

SERMON NOTES

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THE SON OF MAN HATH POWER

Key Scripture: “But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins...”
- Luke 5:24

I. THE POWER OF GOD WAS PRESENT

- **Luke 5:17** – “And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”
 - Jesus was teaching, and people had gathered from throughout the region. Among them was a man who was paralyzed and needed to be brought into the presence of Jesus.
- **Luke 5:18-19** – The man could not get to Jesus by himself.
- **Mark 2:3** records that he was carried by four men (*friends perhaps*).

II. JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH

- **Luke 5:20** – “And when he saw their faith...”
- **Mark 2:5** – “When Jesus saw their faith...”
- **Matthew 17:20** – Faith can move mountains.
- **James 2:17-18** – Faith is demonstrated through works.

III. JESUS ADDRESSED THE DEEPEST NEED FIRST

- **Luke 5:20** – “Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.”
 - The man came with a physical need, but Jesus first addressed his spiritual condition.
 - Jesus demonstrated that He had authority on Earth to forgive sins.

IV. “WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS?”

- **Luke 5:21-22** – Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to think to themselves, “Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
 - Their question actually pointed toward the central issue. Jesus was not merely claiming the ability to perform a miracle. He was demonstrating His divine authority.
 - Jesus knew what they were reasoning in their hearts. This revealed that His authority extended beyond the physical realm.

V. “WHICH IS EASIER TO SAY?”

- **Luke 5:23** – “Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’”
 - Jesus was about to demonstrate that His words carried authority.
 - He would make the invisible forgiveness evident through a visible miracle.

VI. “BUT THAT YE MAY KNOW”

- **Luke 5:24** – “But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins...”
 - Jesus connected the healing of the paralytic with His identity as the Son of Man.
 - Jesus wanted them to know: THE SON OF MAN HATH POWER.
 - Power to forgive sins, to heal, to command, to restore, and to transform.

VII. THE SON OF MAN IN DANIEL

- **Daniel 7:13-14** — Daniel prophesied concerning the Son of Man.

VIII. THE SON OF MAN AND HIS AUTHORITY

- **Daniel 7:13-14** — The Son of Man receives dominion and glory.
- **Luke 5:24** — The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.
- **Matthew 26:63-65** — Jesus identifies Himself with the coming Son of Man.

IX. “ARISE, AND TAKE UP THY BED”

- **Luke 5:24-25**
- **Mark 2:11-12**
 - Jesus gave a command: “Arise, and take up thy bed.”
 - What once represented his limitation became a testimony of his transformation.

X. THE MIRACLE BECAME THE EVIDENCE

- **Luke 5:25-26** — The healing proved that Jesus' declaration was not empty.
 - He said: “Thy sins are forgiven thee.”
 - Then He said: “Arise, and take up thy bed.” The man immediately arose.

XI. “THEY WERE ALL AMAZED”

- **Luke 5:26** — “And they were all amazed...”
 - The crowd witnessed something impossible. They had seen: a helpless man brought in; Jesus pronounce forgiveness; Jesus command him to rise; and the man immediately walk.
- **Matthew 19:26** — “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”

XII. GOD SPECIALIZES IN THE IMPOSSIBLE

- **Jeremiah 32:27** — “I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?”
- **Isaiah 43:19** — “Behold, I will do a new thing...”
- **1 Kings 17:16** — The widow's meal and oil did not fail.
- **2 Kings 5:13-14** — Naaman obeyed the word of the prophet and was cleansed.
- **Matthew 19:26** — “With God all things are possible.”

XIII. LESSONS FROM THE PARALYTIC

1. **BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS** - The four men did not have the power to heal the man. They knew where to take him.
2. **FAITH MUST MOVE** - Their faith was demonstrated through action. Faith does not remain stationary.
3. **DON'T LET OBSTACLES STOP YOU** - The crowd could have been an excuse to turn around. Instead, they found a way through. Obstacles should not become excuses.
4. **JESUS KNOWS OUR DEEPEST NEED** - The man wanted to walk. Jesus first dealt with his sins. Jesus sees what others cannot see.
5. **JESUS HAS POWER TO FORGIVE** - The greatest declaration in the passage is not simply that Jesus can heal. It is that The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.
6. **JESUS CAN COMMAND THE IMPOSSIBLE** - “Arise.” The command of Jesus brought strength where there had been weakness.
7. **GOD CAN TRANSFORM A TESTIMONY** - The man who entered being carried by others left carrying his own bed. His place of limitation became a testimony of God's power.