



MESSAGE REVIEW

Faith is a bold move into an unknown future, based on reliable information. In this week's passage in Luke, we find two examples of regular people making bold moves into the unknown based upon what they know of Jesus, and Jesus responds to each one. What step of faith is God calling you to right now? Take a step toward Him, knowing He is utterly reliable and will not let your foot slip.

WARM UP QUESTION

On a scale of 1-10 (1 = I always play it safe, 10 = what's fear?), how risky are you?

1 **Read Luke 5:12-16.** What do you know about leprosy and the stigma associated with people who had it? What words does Luke use to describe the severity of this man's leprosy? What do you imagine his life was like?

2 What strikes you about how the man approaches Jesus? Have you ever had an 'if you are willing' conversation with God?

3 How does Jesus choose to heal the man? Imagine how the man felt at the touch of Jesus. What in your own life, or someone else's life, do you need Jesus to touch? Make a list to bring to Jesus as a group. Pray big prayers using John 14:13-14.

4 What instructions does Jesus give the man in v. 14 and why? What happens anyway? How does Jesus respond to all the fame and success (v. 16)? How do you respond to increased demands on your time?

5 **Read Luke 5:17-20.** Who is listening to Jesus in these verses, taking up all the room? The friends in verses 18-19 were bold in bringing their paralyzed buddy to Jesus. In this season of being knocked down, stripped bare, and weighed down, what step of faith or bold move do you sense God calling you to right now?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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