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Matthew 8:1-4 Mark 1:40-44 Luke 5:12-16

Luke 5 **12 While Jesus** was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged Him, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Mark 1

40 A man with leprosy came to Him and begged Him on his knees, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

Matthew 8 2 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed Him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Luke 5

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- 1. The man had a problem
- 2. The man came to Jesus
- 3. The man was desperate
- 4. Jesus is the only solution
- 5. The man was unclean
- 6. Jesus touched him
- 7. "I am willing"

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8. Be clean
9. Instant Healing
10. Don't tell anyone
11. Show yourself/sacrifice
12. Be a testimony

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James 1:17 (NIV)

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

➢Not asking

James 4:2b (NIV) ... You do not have because you do not ask God.

Matthew 7:7 (NIV) 7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Not asking
Wrong motives

James 4:3 (NIV) When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Walking with Jesus Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV) The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Not asking
Wrong motives
Misguided faith

Walking with Jesus Mark 11:22-24 (NIV) 22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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Walking with Jesus Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV) 17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.
19 The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights.

Romans 9:16 (NIV) 16 It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

Daniel 9:18b (NIV) ... We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.

Whatever the outcome, God loves us and desires the best for us

>HE IS WILLING

Walking with Jesus Are you willing to live a life that God blesses?