

A 40-DAY FAITH EXPERIENCE

HEALER

Why 40 Days?

Number “forty” + (time period) is mentioned 146 times in Scripture.

It symbolizes trial and testing, probation, or the fulfillment of promises.

40 Days in the Bible

- Goliath cursed and yelled at the Israelites for 40 days before being confronted and killed by David (1 Samuel 17:16)
- God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4)

40 Days in the Bible

- Elijah had one meal that gave him strength for 40 days (1 Kings 19:8)
- Ezekiel laid on his side and bore the iniquity of Judah for 40 days (Ezekiel 4:6)

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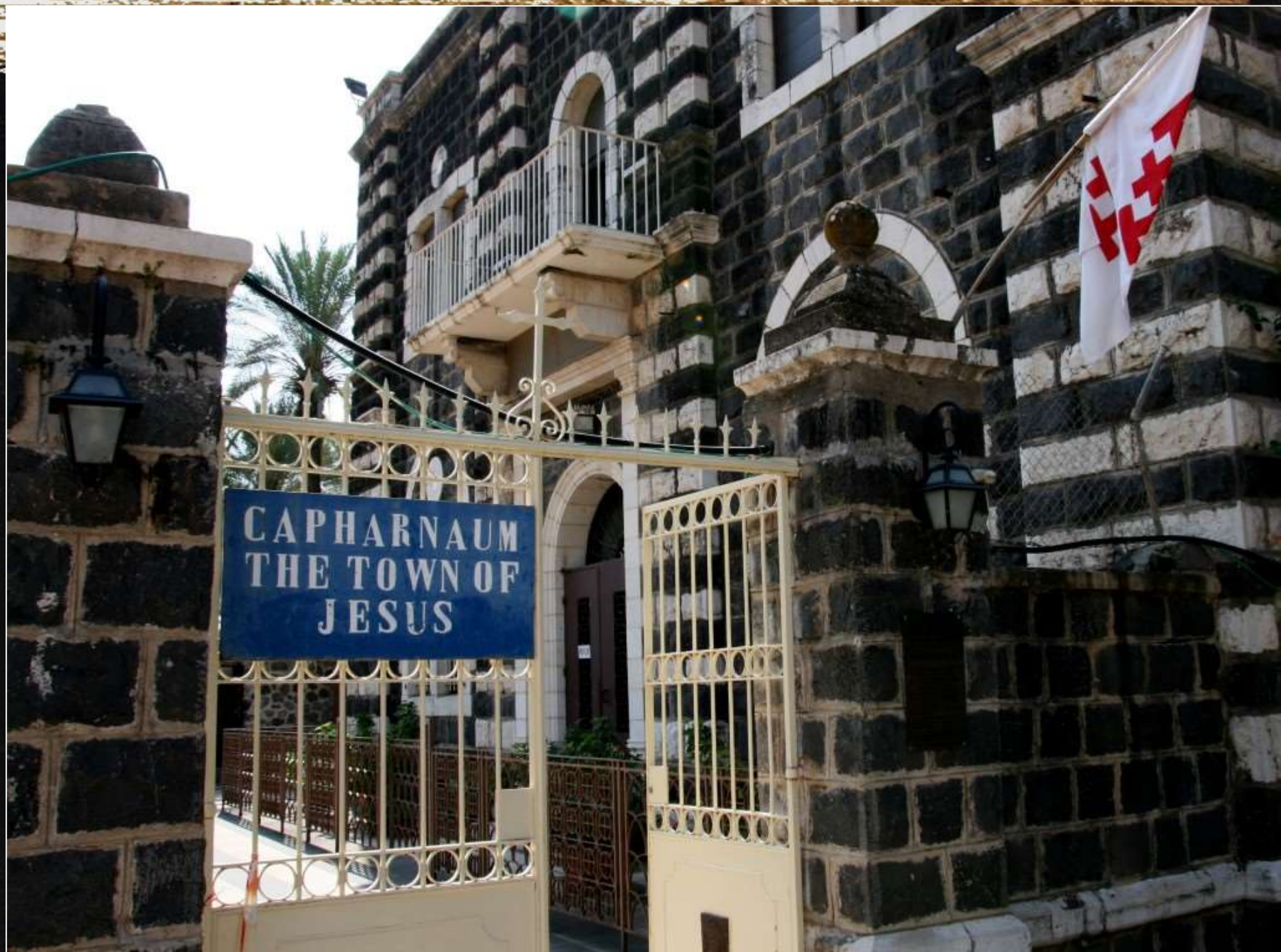
Our story
takes place in
Capernaum, a
village on the
northwest
shore of the
Sea of Galilee





