

## *A Face Of Grace Reaches Out To Those Who Are Untouchable!*

### *Faces Of Grace, Pt. 5*

Matthew 8:1-4

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**Matthew 8:1**, *When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed Him. <sup>2</sup>A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” He said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. <sup>4</sup>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.”*

#### **Two Overarching Principles From This Passage:**

1. The universal need for love and grace by all humanity
2. Jesus’ example of reaching out to those deemed untouchable by others

#### **Four Thoughts From Jesus’ Encounter With The Leper:**

1. **Jesus’ Attraction And His Circle Of INFLUENCE**  
(Matthew 8:1)
2. **Jesus Acknowledges An Approaching UNTOUCHABLE**  
(Matthew 8:2; Leviticus 13:45-46)
3. **Jesus ENGAGES The Untouchable**  
(Matthew 8:3, 5:46-47)
4. **Jesus INSTRUCTS The Untouchable**  
(Matthew 8:4)

#### **Practical Steps For Engaging The Untouchables:**

**Luke 19:10**, *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

**Proverbs 11:30**, *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.*  
(Matthew 28:18-20)

**S - SEE Your Own Past Sins**

**A - ASK God To Prepare Your Heart**

**V - VALUE Others Beyond Yourself**

**E - ENGAGE The Untouchables; Don’t Just Talk About It**

**Colossians 4:5**, *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup>Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

**1 Corinthians 9:22**, *To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.*

#### **Takeaways:**

- Make a list of those in your life who others consider “untouchable,” and look for an opportunity this week to reach out to them with your words or actions.