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I AM WILLING

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I was reading Matthew 8 and it struck me just how amiable Jesus is. His desire to come to our aid and meet our need is really His heartbeat. Sometimes, we allow our mind to be persuaded that our circumstance is not important to the Lord, but our belief has to change and we must choose to believe that we really do matter to God.



Things are not always handled in the timeframe of our preference or healing does not come when we want it. Does that really mean the Lord doesn't care or He isn't listening? Time becomes the instrument used to lead us to defeat and when we feel defeated our faith is inoperable. Believe me, this is a life class in which I am taking a refresher, today. Maybe you are, too.

The leper who came to Jesus had been this way for some time. When we saw Jesus, the scripture says he came and worshipped Him. I really believe we are defeated from lack of worship. Afterwards he says, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean," (v 2). He was so confident in Jesus' ability to do it and realized as long as he believed then it was left to Jesus to make the next step. Next thing Jesus does is extends His hand to touch him and says, "I am willing: be cleaned," (v 3). Recapping this scenario in our mind it is clear that we must worship Jesus, believe He is willing to help us, and then wait for Him to respond. Being a leper was a terrible disease to have as it isolated you from being around other people. It was such a contagious disease that quarantining people was a way to avoid an epidemic. The deep need of the leper to be healed was a strong motivator for him to do what he did to receive his healing. Jesus wasn't afraid of catching what he had so that's why He touched him. This expressed love and compassion. In this same way, our deep need moves His love and compassion toward us.

We must always remember there's no situation so dreadful that we should not worship Jesus, believe He cares and is willing to deliver us. When your mind lies to you and says it won't work, He's through with, you can't be healed, you can't be delivered, etc., then you must press past those thoughts and begin to worship the Lord and tell Him how awesome He is. Use your own style of speech and express compliments to the Lord and then say, "Lord, if You are willing, You can..." Jesus will respond by touching you and saying, "I am willing..."

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