

I HAVE DECIDED

DAY 4 Read Luke 5:18-20 focusing on the Four Friends.

Based on what you read, how would you describe these four “heroes” in the situation? Why would they go to such extremes to get their friend to Jesus? What did Jesus see in their faith that impressed him? What does he see in your faith currently? Pray for a faith that acts boldly & takes risks for the sake of others meeting Jesus.

DAY 5 Read Gal.6:1-3 focusing on Helping Others Find & Follow Jesus.

What is the basic admonition in these verses and who is it written to? What does it mean “*you who are godly (or spiritual)*” and why do you think this is a crucial factor? What are a couple practical ways you could put this passage into play in your life right now? How does this fulfill the law of Christ? Pray with someone today who needs some encouragement.

Answers: “I Am Willing” “I Am Able” “I Am God” “I Am Impressed!”



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Part 5

1.30.22

“From My Worst to His Best” (Lessons from a Leper & a Paralytic) Luke 5:12-26

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23 NLT

Let’s Begin with the End in Mind...

- My worst condition is never beyond the Great Physician.
- My worst condition puts me in the best position to receive God’s forgiveness & healing.

4 Life-Changing Statements of Jesus from a Leper & a Paralytic

1. Jesus says to the Leper, “I Am Willing.”

“In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean. Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.”

Luke 5:12-13 NLT

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new... For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2Cor.5:17,21 NKJV

2. Jesus says to the Paralyzed Man, “I Am Able.”

“One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd....Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.” Luke 5:17-18 NLT

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” Eph.3:20 NKJV

3. Jesus says to the Religious Leaders, “I Am God.”

“But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, “Who does he think he is? That’s blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!” Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” Luke 5:21-24 NLT

4. Jesus says to the Four Friends – “I Am Impressed!”

“Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.” Luke 5:20 NLT

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.” Gal.6:2-3 NKJV

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____Jan.31-Feb.5, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 5:12-15 focusing on Jesus & the Leper.

How might you describe how this Leper was feeling about himself and God by his statement to Jesus? What did Jesus do and say and how is this both radical & practical? What does this say & demonstrate about Jesus to you? How did the man’s failure to follow instructions affect Jesus? Pray for healing & cleansing from Jesus.

DAY 2 Read Luke 5:17-20 focusing on the Paralyzed Man.

If you were this man on the mat, what would you be thinking and hoping for? What might you think about Jesus’ first response to you? What came to your mind when Jesus told you to stand up, pick up your mat and go home? How do you personally connect with the man on the mat? Pray with gratitude for God’s forgiveness & healing in your life.

DAY 3 Read Luke 5:17, 21-26 focusing on the Pharisees.

Who are these “religious leaders” and why did they show up where Jesus was? How would you define a Pharisee and a Teacher of the Law? What’s their problem with Jesus in this situation? How does Jesus deal with the opposition here and what’s his main point? If I was a Pharisee I would miss the point because I? Pray and confess any “pharisaical attitude” in your heart & mind and surrender complete authority over to God in your life. →