Overhead view of ruins of Capernaum



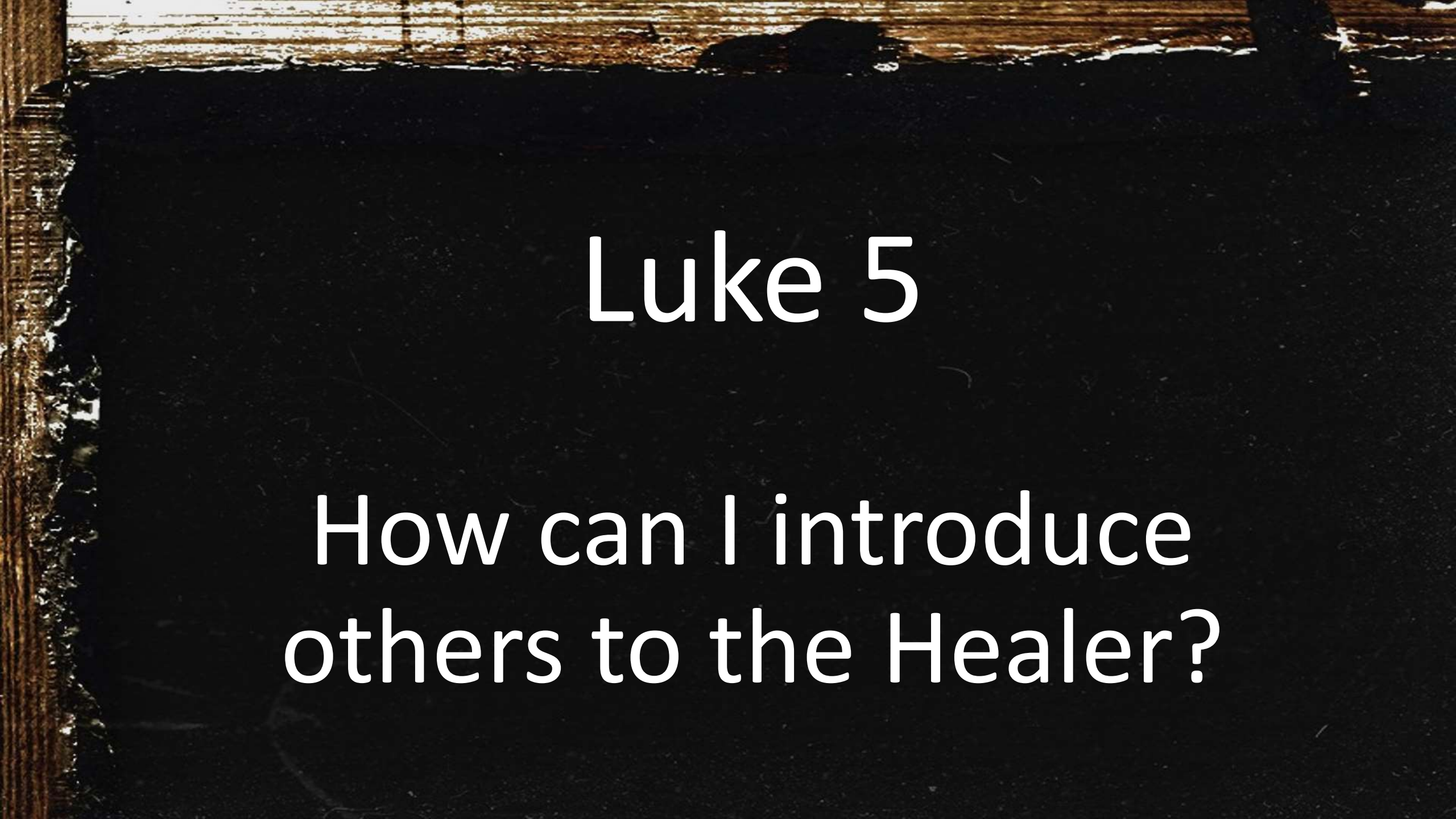


Capernaum was Jesus' ministry headquarters

Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a Light dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:12-17

Prophecy Fulfilled

But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them. Isaiah 9:1-2



Luke 5

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One day He [Jesus] was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power [δύναμις dunamis] of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing. Luke 5:17

