

WALK THE TALK ////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!)

We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!

1. Have you ever attended a service in a synagogue? What did you learn? What did you learn today about the synagogues of Jesus' time?

2. How is the woman described? What did you learn about her that was new to you?

3. Why was the Lord merciful to her, in your opinion?

4. How would you describe the “synagogue ruler” from this short description of him? Do you think he learned and changed from this event?

5. What was the most helpful thing that you learned today that you could immediately apply to your life?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. Even though the parables of Jesus are mostly about PEOPLE, we really learn so MUCH about God.
2. We pray, worship, learn, and generally do EVERYTHING better when we understand the NATURE of GOD.

THE SCRIPTURES

Luke 13:10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Luke 13:14 Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

Luke 13:15 The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

Luke 13:17 When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.



THE SYNAGOGUE

In Biblical times, each VILLAGE had a meeting place בֵּית כְּנוֹת (Bet Kenesset), that typically would hold a SMALL number of people (60-90).

At the front of the synagogue was a place where the LEADER stood, while in the back was a SINGLE door. To read the Torah a minimum (minyan) of TEN men must be present. (*This is the last time in Luke . . .*)

THE LADY — “BENT OUT OF SHAPE”

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1. She has been CRIPPLED for 18 years (bent over and could not straighten up). The Bible describes her problem as a “WEAKNESS” (ἀσθένεια astheneia). It also says that she was “bent forwards” or bent in HALF (συγκύπτω sygkyptō).
2. This woman spent the last 18 years of life LOOKING at the GROUND. She could not look UP at all.
3. An evil SPIRIT had caused this woman’s condition. She had been “DEMONIZED.”

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THE LORD — THE HEALER

Luke 13:12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

1. Jesus SAW her. She was used to being OVERLOOKED.
2. Jesus “CALLED her forward.” Think about this. Why wouldn’t He simply GO to her? Because His intent was to heal ONE person but to teach and correct MANY.
3. Jesus SPOKE to her and declared that she was set FREE or ἀπολύω apolyō, “LOOSED from her captor” (a reminder that she had been bound by a demon).

4. Then Jesus touched the woman and IMMEDIATELY she did two things: straightened up and PRAISED God! *Can you picture the elation and celebration in this room?*

THE LEADER — ALSO “BENT OUT OF SHAPE”

Luke 13:14 Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

1. This synagogue leader was probably a bit JEALOUS. He hadn’t been able to help her (maybe he hadn’t NOTICED her).
2. He was “INDIGNANT” (ἀγανακτέω aganakteō) or “GREATLY displeased” because of the DAY of the week that this healing took place. He was crippled by law without MERCY!

THE LORD AGAIN — NOW HE TOO IS “BENT OUT OF SHAPE”

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1. Jesus called the leader a HYPOCRITE (ὑπόκριτής, hypokritēs) “an actor who wears a MASK.”
2. Using the Jewish law, Jesus explained that you can “UNTIE” an animal on the Sabbath to care for it, so why couldn’t you “UNTIE” a person (“a daughter of Abraham”)?

THE LESSON —

Luke 13:17 When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

The opponents were CRUSHED, while the people REJOICED!

OUR LESSONS

1. God is MERCIFUL and this is one of MANY examples.
2. The woman’s back was INFLEXIBLE and crippled her from standing straight. The leader’s heart was INFLEXIBLE and crippled him from showing mercy. It was easier to cure a crooked BACK than a crooked HEART . . .
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