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LUKE 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.



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He stood up to read,¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me

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to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue

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were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “**Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**”



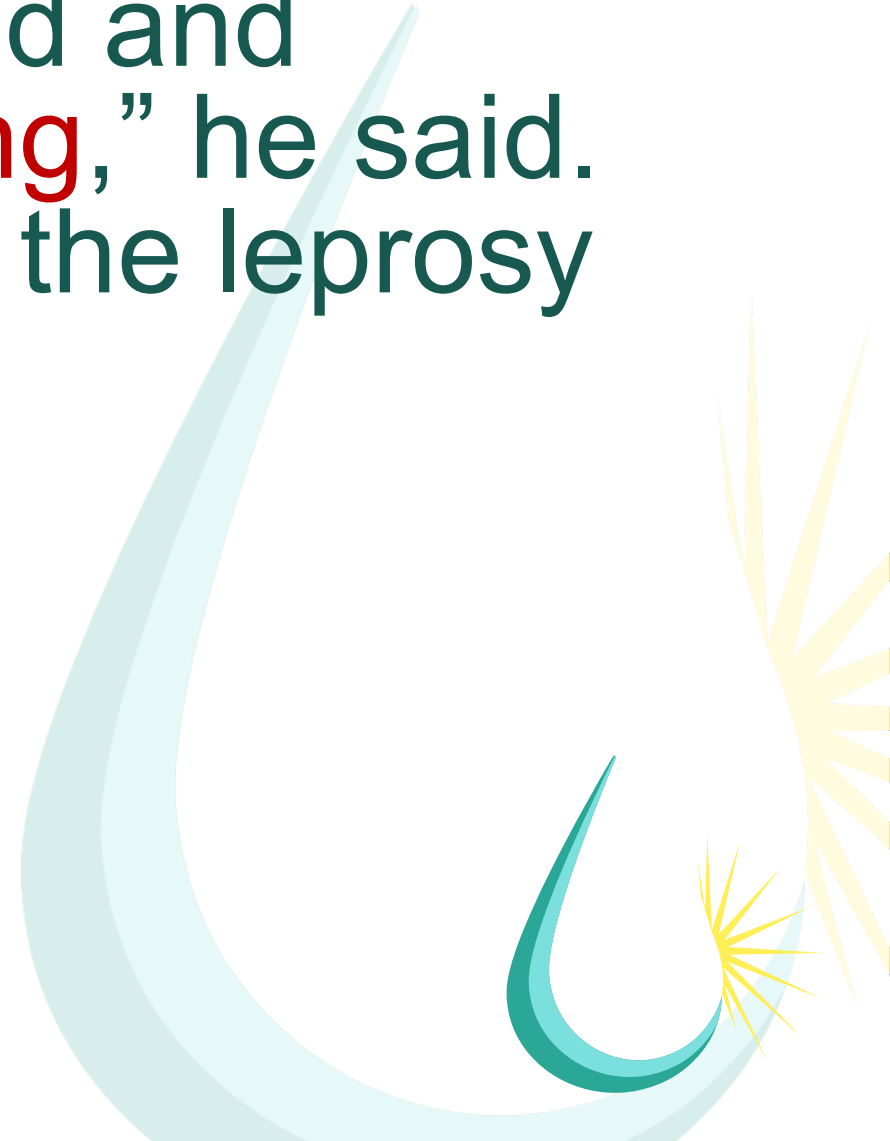
LUKE 5:12-13

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”



