



Title | Finding a Way
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 5:17-26
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Sermon Notes

Luke 5:17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. 18 And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, 19 but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. 20 And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 22 When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” 25 And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. 26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.” ESV

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 5:17-26. List all the implied character traits of the men who brought the paralytic to Jesus. Which ones are worth emulating?

Tuesday:

Read Luke 5:17-26. Verse 20 says Jesus “saw their faith.” What can be said about the faith of the men bringing their friend to Jesus? Is it just faith in Jesus for eternal life, or is there something more? What kind of faith are believers called to have?

Wednesday:

Read Luke 5:17-26. What is the relationship of the faith of the men carrying the paralytic to the forgiveness of the paralytic? Was the paralytic forgiven because of the faith of the men?

Thursday:

Read Luke 5:17-26. How do you think the men felt when they saw the friend they brought to Jesus forgiven and healed? What might the lesson be for us?

Friday:

Read Luke 5:17-26. Who among your friends needs Jesus? How can you find a way to bring them to Jesus?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to find a way to bring a friend to Jesus. Show me who and how and when. Amen.

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