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Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16; Matthew 8:1-4

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What Moves the Lord with Compassion Towards Us?

- The man with leprosy sought after Jesus.
- He worshiped Jesus, calling Him Lord, bowed with his face to the ground. A heart attitude of complete surrender, humility & brokenness.
- He simply asked the One who had the authority to do something about his need.
- Our response should be the same to the One who says “I am willing” to the issues we face.

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