

Setting Captives Free

Passage: Luke 13:10-17 | From the series: *Luke*

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What is holding you captive? For eighteen years, a woman was bent over, bound by Satan and overlooked by everyone. Then Jesus saw her and set her free. As he does, he shows us that no chain is too tight for him to break. Jesus came to set captives free. Where do you need to experience his freedom?

Discussion Questions:

1. In verses 10-11, the woman is bent over physically, socially, and spiritually. In your life, where do you feel “bent over” or held captive? Where do you long to experience freedom?
2. Jesus saw her, called her over, and healed her publicly, though she never asked. What does that tell us about how Jesus approaches people in need? How does it change the way you think about coming to him?
3. Luke 4:18-19 and Jesus’ words “you are freed” are deliberately connected. How does seeing this miracle as a fulfillment of Jesus’ mission shape how you understand the freedom he offers us?
4. The synagogue ruler was moved by compassion for his animals but not for this woman. Where are we tempted to prioritize rules, routines, or traditions over compassion for people? What might that look like in our church?
5. Who are the people in our community who are overlooked or sitting on the margins? What would it look like for us to see them, call them in, and lead them toward freedom in Christ?