

## The Leper and the Paralytic

*Matthew 8:1-4; 9:1-8; Mark 1:40 – 2:12; Luke 5:12-26*

Look at them.  
Truly see them.

One is a leper.  
His disease isolates him from  
absolutely everyone,  
including his own family.

Imagine!  
Then imagine being touched for the first time in  
SO long!

And this touch is from the Source of all  
life and love,  
compassion and power.

Just that quick, he is whole  
physically, mentally,  
socially, and spiritually.

Imagine the JOY!

The other man is paralyzed.

The Healer is in town.

He is right here, right now.

Yet even with the help of four devoted friends,  
the crowd is too thick.

They cannot get him to Jesus.

But then, emboldened by desperation,  
they take him up onto the roof of the house,  
dig down, and  
lower him right in front of Jesus.

But Jesus doesn't just heal his body.

He heals him from all his sin.

And just that quick, he is a  
completely new creature in Christ Jesus.

In both cases, simple faith reached out to  
Jesus Christ.

And as always, the result was  
breath-taking newness of life.

**Hymn: [The Leper and the Paralytic](#)**