

When All Hope is Lost

Mark 1:40-45

INTRODUCTION: *“I’m sorry, there is no hope...”*

I. DESPAIR: WHEN THERE IS NO HOPE

- A. Hospital waiting rooms & doctors’ offices
- B. The sign in hell from *Dante’s Inferno: Abandon hope all ye who enter here*
- C. To be a leper in Jesus’ day was to live under the motto: Nothing can be done...
- D. Have you seen TV specials about lepers today?
- E. The societal & religious laws in Jesus’ day declared: *There is no hope!*

II. FAITH: A STEP BEYOND THERE IS NO HOPE

- A. Let’s compare North American Christians with Christians around the world...
- B. Let’s talk about the leper (Mark 1:40)
- C. Let’s hear Jesus’ response to the leper & us(v.41-42)
- D. Let’s hear again the precious Gospel (Rom.8:3)
- E. What is the leper’s response? Our response? (v.45)
- F. Witnessing is simply “one beggar telling another where the bread is to be found”

CONCLUSION: *“New hope... when the smoke cleared”*