

Momentum General Session 1
“When You Feel Like a Leper”
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Many times, when we as men try to do the right thing, we end up messing it up!
Rick Allen likened our response to those mess ups in our life as “Feeling Like a Leper”.

Unlike the Leper, the uncleanness in the lives of men may not be visibly evident, but they are still left with a lot of emotional needs for healing.

Question: What are some of the things men may mess up that can leave them feeling like a leper?

Men are more emotionally entangled in what is happening in the world than what is happening with Christ in His World!

That misplaced priority can leave men even more overwhelmed by their circumstances.

Men need not be afraid of the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual leprosy inside of them.

Question: What are some of the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual leprosies inside of men that need to be healed?

2 Tim 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” NKJV

Instead of allowing fear to control our lives, we as men need to be ready to conquer those internal leprosies.

Mark 1:40, "Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." NKJV

The leper does not turn away from Jesus, but comes right to Him.
The leper declares in faith, if you are willing, I can be made clean.
Out of Jesus' compassion He declared I am willing, be made clean.
The leper was immediately healed.

(Rick Allen's Testimony)

The Lord had prepared Rick's heart. He was ready to accept Jesus as his personal Savior and Lord. But he needed to be encouraged. So, God sent an angel in the form of a little Mexican boy wearing converse tennis shoes. Rick was saved, healed, and filled with the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

God's work of transformation was not complete until the Pastor, the next day confirmed the Mexican boy as an angel and anointed Rick for ministry.

God had turned Rick from a Leper to a Son!

Question: What do we as men need to do to be healed of our Leprosy?

The Leper in Mark 1 needed to go through the process of being cleansed.

Many times we pray and ask God to meet our need.

God is faithful to heal or meet the need, but we never go through the process of being cleansed.

Question: What does it mean for men to go through the process of being cleansed?

Men, we have to be willing to admit our need, come to Jesus for healing, and then be willing to go through the process with our brothers in Christ to be cleansed.