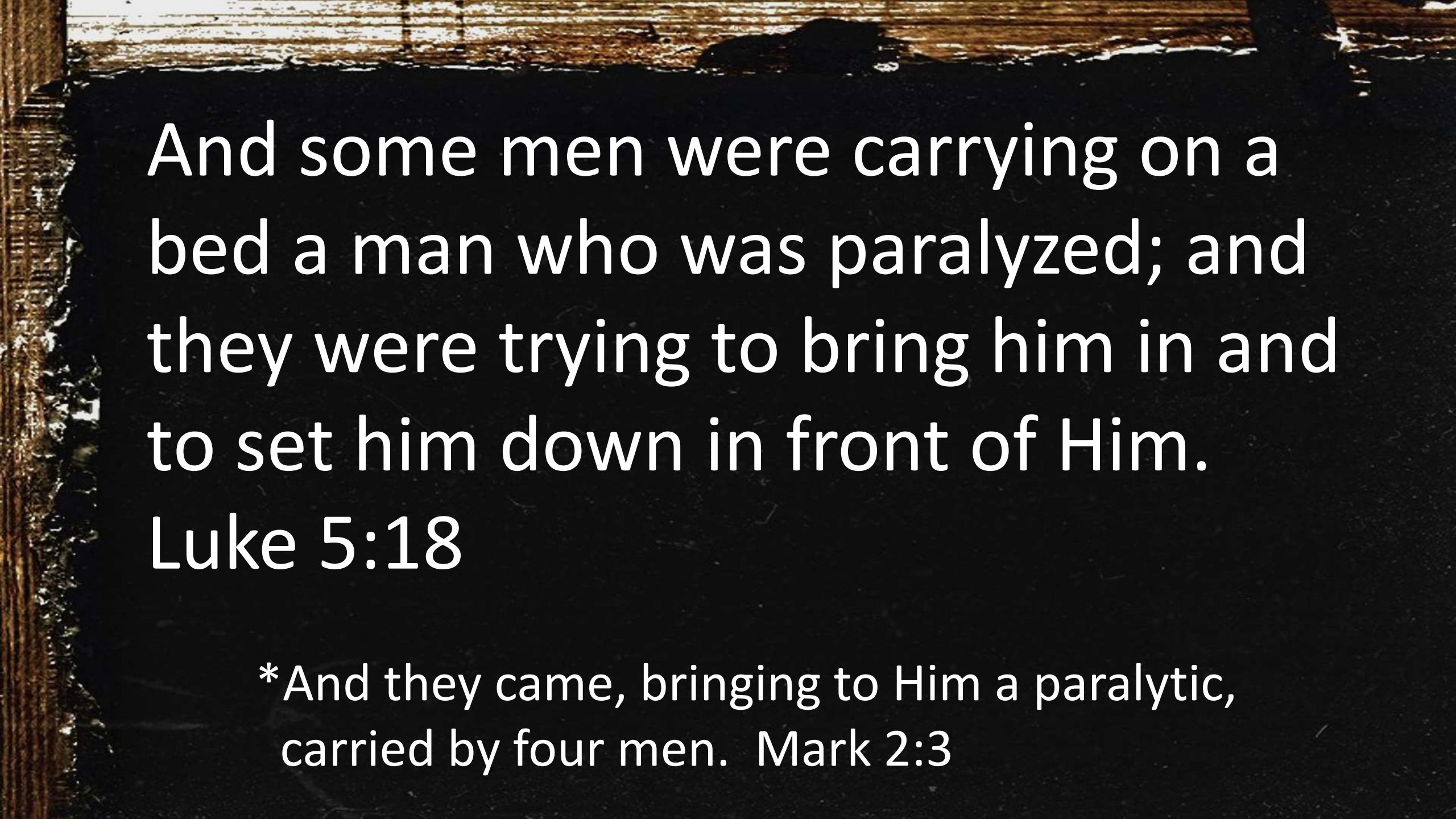
“Pharisees and teachers of the law”

The Pharisees were a religious party who placed great stress on strict observance of the law and the minute detailed regulations which had subsequently been added to it and were taught especially by the teachers of the law. These were a professional class of lawyers and teachers who generally belonged to the Pharisaic party.