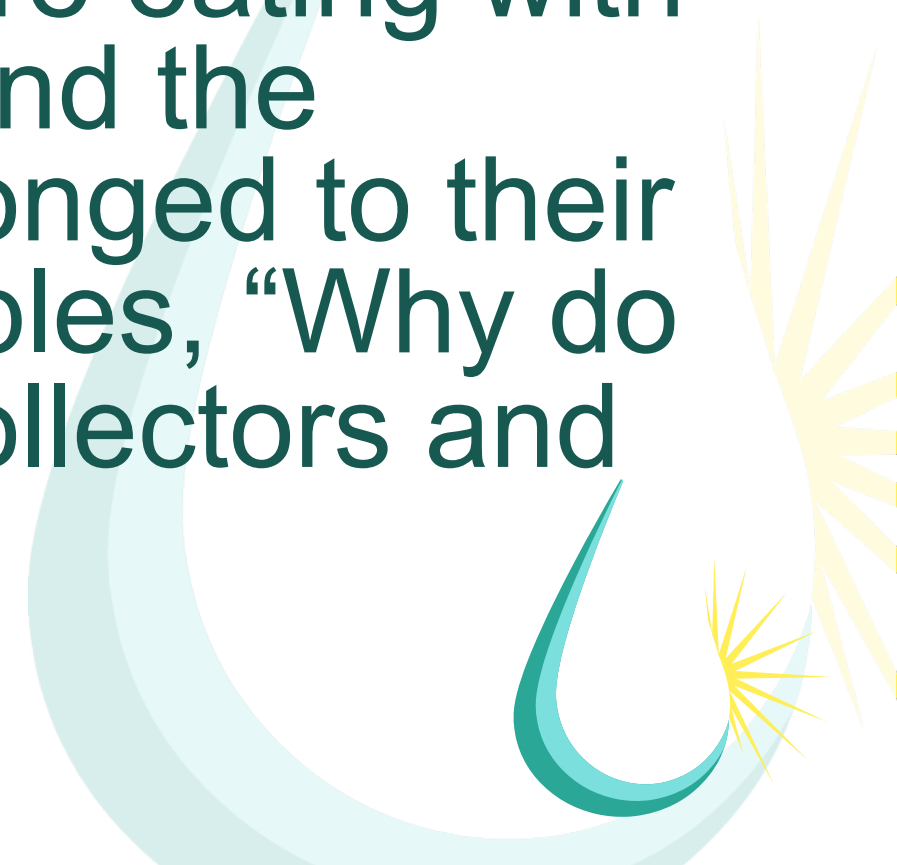
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13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “**I am willing**,” he said. “**Be clean!**” And immediately the leprosy left him.



LUKE 5:29-31

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. **30** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”



LUKE 5:29-32

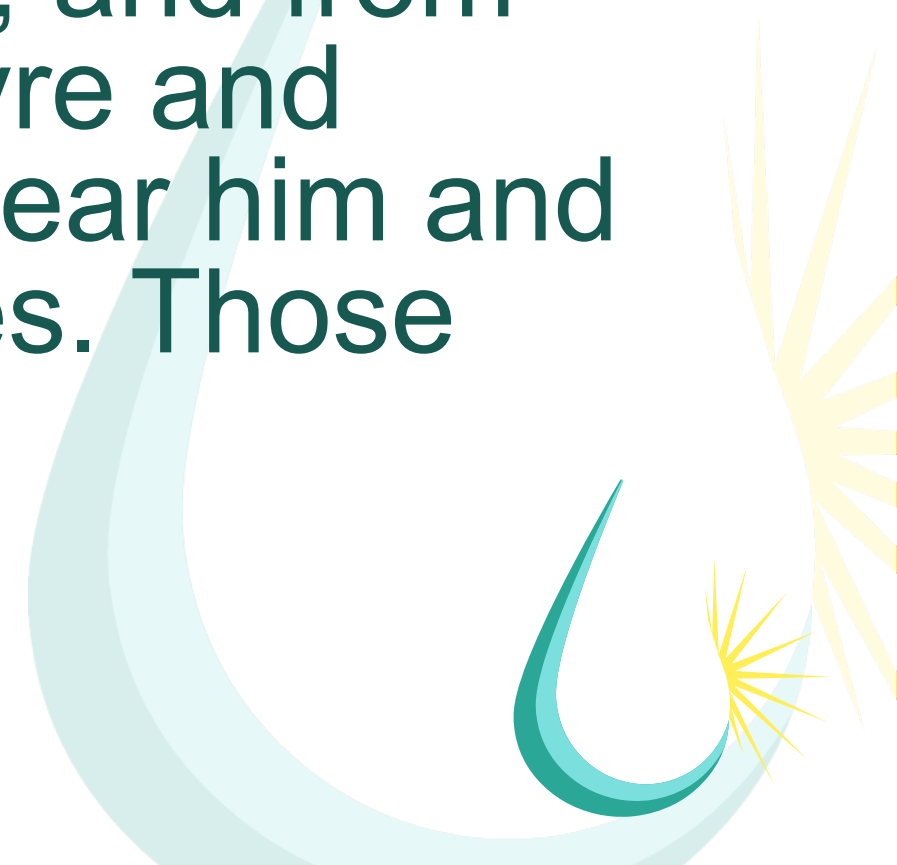
31 Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”



LUKE 6:17-19

A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those



LUKE 6:17-19

troubled by impure spirits were cured,
¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him,
because power was coming from him and
healing them all.



