

New Beginnings Community Church

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TITLE: Why Should You Sit There Until You Die?

Scripture used: [2 Kings 7:3–9](#)

OVERVIEW:

Life often leaves us in "in-between" places—moments where we feel stuck between what was and what could be. The four lepers in 2 Kings 7 found themselves in exactly that position. They couldn't go back into the city because of famine, and they faced uncertainty if they went toward the enemy camp. Yet they realized that staying where they were guaranteed death.

God often invites us to move forward in faith, even when we don't know the outcome. The miracle wasn't something the lepers created—it was something God had already been doing. Their step of faith simply positioned them to experience it. This passage reminds us that God frequently uses unexpected people, unexpected moments, and unexpected movement to accomplish His purposes.

KEY POINTS

1. God's Word Speaks to Real Life

The Bible doesn't hide the realities of suffering, hardship, or brokenness. The famine in Samaria was severe, leaving people desperate and hopeless. Scripture records these difficult moments not to shock us, but to remind us that God meets us in the middle of real-life struggles. No situation is too messy or too hopeless for God to work within.

2. Staying Stuck Can Be More Dangerous Than Moving Forward

The four lepers asked a powerful question: *"Why sit here until we die?"* They realized that remaining where they were guaranteed death. Although moving toward the enemy was uncertain, staying put offered no hope at all. Sometimes fear convinces us that staying in an unhealthy situation is safer than taking a step of faith. God often invites us to move, even before we know how everything will turn out.

3. God Often Uses the Unexpected

The lepers were outsiders, rejected by society because of their disease. Yet God chose them—not the king, soldiers, or religious leaders—to discover the miracle first. This reminds us that God often works through people the world overlooks. Our past, our limitations, or the labels others place on us do not determine whether God can use us.

4. Move Even When You're Afraid

The lepers had no guarantee of what would happen when they approached the enemy camp. They simply chose to move despite their fear. Faith is not the absence of fear; it is trusting God enough to take the next step even when the outcome is unknown. Obedience often comes before understanding. Faith is choosing obedience despite fear.

Sometimes your next step isn't comfortable—it is simply faithful.

5. God Is Already Working

By the time the lepers arrived at the camp, God had already caused the Aramean army to flee. The miracle didn't happen because the lepers walked; their walk simply positioned them to experience what God had already done. We often try to solve every problem ourselves, but this story reminds us that God is working behind the scenes long before we see the results.

6. Stay Grounded in God's Voice

Earlier in the chapter, the king's officer doubted Elisha's prophecy because it seemed impossible. Without a strong prayer life and a deep trust in God's Word, the voices of fear, culture, and human reasoning can become louder than God's voice. Prayer keeps our hearts anchored in God's promises, even when our circumstances tell a different story.

7. Blessings Are Meant to Be Shared

After finding food, treasure, and safety, the lepers recognized that keeping the good news to themselves was wrong. They returned to tell the people in the city what God had done. God's blessings are never meant to stop with us. He invites us to experience His grace so that we can extend hope, encouragement, and the good news of Jesus to others.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Have you ever faced a decision where doing nothing turned out to be the worst option?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** -Why do you think God chose the four lepers—society's outsiders—to discover the miracle first? What does this story reveal about God's heart for people who feel overlooked or rejected?
- 3) **DO** - The four lepers refused to let fear make their decision for them. Instead of asking, *"What if this doesn't work?"* they asked, *"Why sit here until we die?"* **Where is God inviting you to move today?** Don't stay stuck in the in-between. Take the next faithful step, trusting that God goes before you—and when He blesses you, don't keep it to yourself. Share the good news with someone else.