February 2

Jesus Wants to Heal

Yahweh my God, I cried to you,
and you have healed me – Psalm 30:2

[Mark 1:40-45, in Galilee] While he was in one of the cities, a leper full of leprosy came to him. He fell on his face and, *worshipped him*, begging him, kneeling down to him, and saying to him, "If you want to, you can make me clean."

Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I want to. Be made clean." When he had said this, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. He strictly warned him, and immediately sent him out, and said to him, "See you say nothing to anybody, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

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But he went out, and began to proclaim it much, and the report concerning him spread much more, and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was outside in desert places: and they came to him from everywhere. But he withdrew himself into the desert, and prayed. [Luke 5:12-16, *Matthew 8:1-4*].

1. How do your prayers compare to the leper's? How have your prayers been answered?

2. Have you disobeyed Jesus right after he did something for you? What happened?

3. Jesus, thank you for wanting to help me in my weaknesses and my sin; today please…