Luke 13:10-17 **November 8, 2026**

A Daughter of Abraham

The account of the healing of the bent woman has been called one of the least studied events of Christ's life. It is, however, one of the most important. In the telling of this unique event, the foundation is laid for the entirety of Luke 13:18-17:10. This text prepares us to see the fulfillment of the ministry announced in Luke 4:18-19. Here we see Jesus freeing the 'least of these' from bandage to full participation in worshipping God.

1. A Scandalous Presence
    a. Body and character in the ancient world
    b. What it means to be 'bent' or 'low'
    c. Ritual purity and public worship in Israel

2. A Rabbinical Argument
    a. Deuteronomy 5:13-14
    b. Binding - loosing - living
    c. The hypocrisy of the synagogue ruler

3. A Daughter of Abraham
    a. This is a premise of the healing - not a result!
    b. The uniqueness of this title (4 Maccabees)
    c. The blessedness of this title

Application:

1. Jesus sees you. Will you approach him and be healed?
2. How do you look at those who are suffering from spiritual bondage? (Gal. 6:1)
3. How do you respond to those who are suffering physical disability?
4. Are you by grace through faith a son or daughter of Abraham? (see also Luke 19:9)