

KING FOR ALL #31

Luke's Gospel



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Luke 13:10-21

A. SERMON POINTS

1. The King cares for his people
2. The King frees his people
3. The King is rejected by many
4. The King's Kingdom is growing

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Have you changed your mind on a big issue? What would it take for someone to change their mind on something really important?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. How do we know that the woman was in a (humanly-speaking) impossible situation? (v11) How did Jesus' heal her? (v12)
2. What was the cause of her disability? (v11, 16)
3. What were the two reactions to Jesus? (v13-14, 17)
What does Jesus call those who reject his Kingship? (v17)
4. **v18-21.** What do these similes teach about the expansion of the Kingdom of God?

A note on Jesus healing:

1. It was unsolicited. Jesus healed out of his own initiative.
2. It did not require a certain amount of faith.
3. It was instantaneous, complete and verifiable.

Often, so-called healing today are the exact opposite. They are hyped up, require a certain “amount” of faith, and are not easily verifiable. Jesus is still willing and able to miraculously heal, but healing is not always God’s purpose for us.

A note on disability & illness

In today’s passage the disability was caused by an evil spirit. Evil spirits can and do cause illness and harm, but it would be wrong to view disability or illness as automatically the result of demonic possession or oppression. Ultimately, God is sovereign of our body’s health and ability. (cf. Exodus 4:11, Psalm 139:16) Often, God uses our weaknesses (incl. disability & illness) to highlight his great strength. (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10) The women’s *physical* condition is a picture of humanity’s *spiritual* default factory setting. (cf. Ephesians 2:1-3)

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. How is the woman’s *physical* condition a picture of the *spiritual* condition of those without Christ?
2. How is the Pharisees’ reaction to Jesus so typical of many people today? How may you be in danger of being somewhat Pharisaical in your response to Jesus? (Hint: The Pharisee rejected Jesus in favour of ticking religious boxes)
3. How would you answer those who say, “If I saw a miracle, then I would become a Christian”?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Pray for yourself

Lord, thank you

- That Jesus cares for me
- That Jesus has freed me from the devil's grip
- That I can be part of the growing Kingdom of God

Lord, please

- Help me to live in ongoing submission to Jesus as King
- Enable me to glorify you with my life, especially in my attitude and actions
- Empower me to be a good ambassador for the Kingdom in my circle of influence

Pray for our church

Please pray for our Men's Ministry and especially for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 1 March. May our men be encouraged and challenged to boldly glorify God in every aspect of their lives.

Pray for our Gospel partners

Pray for our staff team and the staff teams of our partner churches

