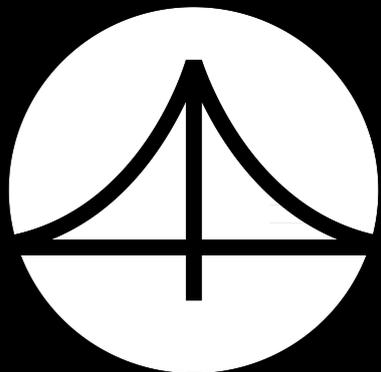


# Transforming Faith: Comes Desperately to Jesus

Luke 5:12-26



**Transforming faith comes  
desperately to Jesus and finds  
healing deeper than it imagined**

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**“Once a person was pronounced to be leprous, he was forced by law to remove himself from all contact with healthy individuals in his community. It meant a life of banishment, a life in abject exile, removed from family and employment. It was a truly miserable existence.”**

*– RC Sproul*

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- How desperate are we for Jesus' healing in our lives?
- Where do we want God to work in our lives, but only if He'll do it in socially acceptable ways?
- Who knows your darkest secrets?

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- Being “clean” meant the leper could worship God and come into the Temple with His people
- Jesus touches the man, even though His word was enough to heal him

**“When you get touched by Jesus, you get what is His. If you are touched by someone with a virus, you get sick; if you are touched by someone unclean, you become unclean; but if you are touched by the Holy One, you become holy. Holiness is contagious and more powerful than any contamination.”**

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- What happens to the uncleanness and sin?

**“While Jesus was defining the boundaries of His kingdom, He continued to move through the world, accumulating the sin and shame of the unclean. In doing so, He struck a fine bargain: “I take your guilt and shame, and you receive my righteousness and holiness.” This is the technical way of saying, “You receive my acceptance.” Where was Jesus taking this burden? He would soon obliterate it at the cross. But, before that, Jesus certainly bore its weight. For example, He was no longer the people’s hero. Instead, He was now the outcast. By the time Jesus got to the cross, you could count on one hand the number of people who were willing to be associated with Him. Jesus took the weight of guilt and shame. You no longer have to bear it.”**

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- Jesus carries our shame, guilt, and sickness, and defeats them, so we can be set free
- By touching us, Jesus invites us into His mission

**“You, who were once common and unclean, have now become holy and clean. Now, instead of contaminating others, you can touch them and somehow sanctify them. Your presence in the lives of other people is more powerful than you think. You can, in some real way, make them holy. Your presence announces God’s unique interest in the other person.”**

*– Ed Welch*

