

Chapter 8 (1 - 3)

In Jesus' time, it was illegal for anyone to touch a leper, and it was illegal for lepers to go near other people. But one day a leper broke the law. He came right up to Jesus and said "If you want to, you can heal me"

Jesus also broke the law. He stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said "Of course I want to heal you. Be healed!" The man was healed immediately

Jesus, I didn't know you were a law-breaker. I guess this means that sometimes, in special cases, it's ok to break the law

Chapter 8 (5 - 13)

In the town of Capernaum, a Roman army captain said to Jesus "Sir, my servant is paralyzed and in great pain." Jesus replied "I will go and heal him"

But the captain said "Sir, I am not worthy that you should enter my house. Just say the word and my servant will be healed. For I understand orders. I give an order, and people act. I know that you also just need to give an order, and my servant will be healed"

Jesus said "This foreigner's faith is greater than that of the local people. And I tell you that in the future, people from all parts of the world will be in the kingdom of heaven"