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# After dark with Nicodemus

John 3:1-2a

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night...

Nicodemus was religious but lacked a relationship---that relationship can only come through being born again

Along the road with the blind man

John 9:1

As He went along, He saw a man blind  
from birth.

The responses to the working of God in  
our lives...

Pass – Never – Yikes – More

# 1 Kings 18

## Obadiah and Elijah and Mt Carmel

- What if God answers in years?
- What if God answers you in a moment?
- What if God answers in our persistence and our expectancy?

Do we believe that the God of  
the Bible is the God of today?

Does He still meet people in  
various places to dispense  
Himself into their lives?

# Peter's house







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Matthew 8

Vs 14

When Jesus came into Peter's house,  
He saw Peter's mother-in-law lying  
in bed with a fever.

## John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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*A Virus:*

a submicroscopic parasitic that can only  
replicate within a host cell

Viruses are not considered to be  
independent living organisms

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## Vs 14

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What is causing our fever?

What is the parasite that has  
found its home in our life?

Psalm 51

Vs 10a

Create in me a pure heart, O  
God

**An impure heart is a virus**

Impure heart embraces sin

Pure heart deals with sin



Impure heart will say  
“I am ok with this action or  
attitude in my life”

Pure heart will say, “I will  
Confess, Repent, Walk, Repeat”

An impure heart is a virus that will cause a “lying in bed fever”

A pure heart will see God

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8*

Psalm 5:10b

...and renew a steadfast spirit  
within me.

**An inconsistent spirit is a virus**

Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation and grant me a willing  
spirit...

**An unwilling spirit is a virus**

I will go with God if He does  
not expect too much

Did you ever notice that when  
the fever causing virus has  
found a host in our lives we  
start acting sick

People become a problem and a bother

Relationships begin to break down

We may even find ourselves getting  
angry with God

We are more concerned about the me  
than we are about the you

Matthew 8

Vs 15

He touched her hand

Jesus is not just a spectator



Matthew 8

Vs 15

He touched her hand and the  
fever left her...

The virus flees from the touch of Jesus

Life will be different without the virus

# Matthew 8

He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up...

Get your feet under you and feel the strength of the touch

## Matthew 8

He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on Him.

Know that serving is the  
opposite of our natural bent

We may be more interested in  
**SERVEUS** than **SERVICE**

A touch will produce a healing a  
healing with give us the ability  
to get up and once on our feet  
serving will be on our heart

Having a heart of a servant is clear evidence of being touched by Jesus

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Serving God is not carrying enough  
fuel to God so He can keep His  
lights on

Serving God is more like being a  
delivery driver than being a  
manufacturer

Maybe we can just organize a  
“Helping Hands” day and we  
can get our community service  
in for the year



## John 12:26

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” – *Jesus*