

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,  
**the Spirit leads us into places of uncertainty  
where we confront our weakness and  
insecurities.**

Here we are taught to pay attention to those whom  
others ignore.

**Jesus insists that God's grace is revealed in  
unlikely people.**

God's realm is a place where all are welcome,  
regardless of their state or position.  
In a world of disparity, we recognize that some  
receive what is denied to others.

**Let us break through barriers that keep many  
from receiving the grace that they need.**

## Rabin Smiles Again

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In Nepal, 22-year-old Rabin Budha kept finding dry red  
patches all over his body. He ignored the issue for  
weeks and when he could no longer do so, he  
mentioned it to a health outreach worker in his village  
who recommended Rabin go for a check-up. After an  
initial test, a dermatologist suspected that Rabin had  
leprosy and sent him to hospital for further testing.

Rabin began treatment at the Shining Hospital, where  
doctors admitted him after finding his blood pressure  
very low. Upon receiving medication and close  
supervision, his condition improved and treatment is  
ongoing.

Today, Rabin is grateful for the support, care and love  
he received at the Shining Hospital and is optimistic  
about a full recovery.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call  
to provide care and hope to those who are suffering.  
Through the Mission and Service Fund of the United  
Church of Canada, we help people build healthy lives.

*In Nepal, the Mission and Service Fund supports the  
Shining Hospital, which provides health outreach in  
remote villages, and care and treatment for those  
experiencing illness, in particular leprosy and  
tuberculosis.*