LUKE 6:20-26

20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

**“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.**



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21

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.



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22

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

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23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.



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“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your
comfort.



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Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.



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26

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,

for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



LUKE 7:36-50

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. **37** A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

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38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.



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39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”



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40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.



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41 “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

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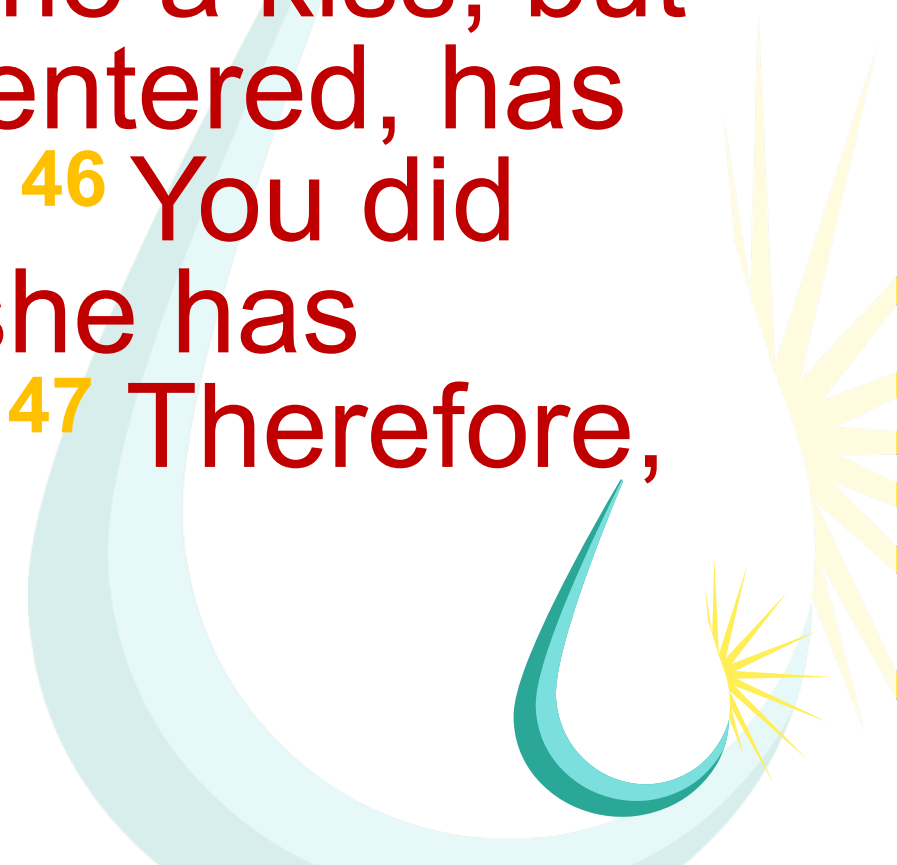
43 Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give

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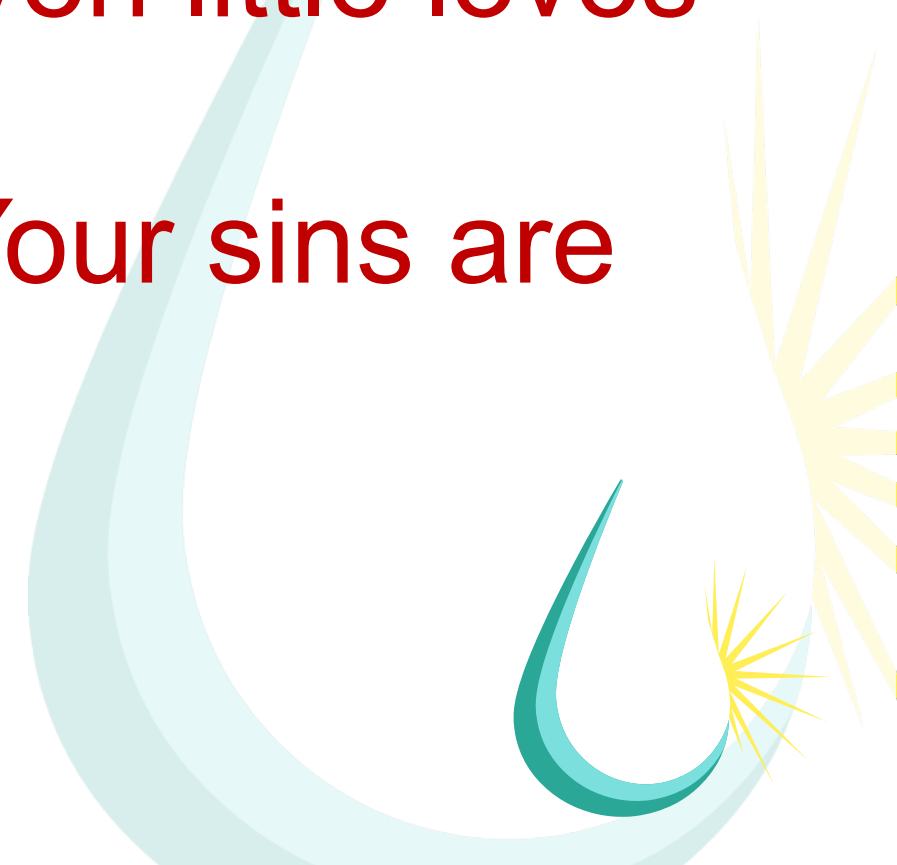
me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore,



