

Luke 5:17-32

The Power of the Son of Man

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One day **Jesus was teaching**, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.**

There is a link between God's word God's power

Jesus was teaching ... and the power of the LORD was present to heal the sick

- Heb 4:12 NIV **For the word of God is alive and active.** Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- Act 2:36-37 NIV "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." 37 **When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- Rom 10:17 KJV So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**
- Luk 24:32 NIV They asked each other, "**Were not our hearts burning within us** while he talked with us on the road and **opened the Scriptures to us?**"
- Acts 14:7-10 KJV And there **they preached the gospel.** (8) And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: (9) The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and **perceiving that he had faith to be healed,** (10) Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And **he leaped and walked.**

Application:

- As we speak the word of God, be confident He is at work stirring faith in the hearts of others...
- Let us have confidence that in His word is everything we need for life and godliness...
 - When we counsel
 - When we encourage
 - When we teach
 - When we exhort
 - When we share Christ

And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick

Healing is for the whole man, body, soul and spirit - remember this as we teach His word

The body

- Luke 8:43-47 KJV And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years,(47).... **she was healed immediately.**

The soul

- Luke 4:18 KJV The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, ... he hath sent me to **heal the brokenhearted**

The spirit

- Luk 5:30-31 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and **sinner?**" Jesus answered them, "**It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.**

Luk 5:18-20(a) Take a Risk - Step Out of Your Comfort Zone

Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles [**Mar 2:4 by digging through it**] into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw **their faith**, he said.....

Application The paralyzed man would have never gotten to Jesus without his friends.

These men had a purpose ... To lay their friend before Jesus...

- Do we live purposeful lives...or lives on purpose...or does it just happen - go with the flow

They met an obstacle ... When they could not find a way...

- Are we living lives with commitment, such that when obstacles come we find a way?
- What is the biggest obstacle to our bringing our friends to Jesus
- Do you give up here? or find another way?
- When the going gets tough the tough get going

The found an alternate way ... They dug a hole through the roof... this is comfort zone stuff

- How far will we go to bring our friends to Jesus? Whose stretcher am I carrying?
- Whose roof am I tearing apart?
 - Willing to go the extra mile
 - Willing to take a financial liability (like the Good Samaritan)

He saw their faith - Our faith moves us to take risks to get our friends in front of Jesus
The truth is this man would not have come to Jesus without the help of his friends

Luk 5:20-21 Wait a Minute...We Were Hoping for a Miracle

When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said, "Friend, **your sins are forgiven.**" The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "**Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy?** Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

- **Your sins are forgiven??? ... Was this a let down?**
 - We don't always like the LORD's first answer...but He has a bigger purpose
 - **Jesus sees the heart...**man looks at the outward (King David)
 - **Jesus sees the eternal...**the condition of his soul...we focus on the temporal
 - He received an eternal healing of his soul - which is far better
 -But I think the Lord had another purpose
- **Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy**
 - Remember the Pharisees and the Teachers of the Law were there - watching everything he said and did - NOW they caught him they must think

Luk 5:22-26 I Want You To Know Son of Man Has Authority to Forgive Sins

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

He has authority to forgive sins

- By FIRST forgiving the sins, THEN physically healing him - he was proclaiming to the Pharisees and teachers of the law "I am God"
- Jesus most often referred to himself as the Son of Man
- The God/Man - Jesus referred to himself **6 x as Son of God - 80 x as Son of Man**
- As the "son of man" they saw his humanity "isn't this the carpenter's son?" - **He proclaimed His deity as "the Son of Man"**

1Jn 1:9 NIV If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Those with a "hearing ear" probably thought of the scripture in Daniel

- Dan 7:13-14 NIV "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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- People were amazed and filled with awe and were praising God (at the healing)
 - We should be amazed as much and praise God **at the forgiveness of sins**
 - Psa 103:2-3 NIV Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

Luk 5:27-28 Leaving Everything to Follow

After this, Jesus went out and **saw a tax collector** by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "**Follow me,**" Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Jesus SAW a tax collector - not a highly regarded profession

- Jesus said, "If he refuses to listen even to the church, **treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector**" (Matthew 18:17).

FOLLOW ME

- He sought him out on purpose and said "follow me" - walk the same road

Why would Jesus go after a Tax Collector?

- Remember we said that Jesus sees what is in the heart - we may have seen him and passed on by - but Jesus saw him for what he would become based on his grace
- This tax collector SOLD OUT - Levi got up, left everything and followed him
- He left everything - are we afraid to challenge people to be sold out to Jesus????
 - For some the prospect of following Jesus is greater than anything the world can offer - they are willing to leave everything to follow him - Are You?

Luk 5:29-32 Invite your friends to Jesus

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and **a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "**Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?**" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come **to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**"

Application

Do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners? - Or sit as a critic?

- Do we sit at the table as a critic or as an evangelist?
 - to eat with a Gentile or tax collector was considered to make you ceremonially unclean
 - tax collectors were hated and avoided

I have come to call sinners to repentance (Jesus lived a purposeful life)

- Jesus lived with the purpose of God dictating his life and decisions
- Just like the 4 guys who carried their friend - they lived with a purpose

The forging of the body of believers

- There was a growing band of disciples
- Including fishermen...who would have despised tax collectors for collecting a toll on their fish caught
- And now including a TAX COLLECTOR
 - This man was changed from collector of taxes to collector of men.
 - He wrote the book of Matthew
 - He became a faithful disciple of Jesus - and history says he was martyred
- **How do we view people who come to the church?**
 - If any man is in Christ he is a new creation - the old has passed the new has come
 - He is no longer Levi the tax collector - He is Matthew the Disciple

New Wine requires New Wineskins - The Heart of the Pharisee

33 They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." 34 Jesus answered, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? 35 But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast." 36 He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. **39 And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'**"

Dealing with the heart of the Pharisee

- Acknowledge His authority to forgive sins
 - Yours and the tax collectors of this world
- Acknowledge His ability to change people
 - Don't be the critic at the table
- The wind blows where it will, so is everyone born of the Spirit...
 - Don't be so set in your ways that you resist what the Lord is doing today