

# The Year Of Following Jesus #81 Jesus & The Leper

July 10, 2023

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

July 15 & 16, 2023

Not for a Moment

Welcome

At Your Name

Grace Like Rain

Lord's Supper Thought

I Am Not Alone

Prayer

Communion

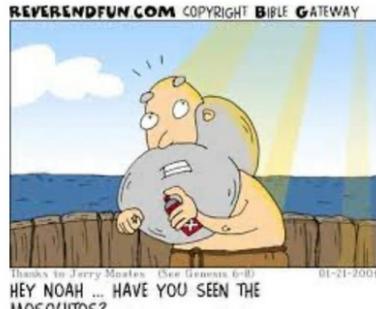
Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #81  
Jesus' Contagious Holiness — Pastor Ed

## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➡ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➡ Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Sign up to help with VBS

#### Need To Talk...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Potluck**- Next potluck August 13th after the 2nd service.

**Save the Date**- VBS will be held August 7-10. Sign up your kids and/or sign up to help out. See Janet or Tayler for details.

**Warriors in Christ** - Meeting August 21st. See Nate for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, August 12, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Men's Prayer Group** - Currently discussing "Praying in God's Word." Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Write to our missionaries**- See the bulletin board for more info.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, July 17th, 6:00 - 7:30**  
Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.  
For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?  
See Cassie.



**Thursday, July 20th, 6:00 - 8:00**  
9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.  
Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:  
"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

*Following*  
The Year(s) Of <sup>^</sup> Jesus #81  
**Jesus & The Leper**  
**The Power Of A Prayer**

# “The Faith of a Leper”

## Matthew 8:1-4

*When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him...*

—Matthew 8:1 (NIV)

### What's This Story About?

#### 1. Answered Prayer.

- *“Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.*

—Matthew 8:2-3 (NIV)

- *Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

—Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

- *You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they*

*ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.*

—Matthew 7:9-11 (NLT)

## **2. Unanswered Prayer.**

- *Peter said to Jesus, “Teacher, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents— one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Peter did not know what to say, because he and the others were so frightened.*

—Mark 9:5-6 (NLT)

- *When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up.”*

—Luke 9:54 (NLT)

- *She said, “Promise that one of my sons will sit at your right side and the other will sit at your left side in your kingdom.” But Jesus said, “You don’t understand what you are asking.”*

—Matthew 20:21-22 (NCV)

- *Three different times I begged God to make me well again. Each time he said, “No. But I am with you; that is all you need. My power shows up best in weak people.” Now I am glad to boast about how weak I am; I am glad to be a living demonstration of Christ’s power, instead of showing off my own power and abilities... for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

—2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (TLB)

- *He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”*

—Matthew 26:39 (NLT)

- *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow— not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below— indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

## Follow Through Step:

**Spend some time reflecting on your own unanswered prayers. How do you handle the times when Jesus doesn't answer your prayers the way you would like?**