

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunday Morning Service  
Theme :  
Venue :  
Date : June 4, 2017

**TITLE : WHEN HE SAW THEIR FAITH**  
Text/s :

## Mark 2:1-12

1 And again he entered into Capernaum, after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.  
2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.  
3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.  
4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.  
5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.  
6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,  
7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?  
8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?  
9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?  
10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)  
11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.  
12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.  
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## Luke 5:17-26

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.  
18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.  
19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.  
20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.  
21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?  
22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?  
23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?  
24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.  
25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.  
26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.  
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## Matt 9:1-8

1 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.  
2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.  
3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.  
4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?  
5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.  
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Bible Reading :

Luke 9:57-62

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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Song/s : Look to the Lamb of God  
Press On  
I Am Determined

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

Look at the terms used here...

Mark 2:5

“...When Jesus saw their faith...”

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Luke 5:20

“...And when he saw their faith...”

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Matt 9:2

“...and Jesus seeing their faith...”

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## OUTLINE BODY

What does the paralytic man represent? He represents every man in need of Christ and salvation.

- Every man outside of Christ is diseased by sin

Isa 1:5-6

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

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- Every man outside of Christ is helpless in his state

Eph 2:12

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

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- Every man outside of Christ is at a distance from God

Eph 2:13

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

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## What faith did Christ see in these four friends?

### A) He saw faith in their desire for their friend

Luke 5:18

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

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Mark 2:3

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

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Rom 10:1

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

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1 Cor 9:20-23

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

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Rom 9:1-3

1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

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1 Thess 2:8

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

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Rom 12:10

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

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Col 3:1-2

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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Rom 8:5-8

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

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James 4:1-3

1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

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1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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**B) He saw faith in their determination. They made a decision and they determined. They made a commitment and they put feet and legs to it.**

Mark 2:3

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

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Luke 5:19

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

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Eccl 9:10

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

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Col 3:23-24

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

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1 Cor 9:24-27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.  
25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.  
26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:  
27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.  
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58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.  
59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.  
60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.  
61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.  
62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.  
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Luke 18:22-25

22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.  
23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.  
24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!  
25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.  
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**C) He saw faith in their perseverance. In their perseverance, they did not quit. No matter the odds, no matter the obstacles. They went through inconveniences, discrimination and bashes.**

Mark 2:4

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.  
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Heb 11:32-38

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:  
33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,  
34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.  
35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:  
36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:  
37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;  
38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.  
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Luke 14:25-33

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,  
26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.  
27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.  
28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?  
29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,  
30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.  
31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?  
32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.  
33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.  
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1 Cor 10:13

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.  
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James 1:8

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.  
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Heb 10:35-39

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.  
36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.  
37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.  
38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.  
39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.  
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Heb 3:14

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;  
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Heb 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.  
15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.  
16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.  
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#### **D) He saw faith when He saw that their only goal was to see Him**

Heb 12:1-2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
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Matt 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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2 Cor 4:18

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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If you from sin  
Are longing to be free,  
Look to the Lamb of God.  
He to redeem you died on Calvary,  
Look to the Lamb of God.

*Refrain*

*Look to the Lamb of God.*

*Look to the Lamb of God.*

*For He alone is able to save you,*

*Look to the Lamb of God.*

When Satan tempts  
And doubts and fears assail,  
Look to the Lamb of God.  
You in His strength  
Shall over all prevail,  
Look to the Lamb of God.  
*Refrain*

Are you weary?  
Does the way seem long?  
Look to the Lamb of God.  
His love will cheer  
And fill your heart with song.  
Look to the Lamb of God.  
*Refrain*

Fear not when shadows on your pathway fall,  
Look to the Lamb of God.  
In joy or sorrow Christ is all in all.  
Look to the Lamb of God.

## **E) He saw faith in them and He was pleased.**

He answered their prayers and fulfilled their desire. The paralytic man received the greatest blessings he could possibly receive: forgiveness and deliverance.

## **CONCLUSION**

Does God see faith in us?

2 Chron 16:9

9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

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