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Message Series: *"(be)loved: no matter what"*

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Message-based Study

Video is available online at: visitccc.com

Connection

Have you ever seen or experienced a miracle? Share what happened and how you felt.

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

***Faith shows the reality of what we hope for;
it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Hebrew 11:1***

Mark tells the story of a man with leprosy being miraculously healed by Jesus. Read the story in Mark 1:40-45 and discuss the questions below.

Faith of the Leper

1. What desperation do you think the man with leprosy had that drove him to Jesus?
2. Imagine what it was like for lepers in Jesus' time, having to call out "unclean, unclean" as they entered a place. Make a list of words that might reflect the fears, doubts, and shame of a leper.
3. Why do you think the leper said, "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean"? What does that say about the leper's faith?
4. Is there an area of healing in your life that you can say to Jesus, "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean"?
5. Imagine Jesus putting His hand on you for healing. Describe how that makes you feel.

Mark continues in chapter 2 with a story of healing for a paralyzed man who came to Jesus with the help of his friends. Read the full account in Mark 2:1-12 and discuss the questions below.

Faith of a Friend

1. What was it that drove the friends to bring the paralyzed man to Jesus?
2. What does that say about their friendship? Have you been a friend like that, moving someone to Jesus? Have you experienced friendship like this where your friends have brought you to Jesus? Share your story.
3. Jesus heals the man by first telling him his sins are forgiven. What does that say about who Jesus is?
4. As you read these two passages of Scripture, how do you see faith connected with actions? What actions can you take to grow your faith in Jesus?

Commitment

Faith does not require that you know the outcome but is demonstrated by your actions. What action of faith can you take this week that shows you trust Jesus and demonstrates His love to others? Write it below.

I will _____ .

Optional: As a follow-up to today's study, listen to the Everything Jesus podcast discussion of this miracle: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/everything-jesus/id1561469344?i=1000521995070>



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

As we continue in this season of Lent, **eat/engage with a friend or family member** who needs to be brought to Jesus, in faith.