Galilee region in the north of Israel



Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. Matthew 4:23-24



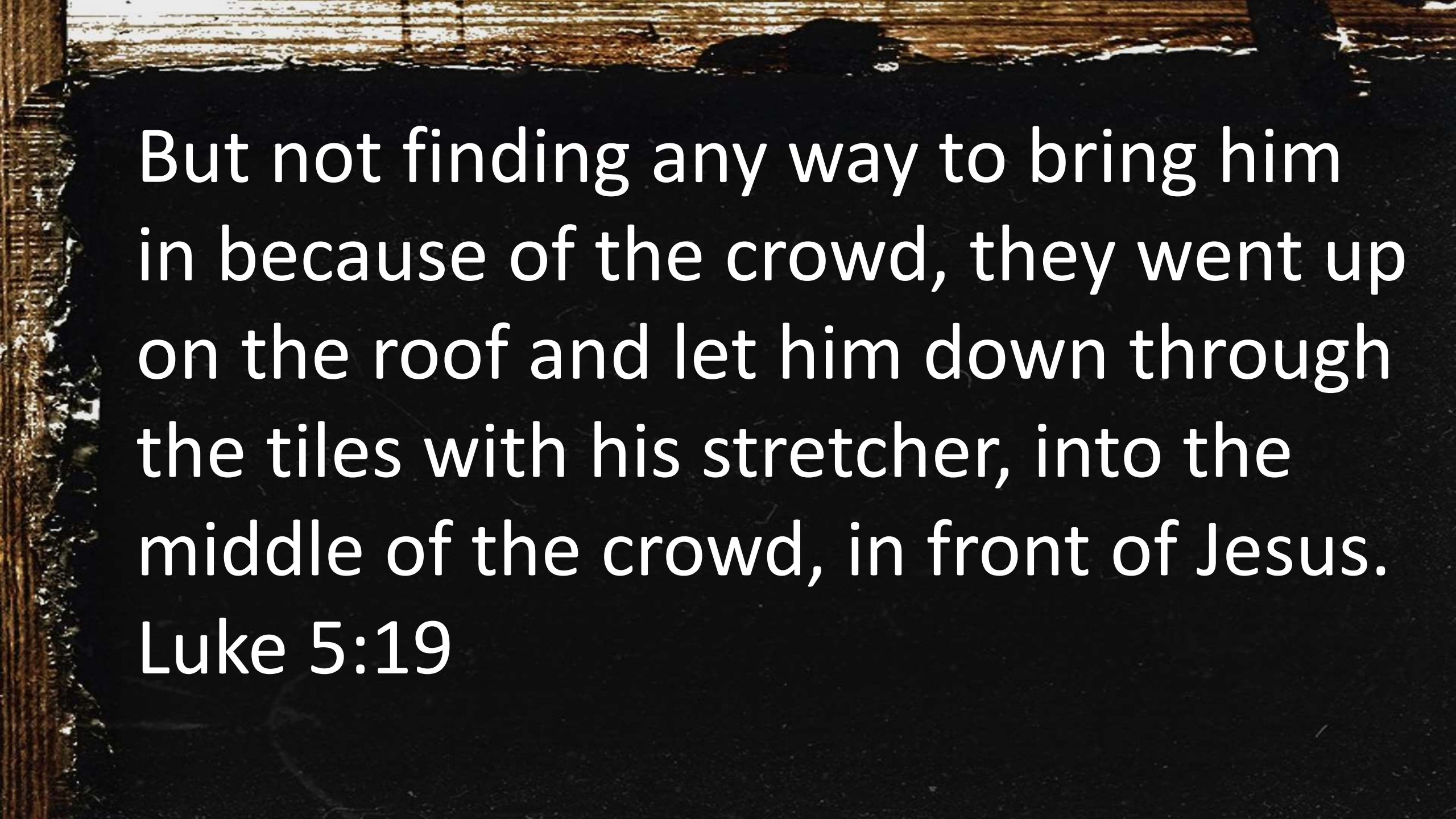
And some men were carrying on a
bed a man who was paralyzed; and
they were trying to bring him in and
to set him down in front of Him.

Luke 5:18

*And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic,
carried by four men. Mark 2:3

