



Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

December 2021

As we consider this Christmas 2021, we usually try to focus on the birth of Christ, the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men. But, let's re-direct our thoughts to the Compassion of the grown-up Jesus. Why was He born? What was His mission? What did he want to accomplish? Yes, He came to seek and save the lost, to give his life as a ransom for many, to be our sacrifice for sin, but he also came to bind up the broken hearted and heal their wounds. So often Jesus reached the lost through ministering first to their physical needs. The Bible calls him the Great Physician, the Comforter and Healer!

Many of you, by now, have heard of or actually watched "The Chosen"; re-telling of the life & ministry of Jesus. Recently, I watched an episode taken from Mark 1:40-41: *A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said, "Be healed!"*

In "The Chosen" episode, as Jesus and his disciples are walking along the road, the leprous man comes out of nowhere, crying out to Jesus to help him. Now, immediately, the disciples begin shouting to the man to stay away, don't come any closer! They don't want any connection with this diseased man. It's all about their self-protection. Lepers were treated as outcasts. They were forbidden to have any contact with people who did not have the disease and they had to ring a bell and shout "unclean" if anyone approached them. So often, they were shut out of normal society, hardly able to fend for themselves. But, the compassion of Jesus changed all that for this man. Jesus, shushed the disciples, put his arms around the leper and healed him! Jesus TOUCHED the leper that He was ministering to (someone rejected by society who no one else wanted to get near). Can you imagine the deeper emotional healing that leper must have experienced as he was physically touched by another person (and JESUS, no less)? The disciples were amazed. Now it seems, once the man was healed, the disciples were more than ready to help him. When Jesus healed the leper, the Bible makes special note that He was "moved with compassion."

This should be our model year-round, but especially during Christmas. We've been given an incredible mission to demonstrate Jesus' compassion. This is especially true during the holidays when Christmas festivities can stir up people's pain or suffering rather than bring joy. I think of one lady who is now dying of cancer, not sure if she will be here this Christmas, needing our prayer, our touch, loving her like Jesus. Are we missing opportunities to minister compassion to those around us? Are we too busy this Christmas with our schedules and pressing priorities? What's causing us to be self-focused, robbing us of truly experiencing Christ during this Christmas?

This Christmas let's:

- Re-focus and care about people more that we care about ourselves. Philippians 2:1-8
- Demonstrate Spirit-filled compassion and be like Jesus to a watching world. Psalm 145:9
- Remember Jesus' expressed compassion by His touch. Luke 5:12-14

Thank you all for your support of this ministry. We appreciate each of you and pray you will have a blessed Christmas!

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Christmas Blessing, Friends of Freedom Ministries,

We, the board of Freedom Ministries, would like to extend our gratitude for your prayers and financial support of Wayne and Jeanine. As you know, they give many hours helping individuals and couples come to spiritual and emotional freedom through Biblical and Spirit led counsel. Through the year they are involved in teaching others through training seminars, guest teaching at area churches, and conferences. Their ministry extends throughout the U. S. A., Canada, and overseas. They also have a Facebook page and web site, www.freedomministriesofqc.org, that reaches out to many others with spiritual and emotional truths.

The Board is privileged to work closely with Wayne and Jeanine. We see their passion and dedication, first to God and then to hurting people. We also see that they are very conscientious with the monetary support they receive. They first pay bills and then themselves. We praise the Lord for His provision, however, there have been months when they didn't receive full paychecks. They truly rely on the Lord to provide their every need and they remain faithful and sweet spirited.

As we celebrate the greatest gift, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, we ask that you continue to support Freedom Ministries with your prayers and financial support in 2022. Please also consider giving a special year end donation for 2021.

We praise God who supplies our every need and thank you for your encouraging support. Philippians 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your needs in Christ Jesus.

God's blessings to you, from the FMQC Board

Mr. Jim Brubaker, Mrs. Carol Jacks, Mrs. Teri Taylor, and Mr. Will Taylor