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# gains and losses

# Mark 1 (NIV)

40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “**If** you are willing, you can make me **clean**.”

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41 Jesus was **indignant**  
[or moved with **compassion**].

He reached out his hand and **touched** the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be **clean!**”

42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was **cleansed**.

43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: “See that you don’t tell this to anyone.

But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your **cleansing**, as a testimony to them.”

45 Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places.



Yet the people still came to him  
from everywhere.

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**I am willing**

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# Mark 2

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

**They** gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he **preached the word** to them.

3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the **crowd**,

they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

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5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are **forgiven.**”

Now some **teachers of the law** were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?”

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

10 But **I want you to know** that the Son of Man has **authority** on earth to **forgive sins.**”

So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of **them all**. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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**What am I willing to lose  
so others can gain?**

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