

## A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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*“And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.”*

### **Matthew 15:30.**

It’s interesting, isn’t it? As you read the Gospels, you find that Jesus never follows the same set pattern when dealing with people. There is no *‘standard operating procedure.’* No program to implement. He just loved them and dealt with them according to their need! Nobody, it seems, was ever healed in *exactly* the same way. And yet, there is something in each healing that ties it back to everything Jesus ever did.

Understand, the miracles of Jesus didn’t ‘just happen.’ Every one of them was mean to be a *sign* pointing to the reality of ***Who He is*** and ***What He’d come to do!*** That’s what makes the opposition he received from the Pharisees so sad. As we saw last week (Mk 8:11-13), they kept coming to him demanding he give them a sign, and yet he was giving sign after sign after sign, that they were too blind to see! For example, consider the kinds of healings Jesus did and what they say about His mission. You’ll notice, He didn’t just cure coughs, or put fillings back in teeth. He made deaf people hear and blind people see! The lame – who were powerless– began to walk with him! Lepers, covered with the filth of rotting flesh were cleansed! And the dead were raised to new life

All these are pictures of the miracle of salvation – how God restores His people and makes them whole, not just physically but spiritually and eternally, so they can come to know and fellowship with Him. If only the Pharisees had been able to open their eyes to see! How different things might have been!

And how I pray this morning that God will give you open eyes and hearing ears to see and receive from Jesus as we watch another wonderful testimony of His amazing grace! *I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see!*

*Finding Rich Mercy In Him!*

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