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Time to leap



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The amazing instance of the healing of the 10 lepers offers a real-life demonstration of Jesus' teaching earlier in Luke. The lepers who obey His words in Luke 17.11-18 are an object lesson for the new life that Jesus spoke about in Luke 13 and elsewhere.

These lepers prove Jesus' words about entering only through the narrow gate by turning from one's old ways in repentance and faith to receive Jesus. And few find this way!

MERCY

Luke writes, "When He saw them, He said to them, 'go and show yourselves to the priests' and as they went, they were cleansed." But something remarkable happened. "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan."

What a testimony! "Faith is the mark of the true elect, no matter their social class, even one of the religious leaders considered unsaveable," McDurmon noted. "And faith drove the 10th man into the true expression of faithfulness, as he gives thanks to God."

WORSHIP

One of the 10 lepers became a leaper! Immediately he raced back to thank Jesus, loudly praising God, as often happened. "Falling on his face" indicates worship, as he attributes divine holiness to Jesus since God healed through Him. But, "he was a Samaritan."

Samaritans date to the Babylonian captivity, when some of the Jews who were not exiled inter-married with other people groups the Babylonians settled in the land. They corrupted Jewish religion and sacrifices, and they used only the first five books of the Bible. Jews and Samaritans had little to do with each other. Touching one would make you unclean.

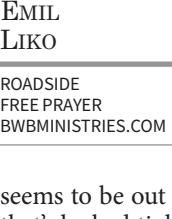
CLEAN

Old Testament laws about skin disease were primarily about spiritual health, not hygiene. God was present in Israel's camp, so God's people must be holy. The afflicted were separated, and being "unclean" meant they could not approach God in community worship.

Tension between so-called races is nothing new, and is a primary tool of the powers-that-be who want division between people rather than

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The key to unlocking hindrances



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Matthew 16:19 — The Passion Translation: (Jesus said), "I will give you the keys to heaven's kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven."

As Kenneth Copeland says, "Deep within our hearts, each of us knows there must be an answer to the insurmountable problem we face. But often it seems to be out of reach, hidden behind a door that's locked tightly against us." I want you to know, however, that we can open that door! Jesus gave us the keys. God has a key ring full of keys that will unlock any situation. God's world is full of kingdom principles — keys to bind the devil's operations and keys to lose yourself from his snares. There's no situation so dark and so cleverly designed by the forces of darkness that there is not a kingdom key that will unlock it with kingdom power. How do we obtain the key? By asking the Lord, "What key unlocks this situation?"

I recently prayed with a woman who had the flu. The symptoms left 80% but then they came back. She said this had been happening for weeks. She gets prayer but within a couple of days, the symptoms return with a vengeance! I asked the Lord, "What do you want to say?" He said, "She's carrying guilt." The word guilt was the key to unlock this illness. When I asked her, "Are you carrying guilt?" She said, "Yes, I need to repent of

something." She confessed that every time the symptoms returned, she would tell her husband she was sick again, hoping he would have sympathy towards her. It didn't work for him, but the enemy was having a field day! Her agreement with the symptoms was the key to binding the sickness to her, but the world guilt was God's key to loose it. When she gave up looking for sympathy, I activated the key to bind that thing and cast it out. I loosed the illness and bound it from operating and cast it to the pit of hell. Instantly her voice changed and got strong! She said, "I'm healed!" It was over! Her strength returned, the headache and nausea left, and they didn't come back this time!

That's why we must inquire of the Holy Spirit and ask, "What's the key?" The key to binding and loosing is hearing the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a weapon in our arsenal. The Holy Spirit is the arsenal. He is the key to the nuclear missiles! If you want to do what Jesus did, then you have to hear from the One Jesus heard from!

Mark 7: 34-35 NIV (Jesus) looked up to heaven and with a deep sign said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak plainly. Jesus only did what He heard the Father saying or saw the Father doing! The Father evidently said, "In heaven there is nothing deaf and dumb! So loose that thing!"

The Bible says we have not because we ask not. So when you can't overcomes something, ask the Holy Spirit, "What's the key to overcoming this situation?" and do what He tells you. This is the key to your freedom!

CLUB NOTES

SIOUX RAPIDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Sioux Rapids Area Historical Association met for its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, with eight members present.

Rusty opened the meeting and the minutes from November were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and approved as well.

Rusty asked the membership if we could sponsor a fundraiser for our next door neighbors, the American Legion, in the near future. The FEMA funds have not arrived. We set the date for Sunday, March 15, and decided to try a drive-by hot beef sandwich meal. More information coming next month.

Dick spoke about setting goals for 2026 for our group and thought this should be the first thing we do as we start a new calendar year. He told the group that the Memorial Day program here at the theater will be with the help of Marilyn Beck Brooks, who was a nurse in Vietnam.

One of his suggestions was to create programs that will entice people that have previously come to our

programs. Perhaps do a Franklin Halverson program; or one on trains, etc. We need to also extend invitations to people that might be interested in joining our group. And added that reaching out via text or email will increase attendance to our programs.

Rusty asked if the Historical group would like to apply for a foundation grant this year to finish up the Lone Tree Cemetery Directory project. It was decided to do this. Ginny will gather estimates; it is due March 16.

There will a Community Input Forum at City Hall on March 7; people are asked to participate by attending. This is being done in conjunction with Hometown Pride (Keep Iowa Beautiful). Sioux Rapids is one of the chosen communities for 2026. Community Visioning includes help from Iowa State University engineers and architects, Department of Transportation and Trees Forever.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Deb to adjourn.

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harmony. Many people have swallowed abominable tenets of "critical race theory" being taught in academia and the corporate world.

