

# He Sees What We Ignore in Ourselves

*"Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"*

LUKE 17:17

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I held the door at the grocery store.

A small courtesy.

The couple behind me

walked through without a glance.

No nod. No thanks.

I told myself not to care.

But I did.

And that bothered me

even more.

That night

I read Luke 17.

Ten men with leprosy

call to Jesus from a distance.

"Have pity on us!"

He doesn't touch them.

Doesn't come close.

Just says,

"Go show yourselves to the priests."

And as they walk,

they're healed.

Nine keep walking.

One returns —

loud with praise,

low to the ground.

Jesus welcomes him.

But He also asks:

"Were not ten cleansed?

Where are the other nine?"

Jesus doesn't chase them.

But He notices.

And He names

what we often spot in others —

but minimize in ourselves.

You may not know this about Jesus:

He sees what we ignore in ourselves.

And in naming the silence,

He invites us to face it.