

ENCOUNTERS  
*with Christ*

**A Bold Encounter**  
Message 5

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2. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ to me.  
(Matthew 8:3. C/R: Matthew 7:11)

► **Outline**

*Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached Him and knelt before Him. "Lord," the man said, "if You are willing, You can heal me and make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," He said. "Be healed!"*

**Matthew 8:2-3a (NLT)**

**A Bold Encounter with Christ includes...**  
(Matthew 8:1-4)

1. My \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.  
(Matthew 8:1-2. C/R: Hebrews 4:16)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ from God's Word.  
(Matthew 8:4. C/R: Leviticus 13-14)

**Answers:** 1. appeal 2. answer 3. Affirmation

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### ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

#### Conversation Starter

Describe a time you acted courageously.

#### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

#### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 8:1-4](#).

1. What do you think it was like for the man with leprosy to approach Jesus?
2. How do you usually feel when asking God for help (embarrassed, fearful, skeptical, hopeful, bold, etc.)? Why?
3. Why did Jesus heal this man?
4. Jesus was willing to touch the untouchable. Why is this so significant?
5. Why did Jesus tell the man to take an offering to the priest? (See also [Leviticus chapters 13-14](#).)
6. Do you believe Jesus still heals people with diseases and illnesses? Why or why not?
7. Have you ever felt desperate for God's help? If so, what did you do?

8. Have you ever felt like Jesus didn't care about you or what you were going through? Explain.
9. Describe a time God surprised you with an answer to prayer.
10. Is there something keeping you from approaching God? If so, can you identify what that is? What steps can you take to remove that obstacle?
11. What are important points to remember from this story?
12. How do you sense God wants you to respond to this week's lesson?

#### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.*

Each day this week, approach God with boldness and ask Him for something only He can do.

#### Memory Verse

*So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

[Hebrews 4:16 \(NLT\)](#)

#### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

Day 4: [Hebrews 10:19-25](#)

Day 2: [Matthew 7:7-11](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 119:137-144](#)

Day 3: [Psalm 105:1-6](#)

#### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 8, we'll continue our series *Encounters with Christ*. To prepare read [Matthew 3:1-17](#); [John 3:28-30](#).



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