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2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15

Sight Loss Sunday themes you may wish to include:

- While the passage appears to be about a man being cleansed from leprosy, for Elisha, this wasn't the most important thing. When he asks for the man to come before him it is specifically so that the man will encounter God. Are there times when we meet blind or partially sighted people that we get distracted away from how God is calling us to minister to them? Do we see healing as a physical ministry or do we fully recognise that healing is often more about a person gaining a better understanding of God rather than the relief of physical symptoms which may or may not occur.

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Sight Loss Sunday themes you may wish to include:

- Verse 15 talks about presenting ourselves to God as workers who have no need to be ashamed. This calling applies equally to those who are blind or partially sighted as it does to those who are sighted. God mentions no physical barrier to anyone serving - the qualification is based simply on faith





Luke 17.11-19 – The Cleansing of 10 men with leprosy

Sight Loss Sunday themes you may wish to include:

- Like the lepers, often those who are blind or partially sighted can feel isolated from others, even within church circles. Their meeting with Jesus is much more than just physical cleansing - it is about reintegration into community. As we pray for those who are blind or partially sighted today, we pray that they too can be fully part of the communities they are in.
- The lepers don't ask Jesus to heal them. Their words are simply a request that Jesus have mercy, or in some translations pity on them. The removal of their skin condition is not referred to as 'healing' but as 'cleansing'. The reference to healing comes towards the end of the passage when one of the lepers realizes his skin has been cleansed and sees that God played a part in this. It is when he begins to praise God for his cleansing that his healing begins and Jesus refers to the difference his faith has made. It may be worth thinking about the difference between physical and spiritual healing and the fact that someone who is blind or partially sighted may not be seeking physical 'healing' but they are seeking God's love and healing in the same way someone without sight loss is.





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people to contribute to church life.