

When you see someone receiving a miraculous healing or financial breakthrough, do you ask, "What about me, Lord?" The leper who came to Jesus must have asked the same question. He must have heard or seen from a distance, since he was not permitted to be in public places by the law, how Jesus had healed the sick. So he had no doubt that Jesus *could* heal him, but he was not sure if Jesus *would*. He said to Jesus, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." (Matthew 8:2) He was confident of the power of God, but not regarding the love of God for him. Like the leper, maybe you don't have a problem believing that God *can* give you your breakthrough or miracle, since He is Almighty God, but you are wondering if He *will* do it for you. Let Jesus' actions and answer to the leper settle this question once and for all. He stretched forth His hand, touched the leper and said, "*I am willing; be cleansed.*", and immediately, the leper was healed.

Notice that Jesus touched the leper. He could have healed him from a distance with just a spoken word. He had healed others this way, as in the case of the centurion's servant and the Syro-Phoenician woman's daughter. So why did He touch the leper? Jesus knew that for so many years, the leper had been cut off from his family and society, so he must have been feeling dehumanized. Jesus touched him to make him feel human again, to make him feel loved and accepted again. His touch was His love language to the leper. Can you see God's heart of love here? Can you see how much He loved the leper? That is how much He loves you! The day that you come to know God's heart of love, and believe that He wants you blessed more than you want to be blessed, is the day that you receive your breakthrough or miracle! Catch a glimpse of God's heart of love, and you will believe that He is not only *able*, but also *willing* to make you whole!

Matthew 8:3 "Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "*I am willing; be cleansed.*" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed."