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THE JESUS STORY

The Double Healing

Luke 5:17-26

1 SETTING (v.17)

PRINCIPLE #1: Religious tradition can be a real stumbling block for people trying to find reality with God.

2 MAN WITH A PROBLEM (v.18)

PRINCIPLE #2: The task of Christ-followers is to help people (however we can) get to Jesus.

3 OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES (vv.18-19)

PRINCIPLE #3: Sometimes you need to temporarily ban your faith to others.

4 STRANGE TWIST (v.20)

PRINCIPLE #4: Above everything else in life you need to be right with God.

- See Isaiah 59:1-2

5 OBJECTION (v.21)

PRINCIPLE #5: Jesus Christ can read your thoughts.

6 PROOF / THE SECOND HEALING (vv.22-25)

Authority & Power to Forgive Sins -

▶ Invisible & Unprovable

Authority & Power to Heal Paralysis -

▶ Visible & Provable

▶ Multi-faceted miracle

7 RESPONSE (v.26)

▶ Will you ask for Christ's eternal forgiveness today?

▶ Are you willing to offer friendly transfusions of faith to those around you?

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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by praying for new insight to understand the wonderful mysteries of God revealed in Christ.

MY STORY

1. Share a time in your life when someone went out of their way to help you or your family. What did they do, and how did your family receive the help?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Was there an insight, principle or point that stood out to you from Sunday's message? Why?
3. **Read Luke 5:17-26.** What kind of sacrifices might the friends of the paralytic have made in taking him to Jesus? What do you think their actions did to the paralytic's faith?
4. One person defines "a friend" this way. "A friend is someone who comes in to help when the rest of the world has gone out." How would you define "a friend," and how does your definition fit the four friends of the paralytic?
5. A principle from the message was "sometimes we need to temporarily loan our faith to others." What does this mean, and how might you utilize this principle with someone in your sphere of influence?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

6. What do the following verses teach about friendship? What can Christians do to better live out these qualities with their friends?

Proverbs 17:17

Proverbs 18:24

Proverbs 27:6

Proverbs 27:10

7. What are the two healings that took place in this passage, and which one do you view as more important? Was your priority ever the other way around? If so, why and how did it change to your current position? Explain.

8. Which is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven?" or "Take up your bed and walk"? Explain how Jesus utilized these two statements to demonstrate His deity.

TAKING IT HOME

9. Have you ever taken extensive action to help another person find Christ? Explain.
10. Is there a friend who could use your help right now? How might that help be given, and how might it affect the other person's faith?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group, and ask God to help each of you to reach out to someone this week who might welcome your friendship and have his/her own faith increased in the process.