



“The Healing Power of Jesus”

Luke 5:17-25

“God’s Spirit is on me;
He’s chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,
sent me to announce pardon to prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind.
To set the burdened and battered free,
to announce, “This is God’s year to act!”
Luke 4:18,19 (The Message)

The story of the paralyzed man in Luke 5 is a great picture of how Jesus heals people.

1. FIRST, HE CALMS MY FEARS.

“Some people brought to him (Jesus) a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘Be encouraged, my child!’” Matthew 9:2

“This High Priest of ours (Jesus) understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testing we do, yet he did not sin.” Hebrews 4:15

2. HE CONFRONTS MY FAULTS AND FAILURES.

“Jesus said, ‘young man, your sins are forgiven.’” Luke 5:20

3. HE CHALLENGES MY FAITH.

“Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!’” Luke 5:24

4. HE CALLS ON THE FAMILY.

“Some men came carrying a paralyzed man...” Luke 5:18

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin...gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path...share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:1,2

FIVE MARKS OF A SMALL GROUP THAT BRING HEALING:

1. Compassion: They care about the needs of a hurting friend.

“share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.”

2. Faith: They believed Jesus would heal their friend.

“When Jesus saw **their faith**, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’”

3. Action: They look for ways to help.

“Some men came carrying a paralyzed man...”

4. Persistence: They didn’t let difficulties discourage them.

“Let’s not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.” Galatians 6:9

5. Sacrifice: They knew they might have to pay for a roof!

“Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal reward.” Luke 16:9

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