

Getting Reconnected

Mark 1:40-45

A condition can disconnect me.

📖 Mark 1:40a (NIV) "A man with leprosy came to Him..."

📖 Matthew 8:1-2 (NIV) "When He came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed Him. ² A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him..."

📖 Luke 5:12a (NIV) "...a man came along who was covered with leprosy."



A conversation can reconnect me.

📖 Mark 1:40-42 (NIV) "A man with leprosy came to Him and begged Him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured."

📖 Isaiah 64:6 (NIV) "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags..."

Sin & Leprosy

- Both begin within.
- Both are painless at first.
- Both grow slowly.
- Both numb the senses.
- Both cause decay and deformity.
- Both affect relationships.

📖 1 John 1:8-9 (NIV) "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

A choice can disconnect others.

📖 Mark 1:43-45a (NIV) "Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "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."

IMPACT

- **Imitating Christ**
- **Meeting Needs**
- **Proclaiming the Good News**
- **Assimilating people into the church**
- **Celebrating God**
- **Teaching the Word of God**

Have you been labeled?—Have you been branded, judged, or marginalized by the crowd? In your outline there is a picture of a label...list some of the labels people have given you. In light of the message today, what can Christ do with those labels? Do you need to have a conversation with God about the choices you have been making? Do you need to apologize for not doing what He told you to do?