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I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

48 Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”



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49 The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”



1. BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE CHOOSE TO LIVE A LIFE OF THANKFULNESS AND GRATITUDE

Devote yourselves to prayer, being
watchful and thankful. ~ Colossians 4:2

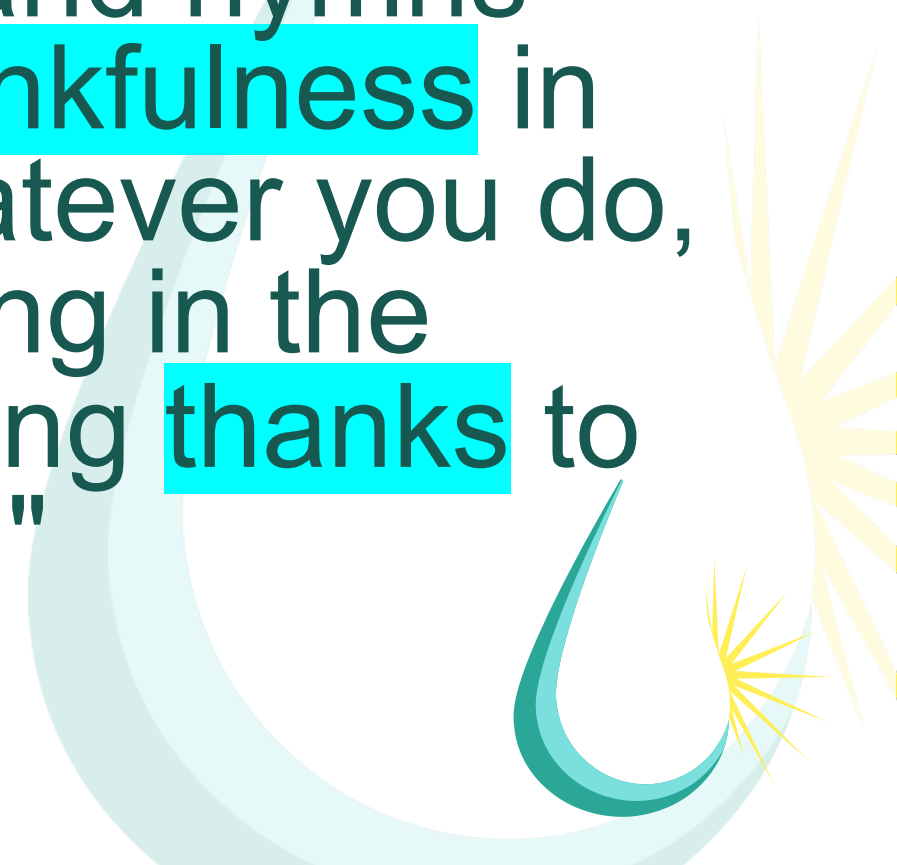
HEBREWS 12:28-29

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be **thankful**, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'"



COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God the Father through him.”



1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."



~Anxiety Disorders Association of America (2023)

Gratitude can increase your happiness and wellbeing, life satisfaction, even overall health while decreasing the stuff we all want less of like anxiety, depression, and anger. It can be a powerful practice to cultivate, especially if you struggle with anxiety or depression.



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