RACE

Teaching that "white people are inferior and racist" is actually racist and incites racism. The Bible teaches only one race, the human race, and only one Savior of all mankind, the Lord Jesus Christ, who makes one church of all who come to Him, no matter their ethnicity.

As one Black preacher aptly says, "we don't have a skin problem, we have a sin problem." And Jesus is the answer. "The fatal spiritual leprosy fell from the Samaritan's spirit," RK Hughes noted. "He received forgiveness, reconciliation, eternal life, the removal of all alienation and distance between God and himself, in place of his sin and moral sickness."

LEAPER

In verses 17-18 Luke writes, Then Jesus answered, "Were not 10 cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Ten lepers couldn't wait to get to the priest to be pronounced clean. But only one turned around.

Only one took time to thank the One who made him whole. Only one made the leap from the leprosy of sin to leap for the chance to thank his healer. Where are the nine? This is the question to ask to apply this passage to your life. Are you the 1 in 10, or one of the nine?

YOU

Surveys report 81% of Americans believe humans are fundamentally good, 72% admit to judging others' behavior, and 61% worry about others judging them. Three of four people believe they are fundamentally good, and 46% say they're no better than others. This means nearly one of every two of everyone you know thinks they are better than everyone they know!

The Bible says "no one is righteous, not even one, all have turned aside and fall short of God, and are saved only by the Lord Jesus Christ, through the undeserved grace of God" (Romans 3:9-28). To be saved, you must put your faith in the saving One, Jesus Christ.

RECEIVE

Apart from Christ, you have a spiritual leprosy with which you have no hope of salvation. Be like the leper, the leper who asks Jesus for mercy, receives it and then turns to Him to give thanks for his new spiritual life. Live out His new life by His power within!

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The color green



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Ever watched "the green" fly? We have. \$\$

The day finally arrived when the refrigerator gave it up! I was sitting peacefully in my chair reading a good book when I thought heard strange noises coming from the kitchen. The noise wasn't mice-like, nor ghosts nor Rusty, who barely glanced at me when I said I

was hearing weird noises. Venturing toward the kitchen, I opened the freezer door and expected to see the ice maker clogged up again; I would have to remove ice cubes from it before it could produce more.

I didn't see any ice cubes, so I stuck my hand in the tray and came out wet.

Oh, no, the refrigerator had finally died.

It wasn't exactly "oh, no" that I commented, but I did rush to remove the food from the freezer and move it to the garage freezer. Thank goodness it wasn't completely thawed.

There are several ways to actually "clean" out a freezer. I can recall thinking several times to myself as I was frantically looking for whatever I was looking for and trying to prevent all of the frozen items from landing on the tile floor at the same time, that we should really take a moment to remove everything and see what treasures we had stashed in there that were older than the hills.

We did that evening. What a way to enjoy a Thursday night at home after a day trip to Ames.

Oh, then it occurred to me, goody, goody,

CLIMATOLOGY BY KEITH STOEBER

Date	H	L	Precip.	Snow
Jan. 1925400
Jan. 2010800
Jan. 21218	0.20
Jan. 22337	0.20
Jan. 23181700
Jan. 2451700
Jan. 2561100
Jan. 26101200

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CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS EMPLOYEE WAGE REPORT

EMPLOYEE NAME	GROSS WAGES
MUNA C ADAMS	2,203.63 .00
AMANDA K CARAWAY	51,294.09
49,302.97	
LUKAS J CHINDLIND	1,824.35 .00
LACY M GARBERDING	700.00 .00
MADELYN K GARCIA	1,665.07 .00
CYNTHIA M GARTHOFF	23,243.92
BRYCE M GUNDERSON	2,797.41 .00
MICHAEL D GUNDERSON	950.00 950.00
MICHAEL S KATSMAN	900.00 .00
RANDALL L KOENIG	50,969.55 50,969.55
JOELA MCCOY	750.00 750.00
HOLLY K MILLER	16,470.22 16,470.22
COURTNEY K MORALES	4,999.98 .00
JAYDEN A MORALES	3,375.79 .00
KIELY E MORROW	1,361.80 .00

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CITY OF SIOUX RAPIDS MEETING JANUARY 14, 2026.

The regular meeting of the Sioux Rapids City Council was called to order Mike Katschman on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Roll call: Mike Katschman, Lacy Garberding, Mike Gunderson, and Kevin Thompson. Susan Pierce and Christy Wemimont were absent. Amanda Caraway, Andrew Wetrich, and other community members were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Gunderson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion carried.

Iowa Lakes Corridor gave their yearly update and request for funding for fiscal year 2027. Garberding moved up the funding from \$1000/year to \$5,000/year for the help they have given and will continue to give to Sioux Rapids, it was seconded by Thompson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion carried.

There was no suggestion from residents.

Tanya Herrig with Lehr Insurance came and presented City Council with a check for \$4,875.56 for 2025 Dividends from the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Insurance Trust Account.

A motion was made by Gunderson seconded by Garberding to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from December 10, 2026, meeting, accounts payable report, and the financial reports from the month of December, along with the IP AIT statements, and BV County Sheriff's Report. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gunderson seconded by Garberding to approve Resolution No. 917 - Depositories, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called: Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson and Thompson. Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion passed.

Garberding moved to approve Resolution No. 917 - Depositories, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called: Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson and Thompson. Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion passed.

Gunderson moved to approve Resolution No. 918 - Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Project, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called: Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson and Thompson. Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion passed.

Garberding moved to approve payment to Iowa Lakes Corridor for the last tanker loan payment of \$4,833.79 for the last tanker loan, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion passed.

Gunderson moved to approve Resolution No. 919 - Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Project, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called: Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson and Thompson. Nays: none. Absent: Pierce and Wemimont Motion passed.

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