


The Power to Change

Matthew 8:1-17





as we turn to the pages of
Matthew 8, we see Jesus doing
great things
—performing incredible miracles

The Man With Leprosy

(v. 1-4) When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.



The Man With Leprosy

**"I am willing he said. "Be clean!"
Immediately the man was cured of his
leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, "See
that you don't tell anyone. But go,
show yourself to the priest and offer
the gift Moses commanded, as a
testimony to them."**



The Man With Leprosy

Jesus allowed this unclean man to approach him, and have a conversation with him, and then Jesus reached out and touched him!



The Centurion

(v. 5-13) When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."



The Centurion

The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant 'Do this,' and he does it."



The Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith..." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed that very hour.



The Centurion

The centurion understood that Jesus could heal his servant from where he stood, without having to make the journey to his home. He understood the authority of God, the power of God.



Peter's Mother-in-Law

(v. 14-16) When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.



Peter's Mother-in-Law

We learned in the account of the Centurion that Jesus doesn't need to touch someone to heal them—and yet, he touched both the leper and Peter's mother-in-law.

This gives us insight into the tender, compassionate nature of Jesus.



God has the power to change

God wants you to experience His power.
He wants to bless you, so that you can
have the abundant life.