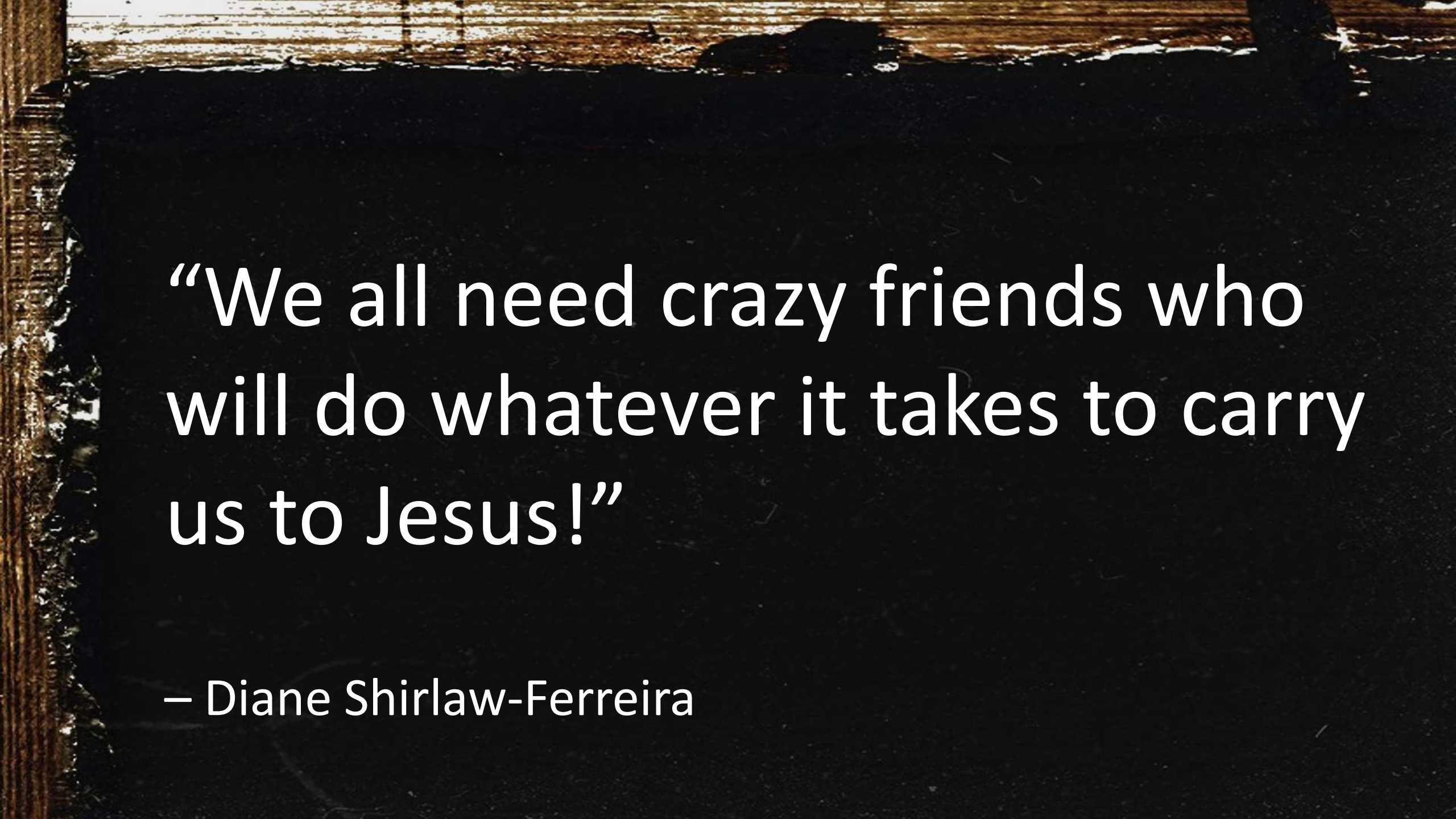
Questions Without Answers

- Why was the man paralyzed?
- How long had he been paralyzed?
- Who were these friends?
- Why did the friends want to bring this man to Jesus?
- What did the friends think Jesus could do?
- What did the friends think Jesus would do?
- How did the crowd react when they arrived?



But not finding any way to bring him
in because of the crowd, they went up
on the roof and let him down through
the tiles with his stretcher, into the
middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.

Luke 5:19



“We all need crazy friends who
will do whatever it takes to carry
us to Jesus!”

– Diane Shirlaw-Ferreira

A portion of a roof made from wood and mud. Notice a roller on the roof. After the winter rains it was necessary to roll the roof.



The same roof
later in the
year after
grass has
grown on the
roof and died
under the
summer heat.

