

Do you wait for a crisis to call out for God?

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that the "accident of evolution" had created. "What majestic trees! What a powerful river! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he walked alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look and saw a seven-foot grizzly charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path.

He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He ran even faster, so scared that tears were coming to his eyes. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run faster still.

He tripped and fell to the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear, right on top of him, reaching for him with the left paw and raising his right paw to strike him. At that instant, the atheist cried



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out "Oh my God!"

Suddenly, time stopped. The bear froze in motion. The forest was ever so silent. Even the river ceased to move. As a brilliant ray of light emerged from the sky and shone upon the man, a powerful voice spoke to him, "You have denied my existence for all of these years; you teach others that I do not exist and you credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you now as a believer?"

The atheist blinked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to convert to a Christian after

all these years, but could you instead make the bear a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice from above.

The bright light disappeared. All of a sudden, life resumed around the man. The river ran again. The forest became alive once more with the gentle sounds of nature. The bear stirred. Slowly, he lowered his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and graciously spoke: "Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful."

I share that little story to help us drive home a few more principles from the story of Jesus healing the Lepers in Luke 17:11-17 that we looked at last week.

There were three principles we

learned, they are: You have a deadly problem that only Jesus can fix, you must admit your need and cry out to Jesus and God's power is not released until you step out in faith.

Today, we learn it is good to spend time at the feet of Jesus.

I can only imagine the conversation between these guys as they saw their bodies being healed miraculously. We do know that 90 percent of them just kept on traveling — only 10 percent returned to the One who touched him.

We know from Jesus' response only one of them did the right thing. He wasn't content just to go to church and see the priest — he turned and ran back to Jesus and fell at His feet to give Him thanks.

Here's the point: Ten men were exposed to God's power, but only one sought a personal relationship with Him. Nine of the men were content to receive the blessing of God, but only one of them cared

enough to return to the source of the blessing to worship God.

That's true today as well. God's blessings are poured out on all people, not just His children. Jesus said God makes it rain on the just and unjust alike. But only a relatively few people are interested in having a personal relationship with God.

Here is another thought on thankfulness. Feeling thankful is different from giving thanks. The Bible says, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Did you catch that, "in all circumstances?" They key is to give thanks, not merely to feel thankful. I'm certain the nine lepers were thankful about being cleansed. How could anyone not feel thankful after being healed of a deadly disease? But only one of the ten did the right thing by coming to Jesus and expressing thanksgiving.

There is a tremendous difference between simply feeling gratitude and expressing gratitude.

Finally, let Jesus finish what he started in you. Look again at Jesus' final words to this man in verse 19. He said, "Rise and go, your faith has made you well." That word in the original language of the Bible means complete or whole.

Here's the result of this miracle: Ten men were cleansed, but only one man became "whole." Ninety percent of them only received a small portion of what could have been theirs, and only one received full salvation.

Jesus wants to do more than just clean you up; He wants to make you whole and complete. Why? Because a whole you will be a better you!

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5. Divide responsibility for related transactions.
6. Use mechanical devices whenever feasible.
7. Perform regular and independent reviews.

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Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
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Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
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www.calvarygospel.net

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307 W. 13th • 890-7205
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Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm



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Sunday School: 10:45 am
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

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Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

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1601 Texas • 899-5275
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Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

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Minister: Sheryl Johnson
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Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

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399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
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Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
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6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:30 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
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13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
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104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

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13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
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