**The Way of Jesus Every Day 7- Faith that Heals**

Q – Does Jesus often seem far away?

*“11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy[a] met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”* Luke 17: 11-13

**Our distance comes from deception**

Variety of distractions in our daily life

**Today’s Truth: Our Closeness to Jesus comes from our ATTENTION to Jesus**

“But I pray all the time and don’t see any difference!”

*“14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.”* Luke 17:14

**Jesus works without our attention**

If a tree falls in the woods with no one around……

*“15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.”* Luke 17:15-16

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A number of reasons why the others didn’t turn back to Jesus

“17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” Luke 17:17-19

**The nine were cleansed, but it was the one who was made well**

We base Jesus off personal expectations

 Instead

Base Jesus off Faith that Heals

Q – In what ways have you been wanting Jesus to show up, but he hasn’t?

 Sometimes I think we might not see Jesus move because our focus is on the wrong things. Sometimes he might have already moved, and he is wanting a response from us.

**Spiritual Practice: Gratitude, Contentment, and Generosity**

**Talk it Over**

* When are the times you feel most distant from God?
* Does your distance come from frustration, distraction, or something else?
* What was special to you about the one man coming back to Jesus?
* What are some strategies you can use to help give your attention to God?