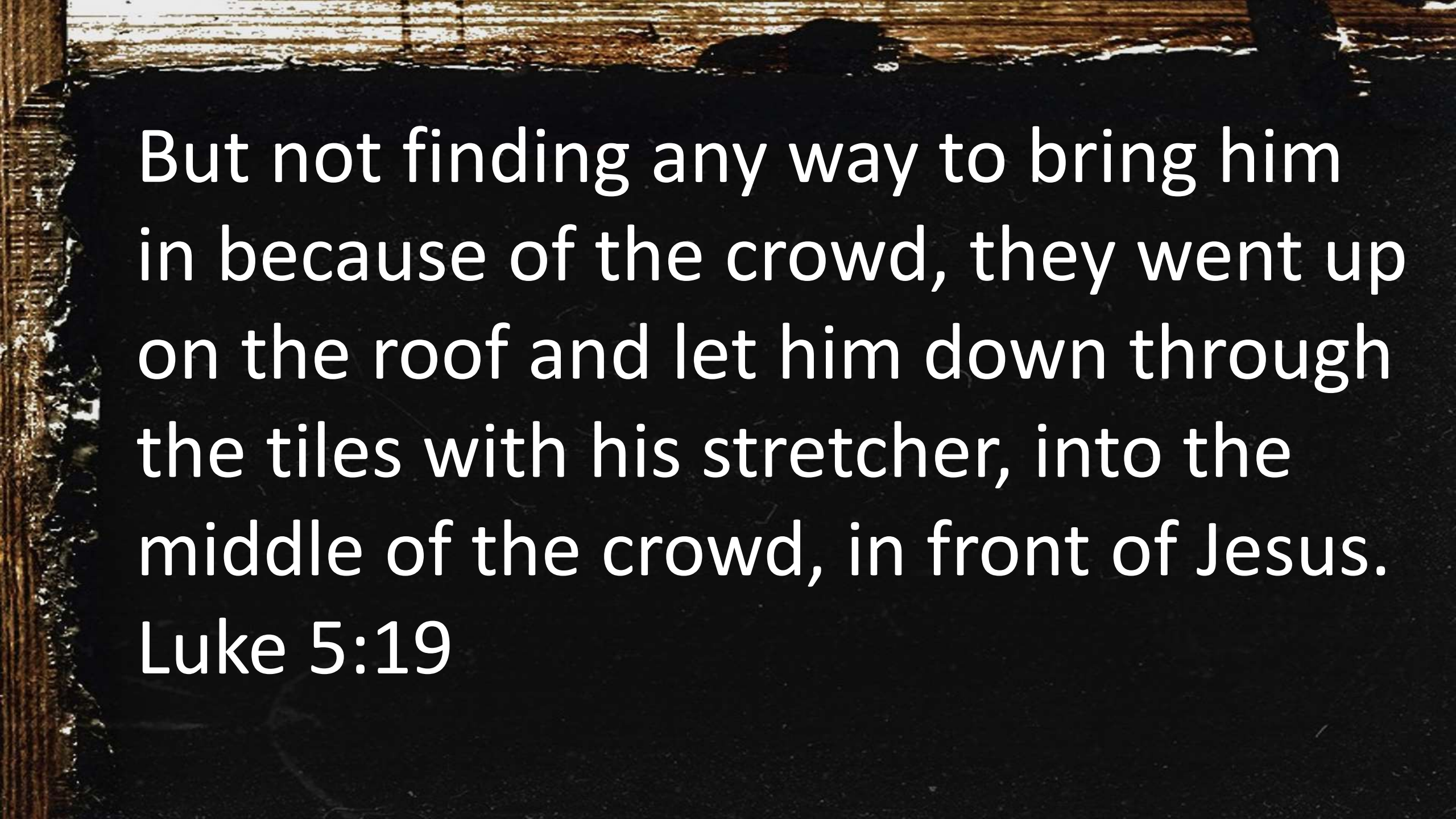


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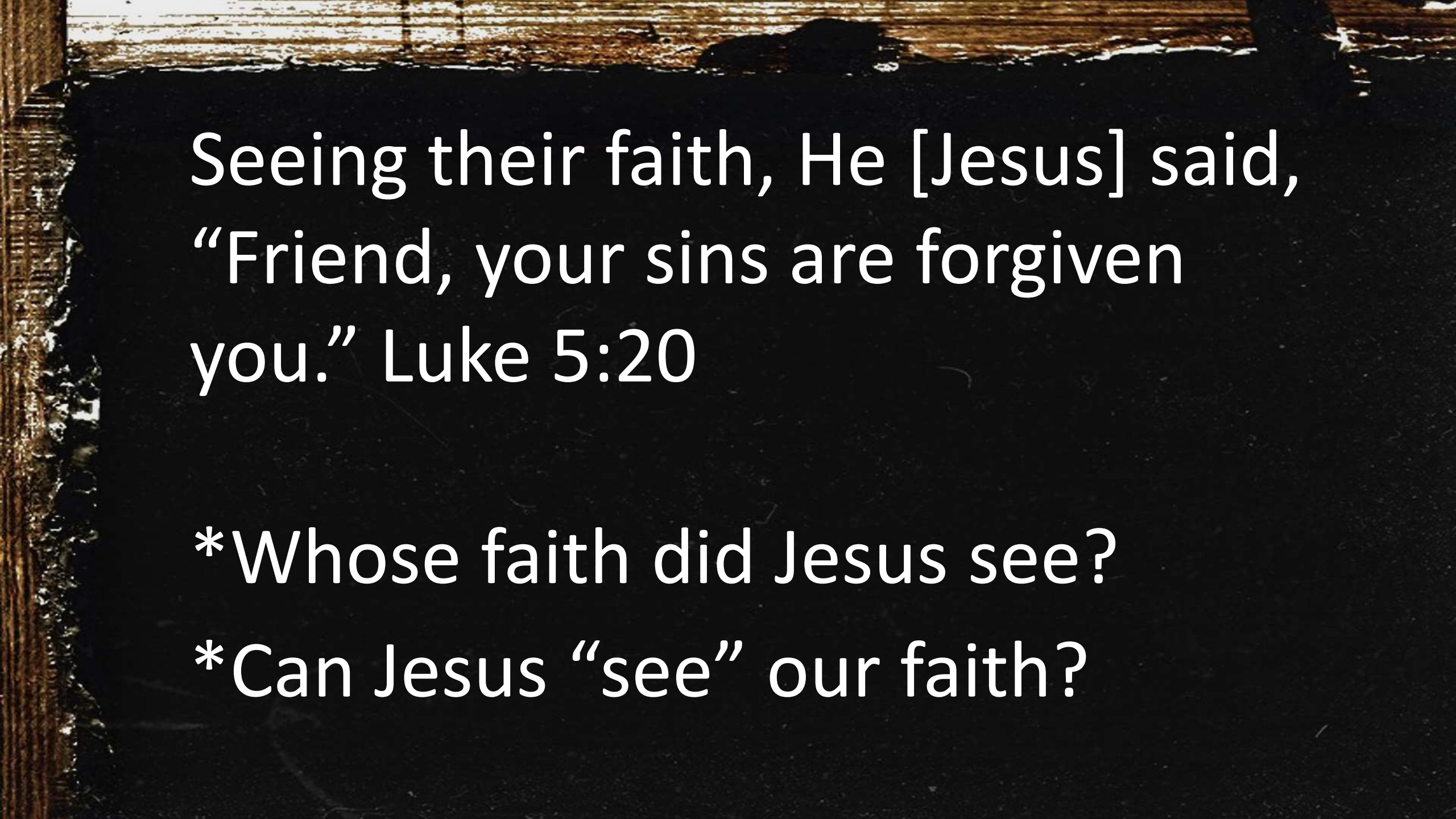
Inside
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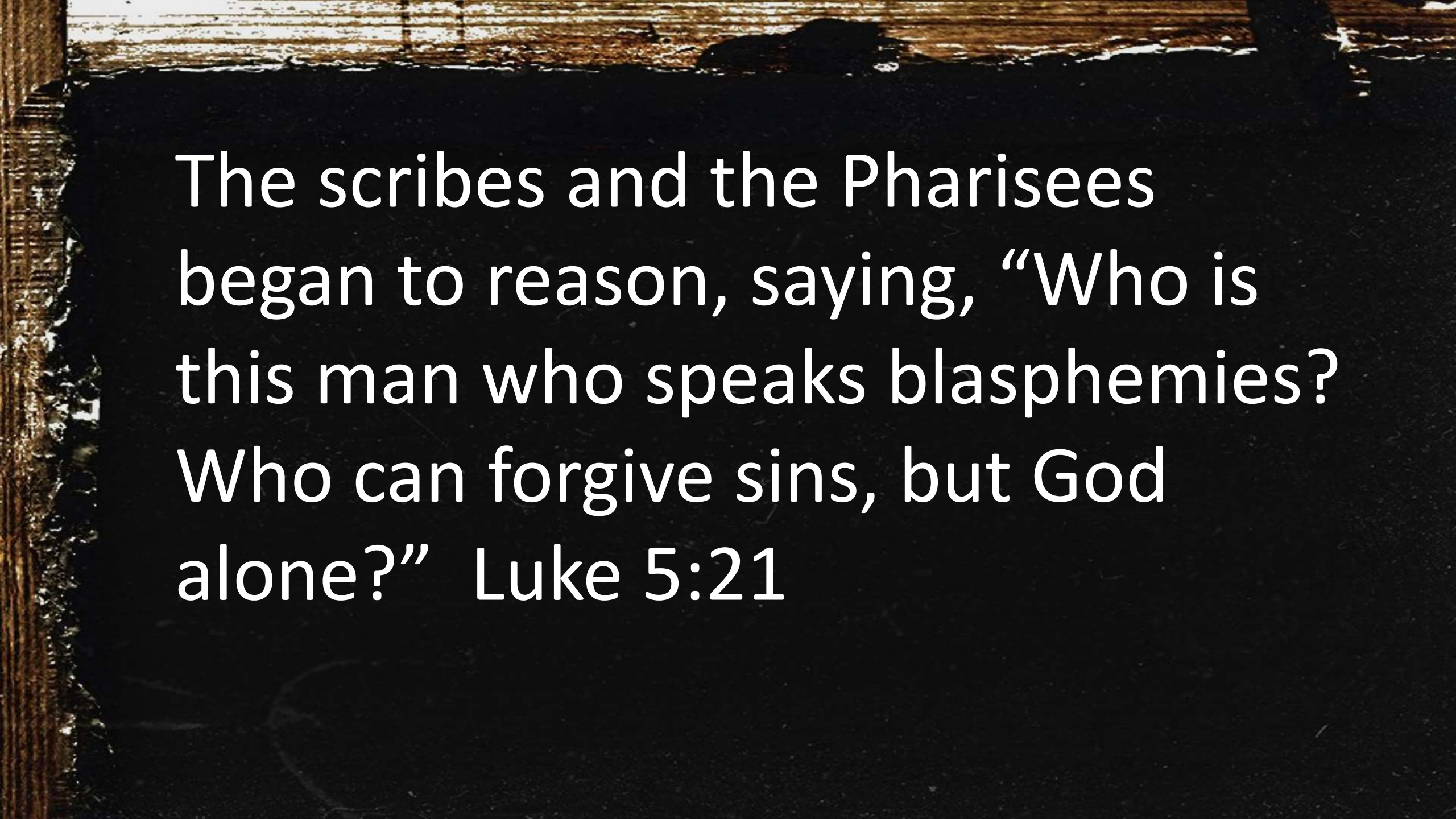
