



We All Need God's Healing

Like the leper in the Gospel of Mark 1:40-45, we too are in need of healing. He came humbly as a beggar, having no way of repaying Jesus for such a great act of kindness. But his humility was founded on faith. Confident in the scriptural passage, "Do not reject a suppliant in distress, or turn your face away from the poor" (Sirach 4:4), he insisted reverently. He had no doubt that Jesus could cure him, that Jesus would take interest in an insignificant and anonymous leper. He was asking Our Lord for a miracle; and he knew Jesus would grant it. He also knew that he did not deserve or merit such a gesture of mercy. Even if Jesus refused his plea, he was ready to accept it. The leper believed in him wholeheartedly, same thing that we should do. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch.

The encounter with Jesus changed the leper's life forever. It was an encounter of love. Every encounter requires someone's initiative. Although the leper is the one to approach Jesus, is it not Jesus who first makes himself accessible to him? All of us should be humble enough to ask God's mercy for Him to cure all our sufferings and forgive us on our sins. Lord Jesus, You enter into our life because You want to change us into Your saint forever. It is You, kind and gentle Lord, who invites me: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Reflections: Today, I will imitate God's merciful love in my own life with all whom I come in contact with: family, fellow employees, friends.

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