed woman, Jesus gives a title of dignity: She is a daughter of Abraham-that is, a daughter of the covenant community.

I Peter 2:10 (NIV); Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- Jesus put his adversaries to shame because while they were keeping people from God's best, He was ushering in God's freedom to those who had been bound.

John 8:32; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- Notice the response of the people in the congregation: All the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Christ Connection: Jesus is the only one who can truly set you free. He is the Truth that leads you to the Way of true Life of freedom!

Today's Big Idea (A short summary): You can find beauty in a broken world when Jesus enters your world and heals you so that He can free you!

Action Steps:

1. If Jesus has set you free, you should be in the "setting people free" business.
2. Reached people reach people—who are you reaching for Jesus in 2019?
3. Pray for those who are bound and don't even know it.

Put on your calendar:

- Wednesday-Thursday: 24 Hour Harvest Prayer Time
- June 9th-Summer Kickoff Celebration

