

DEFINING MOMENTS: Experience Spiritual Healing!

LUKE 5:17-26

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Only Jesus Takes the Broken From Sorrow to Celebrating!

1. Seek Jesus to _____ Extraordinary
_____ (17-19).

2. Believe Jesus Can _____ Extraordinary
_____ (20-24).

3. Testify Jesus Truly _____ Extraordinary
_____ (24-26).

Luke 5:17–26 (ESV)

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. ¹⁸And 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, ¹⁹but 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.

²⁰And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²²When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?

²⁴But 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.”

²⁵And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Colossians 3:1-2.** What do you think the greatest needs in your life are? Are there any earthly priorities that can tend to overshadow God's heavenly priorities?
2. **Read Psalm 32:1-7.** Describe some of the benefits of being sure that you have been forgiven of all your sins. Why is our tendency to primarily pray for physical healing? What would God pray over you in this season of your life?
3. This passage is meant to show us Jesus's identity as the Son of God, able to forgive sin. How does seeing his identity revealed change how we are supposed to respond to him?

Quote for the Week. . . by Randy Alcorn



"All religions are basically the same"?... Hinduism's gods are many and impersonal. Christianity's God is one and personal. Buddhism offers no forgiveness or divine intervention. Christianity offers forgiveness and divine intervention. In Judaism and Islam men earn righteous status before God through doing good works. In Christianity men gain righteousness only by confessing their unrighteousness and being covered by Christ's merit. Every other religion is man working his way to God. Christianity is God working His way to men."