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## HEARTBREAK

### The Remarkable Compassion of Jesus

**When was a time you were suffering and received a significant act of compassion in response?**

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Read Mark 1:40-45

*A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."*

*Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"*

*Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.*

*Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.*

**Why do you think the man with leprosy approached Jesus saying, "if you are willing"?**

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**In what ways can you relate to his approach?**

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**What is significant about Jesus' response to him?**

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**What did you take away from Jesus' presence or compassion at times in your life?**

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