

Can't Keep Silent

2 Kings 7:3-11

Introduction:

- A. Many little kids have an inability to keep surprises quiet. They just cannot help themselves in their excitement because some things are just too good not to share.
- B. In our text, we are introduced to four lepers who make a great discovery and share what they have discovered with others. Let's notice a few important lessons we learn from these lepers.

Good News Should Be Shared (v. 9)

- A. The lepers had stumbled upon some very good news. There was hope for the people after all.
- B. We like to share the good news in our lives, just look at your social media feed. Are we as eager to share the greatest news we have to share (Matt. 28:19-20)?
- C. There are a lot of people in our world who die every day. Sadly, many of those who die physically also die with spiritual starvation (Matt. 7:13-14). We need to be willing to share the good news that we have so others can reap the same benefits as us.

Silence Will Bring Consequences (v. 9)

- A. The lepers understood their silence would eventually lead to their punishment.
- B. Christians serve as watchmen (Ezek. 3:16-21). We have an obligation to share what we know.
- C. There are consequences for failing to obey the Lord's command (Matt. 7:21).

Excuses Are Useless (v. 10-11)

- A. The lepers could have tried to look for reasons not to share the good news they discovered.
- B. Instead of focusing on who we cannot reach, let's focus on who we can reach with the good news.
- C. It's the message and not the messenger that is important (Acts 4:18-20; 2 Kgs. 5:1-3).

Conclusion:

- A. Christians know the greatest news in the world. We know that Jesus Christ came and died to save us from our sins. There is no news any better than that.
- B. Are we willing to boldly share that good news with others?