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CURRENT THEME:

Luke – Jesus Heals Many

LIFE APPLICATION:

Jesus is a healer.

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 4:4:38-41

MEMORY VERSE:

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” **Luke 4:8**

READ AND DISCUSS LUKE 4:38–39

38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house (Simon was also called Peter by Jesus). Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

1. Where did Jesus go when he left the synagogue? (He went to Simon's house.)
2. Why was he brought to Simon's house? (Simon's mother-in-law was very ill with a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her.)
3. How did Jesus help her? (He stood over her and rebuked her fever, and it left her.)
What does “rebuke” mean? (Discuss) It means to speak against, reprimand, express strong disapproval. Jesus “rebuked” the fever and sickness in this person, and it left her body!

4. Have you ever been sick? People normally don't recover completely right after an illness — they have to rest awhile. But what did this woman do? She got up and started serving Jesus and the others. She was completely well!

Let's look at the same story, told by Matthew in **Matthew 8:14–17**. Listen to me read this description of what happened, and tell me what was different:

14 And when Jesus entered Peter's (Simon's) house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.

5. What was different about the two accounts? (Let everyone discuss.) In Matthew's account of what happened, Jesus touched the sick woman! Think about this: In our church services, have you ever seen people laying hands on someone and praying for them? Why do we do this? (To pray for healing, or to bless them, as we do for children when they are dedicated. We may also pray for answers to problems in each others' lives. We are asking Jesus for healing and for blessings and believing in faith that he can do this.)
6. Why did the woman immediately begin to serve? What were we made to do? (All who love the Lord must also serve him. It's what we are called to do and it brings joy to us and to others.)

Now let's read the rest of the passage in the book of Matthew:

16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

7. What did Jesus do after he healed the woman? (That evening many sick people were brought to him and he healed all who were sick and also cast out demons "with a word." Could the "word" have been a "rebuke?")
8. Pastor David Chadwick discussed demons last week. Believers in Jesus have a special protection given to us. Remember, demons can oppress us, but they cannot possess us — they cannot take us over. Because we belong to Jesus! How can demons oppress us? By giving us fear, anxiety, worry, etc. How can we get rid of these things? (Push them out of our minds, rebuke these thoughts that are not from the Lord!) What does God want us to do instead? (Have faith that he loves us, and he is in control of all things. We do not need to worry!)

READ AND DISCUSS LUKE 4:40–41

40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son

of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

9. Jesus laid hands on every person who was brought to him — and all who were sick were healed. There were also people who had demons. What did Jesus do for them? (He cast the demons out of their bodies and rebuked them.) How did the demons react when Jesus rebuked them? (They said he was the Son of God, but Jesus would not allow them to speak.) Why wouldn't he allow them to speak? (Because they knew he was the Son of God.)

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR, DAVID CHADWICK:

Illness and death were not a part of God's plan. We should believe that God can and will heal in our church (we've seen this happen already). In fact, miracles are happening now all over the world!

The key: Try to hear God's voice for your personal promises and requests. And — what if God doesn't answer — if he doesn't heal? There is a mystery in healing we don't understand:

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever..." **Deuteronomy 29:29**

Do we have a lack of faith? Perhaps. That should not scare us. No one here has perfect faith. God's sovereign plan for us may be that we show that Christians go through trials differently than the world does. So what do we do?

We keep praying persistently, passionately, fervently until God says, "No." **And what do we do if God doesn't heal?** We will still worship him!

There is:

- A time to ask the Spirit for physical healing.
- A time to ask the Spirit for miracles.
- A time to express great faith that God can do all things.
- A time of relinquishment.
- And a time for worship. Praise God, always — in every situation!

PRAYER:

Jesus, help us to have faith as we pray. We know you can do ANYTHING and we will continue to praise you and lift our requests to you. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Ask your family members to make a list of things they would personally like to ask the Lord in Jesus' name. For instance:

- Healing for themselves or someone they know
- Help with a difficult issue in their lives
- Prayer for a country experiencing war or hunger
- Victims of a natural disaster or other situation that is overwhelming
- Prayer for first responders and our military

Then, ask them to go around the family circle and share one of the things that they have listed to pray for. **Ask: Is this impossible for God? Is anything impossible for God?** Can God take a bad thing and make it good? Then agree to pray fervently together for these things daily. Next week, you can do this again with new requests. These verses are good reminders that God is faithful, and he can do all things!

“Do not worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for everything he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:6**

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” **Isaiah 41:10**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” **Proverbs 3:5–6**

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.” **John 14:27**