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Is There Room For Me?

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Today's Scripture: Luke 5:12-16

¹² 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."

¹³ Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

¹⁵ However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

LEPROSY WAS THE WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO SOMEONE IN JESUS' DAY

- It affected you physically
- It affected you emotionally
- It affected you spiritually

DESPERATION DROVE THE LEPER TO JESUS

He was "full of leprosy." John 5:12

- When people began to tell him about Jesus, he did not want to hear it – at first
- He decided he would go to the place where Jesus was, even if he could only watch from a distance

THE LEPER MADE THE DECISION TO GO TO CHRIST

- Their conversation began with an expression of Concern;
"If You are willing" Luke 5:12
- After the Concern came a Word of Faith;
"You can make me clean." Luke 5:12

JESUS TOUCHED HIM AT HIS POINT OF NEED

- It was a touch of Presence
- It was a touch of Forgiveness
- It was the touch of Grace

JESUS SPOKE A WORD OF HOPE

"I am willing" Luke 5:13

- The Leper believed "If You would, You could"
- Jesus responded "I can and I will"

THEN, HE DID

"Be cleansed." Luke 5:13

- When God works, He works right now
- When you hear His voice, when you feel His touch, your life will be forever changed