The Leper and the Paralytic



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LEAD-IN: While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." And He reached out with His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him. (Luke 5:12-13, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Leper and the Paralytic

Look at them. Truly see them.

One is a leper.

His disease isolates him from

absolutely everyone,

including his own family.

Imagine!

Then imagine being touched for the first time in

SO long!

And this touch is from the Source of all

life and love,

compassion and power.

Just that quick, he is whole

physically, mentally,

socially, and spiritually.

Imagine the JOY!

The other man is paralyzed.

The Healer is in town.

He is right here, right now.

Yet even with the help of four devoted friends,

the crowd is too thick.

They cannot get him to Jesus.

But then, emboldened by desperation,

they take him up onto the roof of the house,

dig down, and

lower him right in front of Jesus.

But Jesus doesn't just heal his body.

He heals him from all his sin.

And just that quick, he is a

completely new creature in Christ Jesus.

In both cases, simple faith reached out to

Jesus Christ.

And as always, the result was

breath-taking newness of life.

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