

## Matthew #4 – “Get Up and Walk!” Faith and Healing

### Memory Verse - Hand Out Scriptures to read

**Matthew 9:5** (NKJV) *For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’?*

### Touching the Untouchable (Touch of Faith)

**Matthew 8:1–4** (NKJV) **Luke 5:12–14** *When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”*

**Leviticus 13:44–46** (NKJV) *he is a leprous man. He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his sore is on his head. “Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’” <sup>46</sup> He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.*

**\*Isaiah 59:2** (NKJV) *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.*

**Numbers 12:9–11** (NKJV) *So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed. And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. So Aaron said to Moses, “Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned.*

**Mark 5:27–28** (NKJV) *When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. <sup>28</sup> For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”*

### Dr. Harry Harlow’s Experiment

“The work of Christ in cleansing the leper from his terrible disease is an illustration of His work in cleansing the soul from sin. The man who came to Jesus was ‘full of leprosy.’ Its deadly poison permeated his whole body. The disciples sought to prevent their Master from touching him; for he who touched a leper became himself unclean. But in laying His hand upon the leper, Jesus received no defilement. His touch imparted life-giving power. The leprosy was cleansed. Thus it is with the leprosy of sin,—deep-rooted, deadly, and impossible to be cleansed by human power.”— **DA p. 266.**

### The Roman and the Messiah

**Matthew 8:5–13** (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> *Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, <sup>6</sup> saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” <sup>7</sup> And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ...*

**Luke 7:2–3** *And a certain centurion’s servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. <sup>3</sup> So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.*

**Luke 7:5** (NKJV) *“for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue.” They were thinking he earned it he felt unworthy.*

**In this story we have Jesus, Romans, Jewish elders and servants.**

**Centurion** - An officer in the Roman army, nominally in command of one hundred soldiers. In a regiment of 600-1000.

**Mark 15:39** (NKJV) *So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”*

**\*Acts 10:1–2** (NKJV) *There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, <sup>2</sup> a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.*

**Acts 27:3 the centurion** *Julius treated the apostle Paul with courtesy.*

**Capernaum** “Village of Nahum.” A city on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, the principle town where Jesus lived and based much of his ministry. It was the location of Matthew’s tax office (9:9), and Peter’s house.

**Matthew 4:15–16** *“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” **Isa 9:1, 2.***

**Matthew 9:1** *So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.*

**Matthew 4:23, 24** *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

**Matthew 8:8** *The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.”*<sup>9</sup> *For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”*<sup>10</sup> *When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”*<sup>11</sup> *And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.*<sup>12</sup> *But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*<sup>13</sup> *Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.*

### **Demons and Pigs**

**Matthew 8:28–34** (NKJV) *Mark 5:1–17; Luke 8:26–37*

*When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”*

**\*Mark 5:5–6** (NKJV) *And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*<sup>6</sup> *When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.*

*...Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.*

### **“Get Up and Walk!”**

**Matthew 9:1–8** (NKJV) *So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.*<sup>2</sup> *Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”*<sup>3</sup> *And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”*<sup>4</sup> *But Jesus, knowing their thoughts,*

*said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts?”*<sup>5</sup> *For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk?’*<sup>6</sup> *But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”*<sup>7</sup> *And he arose and departed to his house.*<sup>8</sup> *Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.*

### **Letting the Dead Bury the Dead**

**Matthew 8:18–22** (NKJV) *And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.*<sup>19</sup> *Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”*<sup>20</sup> *And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”*<sup>21</sup> *Then another of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”*

<sup>22</sup> *But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”*

**\*Ephesians 2:5** *even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—*

**Luke 15:24** (NKJV) *for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.*

**Dr. Harry Harlow’s Experiment** - In order to study the development of affectional responses of infant monkeys, around 1958 Dr. Harry Harlow separated baby monkeys from their mothers after birth. In his experiments, each baby had access to two artificial, inanimate mothers, one of them made out of a naked wire frame with a wooden face and a milk bottle at breast level; and another fashioned out in the same way, but covered by warm cloth pads. The babies stayed with both "mothers", but as they were growing up, they showed strong attachment to the cloth mother. When threatened by a strange stimulus introduced into the cage, for example, a mechanical bear, they ran away to the cloth "mother", grabbed it in close proximity, and then, comforted and without fear, examined the toy. In the same way, when placed in a strange room, they immediately sought after the cloth "mother" and made contact before exploring the new environment. The baby monkeys who were created without their real mother or the cloth surrogate mothers were incapable of normal social relations, later in life. Harlow was impressed by the possibility that, contact comfort might be a very important variable in the development of the infant's affection for the mother.

"...the actions of surrogate-raised monkeys became bizarre later in life. They engaged in stereotyped behavior patterns such as clutching themselves and rocking constantly back and forth; they exhibited excessive and misdirected aggression..."

Until Harlow's research appeared, psychologists in the 1950s were vehemently anti-cuddling. Freud thought parental love childish and narcissistic. In the 1920s, John B. Watson, a president of the American Psychology Association who dreamed of motherless baby farms, warned: "When you are tempted to pet your child remember that mother love is a dangerous instrument." According to the experts, such excess caused irreparable damage that would turn babies into dependent adolescents and dysfunctional spouses.