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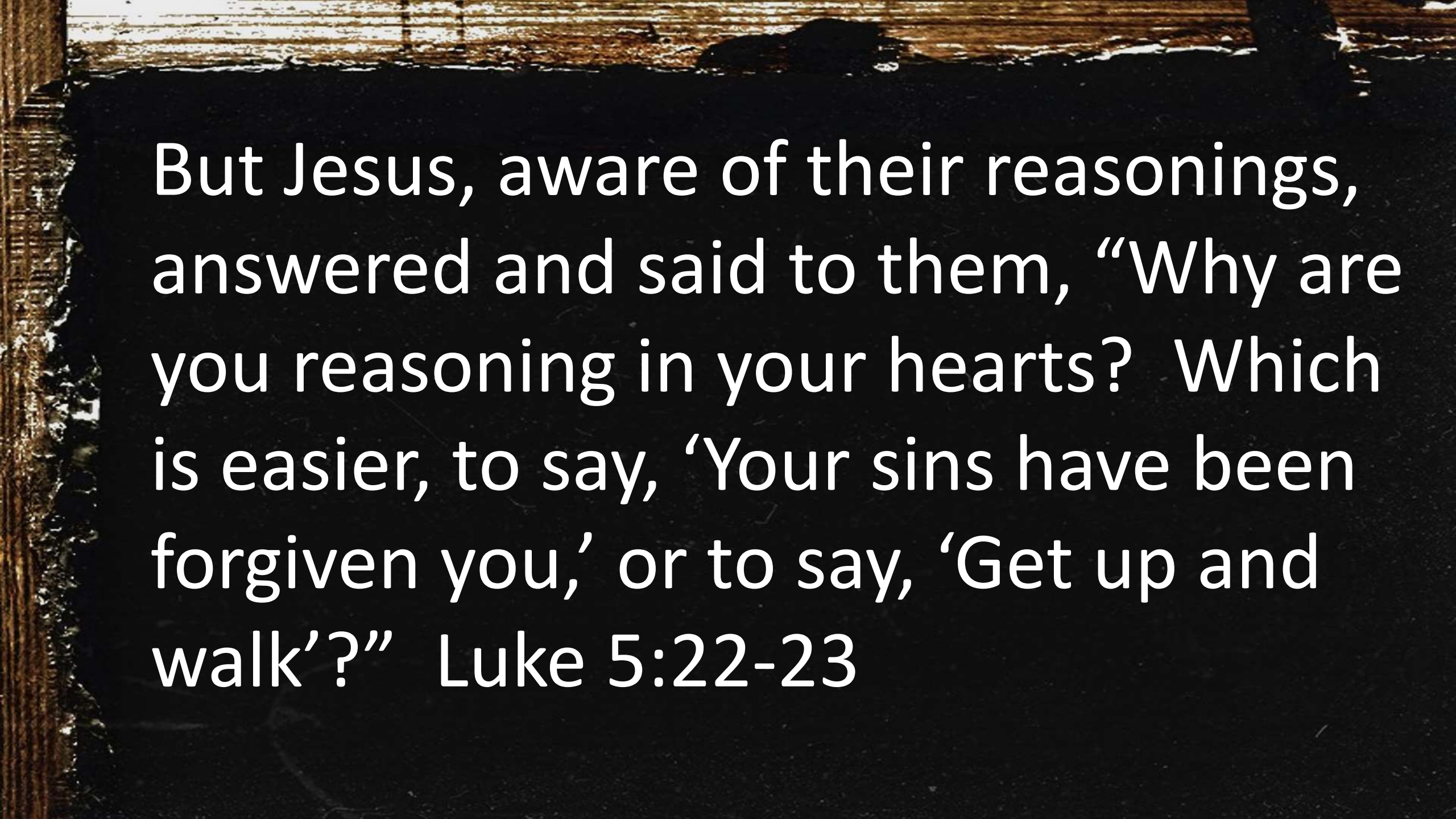
Seeing their faith, He [Jesus] said,
“Friend, your sins are forgiven
you.” Luke 5:20

