



Your story matters.



Proximity *Matters*

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Your story REALLY matters.

MESSAGE NOTES

What did Jesus have to say to ordinary people like you and me?

What did He do in people's lives?

Jesus is _____ than expected. (Matthew 8:1-3)

- Jesus doesn't _____ from afar. Instead, he _____ into the messes of our _____ to bring healing. (Lamentations 3:22)
- Jesus doesn't reach out to change a _____ problem. He reaches out to change the _____ with the problems. (2 Corinthians 12:8-9a)
- _____ of Jesus is always the answer.

Jesus impacts _____ than expected. (Matthew 8:4; 7:24-27)

- Jesus creates the opportunity for a _____ of healing to take place.
- Jesus creates the opportunity for _____ to be impacted by our _____
- Jesus doesn't just repair our lives...He _____ our lives!

Your story really does matter to *Jesus*:

- You are _____ more than you _____
- You are _____ with a _____ to tell.

*Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or in person).*

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: Would you rather have a fast forward, pause or rewind button on your life?

1. Read [Matthew 8:1-4](#). Describe a time you realized that Jesus was closer than you expected, just as the man with leprosy encountered.
2. Pastor Nate showed that “Jesus doesn’t reach out to change a person’s problem. He reaches out to change the person with the problems.” When have you experienced this distinction?
3. Read [Lamentations 3:22](#) and [2 Corinthians 12:8-9a](#). Why do we want Jesus to change our problem instead of us?

Review the 3 ways Jesus impacts more than expected in the Message Notes.

4. How have you witnessed a journey of healing in your life?
5. In what ways have you seen Jesus use your story as you’ve shared it with others?
6. Read [Matthew 7:24-27](#). If you’ve allowed Jesus to rebuild your life, how has this new foundation helped you navigate life’s storms?

Day One: [John 8](#)

Day Two: [John 9](#)

Day Three: [John 10](#)

Day Four: [John 11](#)

Day Five: [John 12](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE

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- You are entrusted with a story to tell.

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