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Message Series
"The Power of Jesus"

"For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk, but in power." –1 Cor. 4:20

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"Power to Heal"

Matthew 8:1-17

1 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2 And behold,
a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me
clean." 3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be
clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See
that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift
that Moses commanded, for a proof to them. 5 When he had entered Capernaum, a
centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 "Lord, my servant is lying
paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and heal
him." 8 But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my
roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I too am a man
under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to
another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does
it." 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed
him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many
will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in
the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And to the
centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the
servant was healed at that very moment. 14 And when Jesus entered Peter's house,
he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the
fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. 16 That evening they brought to
him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word
and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet
Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

Two key approaches to these stories

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Truths about God and healing from Scripture

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Jesus' Power to Heal

(Lessons from a leper, a centurion's servant, and Peter's mother-in-law)

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