*Whose faith did Jesus see?

*Can Jesus “see” our faith?



The scribes and the Pharisees
began to reason, saying, “Who is
this man who speaks blasphemies?
Who can forgive sins, but God
alone?” Luke 5:21



But Jesus, aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?” Luke 5:22-23

“But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” —He said to the paralytic—“I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.” Luke 5:24

*MOST of us need physical Healing

*ALL of us need spiritual healing

- Surprisingly Jesus did not immediately heal the man's body; instead, He first forgave his sins. The religious leaders immediately began to think that Jesus' words were blasphemy for they rightly associated forgiveness with God (cf. 7:49). Jesus pointed out that the religious leaders were absolutely right. His subsequent healing of the man was incontrovertible proof that He did have the authority ... to forgive sins and therefore should be accepted as God. – Bible Knowledge Commentary
- Performance of the visible act should have convinced his watchers that He also possessed authority for the invisible, and therefore unprovable, act. – New Bible Commentary

Immediately he [the previously paralyzed man] got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. Luke 5:25

*What does the Healer do? Heal people

*What do Healed people do? Move forward

*What do Healed people do? Glorify God

Meeting the Healer

Have you ever left home broken and paralyzed?

Have you ever met Jesus the Healer?

Have you ever returned home healed and forgiven?

“Seeing their faith” – Luke 5:20

1. Faith that Initiates – seek the Savior
2. Faith that Persists – find a way to get to Jesus
3. Faith that Justifies – receive the gift of salvation
4. Faith that Obeys – get up and walk

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They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today." Luke 5:26

*What do the observers of Healing do?

*Glorify God

Ask: Where am I in this story?

- The one who is hurting and needs healing
- The ones who ignore the one who is hurting
- The ones who want to help but can't find a way
- The ones who want to help and find a way
- The ones who block the way to Jesus

What are my obstacles to helping others?

What is the “roof” in my circumstance?

- Social pressure – “That is not a proper conversation topic”
- Fear – “People may reject or dislike me”
- Feelings of ignorance – “I don’t know the Bible well enough”
- Feelings of guilt – “I am not mature or holy enough”
- Distractions – “I am just too busy”
- Apathy – “I am right with God, that is their problem”

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- Encourage someone who is going through a tough time
- Invite someone to join you for church next Sunday