



~ You Can Make Me Whole – Part 1 ~

“And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” – Luke 5:12

At the time of Jesus, leprosy was considered to be the worst of diseases. It was considered to be highly contagious and the poor soul afflicted with this disease was cut off from friends and family never again to mingle with people other than those who had the same condition. It was considered a curse from God. No one would touch you for fear of being contaminated with the disease.

There were many lepers in the area where Jesus was but only one had the faith to seek Him out for healing. The bible accounts this man as being “full of leprosy”. This means that his case was not a minor one. The disease had taken hold of his body for all to clearly see and only the power of God could make him clean and whole once more.

As he came to Jesus, it was clear he believed Jesus could heal him. But, the question still nagging his mind was “would he”. The leper had been pronounced cursed and unclean by the priests and doctors. He had to announce his appearing to others by saying “Unclean, unclean!” when he would come near people. Would his “uncleanness” keep him from healing? Yet, despite his doubts, his faith brought him to the feet of Jesus with his petition.

Jesus didn’t even hesitate. “Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him.” – Luke 5:13 Jesus could have merely spoken the word, but He did what no one else would do – He touched him. He didn’t recoil from the man’s disease. He didn’t just merely speak a word. Instead, He reached down to show this man that his worth and value lay beyond the disease that held him and in the hands of Jesus, he was restored. Immediately the man became whole again! He was able to go back to his family and his friends completely restored and healed.

Today, like the leper, we are filled with the leprosy of sin. “From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment.” – Isaiah 1:6 Our sinful character is deep-rooted and impossible to be cleansed by human power and ability. It is hideous in its effect upon our lives and family.

But, like the leper, there is no case that is too great for Jesus. We may fail time and again, but Jesus will not turn away from a heart who returns to Him. Anyone who will fall at His feet in

faith saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean” will hear the response, “I am willing; be cleansed.” There is no hesitation. It is His will to cleanse us from sin, to make us His children, and to enable us to live a holy life. “Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.” – Galatians 1:4

There is no stronghold in our lives that Jesus cannot break us free from. There is nothing in our past that holds Jesus back from loving us or receiving us. We need not doubt as did the leper that Jesus will heal us. The story of the leper was recorded for our benefit so that we might know that the work of Christ in cleansing the leper of his terrible disease is the same as the work in our own lives God wishes to do in cleansing the soul from sin. He wishes to touch us and make us clean so we may know the power of God’s love that sets us free.

Take a moment now to come before God, asking for the healing and cleansing of the “leprosy” in your life. Remember that nothing can keep you from the love of Christ and it’s His desire to cleanse you and restore you thru the power of His touch. “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” – 1 John 5:14-15

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