Walking Tall

Luke 13:10-17

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- 10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
- 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Luke 13:10-17 - Continued

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

A. We all want freedom

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." — Ronald Reagan

B. Freedom must be maintained

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

C. Many are bound because of persecution 2 Timothy 2:9

Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Hebrew 13:3

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

D. Others are bound today because of afflictions Psalm 107:10

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

But... Some may not even know that they are in bondage

- A. The woman in the spirit of infirmity
 - 1. The source Satan
 - 2. The spirit = pneuma = a spirit higher than man but lower than God
 - 3. The symptoms
 - a. Bent in two
 - b. Could not lift herself up
 - 4. The seriousness

- B. The ruler of the synagogue
 - 1. His self-righteousness
- Luke 5:31-32
- 31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.
- 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

- B. The ruler of the synagogue
 - 2. His self-blindness

John 12:40

He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

- B. The ruler of the synagogue
 - 3. His sanctimony

Matthew 7:1-3

- 1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.
- 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
- 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

II. The Two That Saw Jesus

A. The woman was touched by the hand of God Isaiah 61:1-2

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

II. The Two That Saw Jesus

B. The ruler was taunting Jesus

John 8:33-34

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

III. The Two That Had Totally Different Outcomes

- A. The woman left walking tall
 - 1. Renewed
 - 2. Redeemed
 - 3. Rejoicing

John 8:36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

III. The Two That Had Totally Different Outcomes

- B. The ruler (and others) left ashamed
 - 1. Exposed
 - 2. Embarrassed
 - 3. Empty

Romans 10:11

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Leave Today Walking Tall In Christ !!!