

FLOORED BY FORGIVENESS

Luke 5:17-26

ROMANS 8

⁴ so that the **requirement of the Law** might be fulfilled in us, who do not **walk according** to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who are according to the flesh **set their minds on** the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the **things of the Spirit.**

ROMANS 8b

⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is **death**, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is **hostile toward God**; for it **does not subject itself** to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.

WALKING BY THE SPIRIT

- **Walking by the spirit can please God**
 - To avoid results from living by the fleshly things
 - To succeed in doing what is righteous
- **Walking by the spirit is setting one's mind**
 - To recognize and understand spiritual things
 - To live in harmony with spiritual things

Rom.7:19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

LUKE 5

¹⁷ One day He was teaching; and there were *some* Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting *there*, who had come from every village of **Galilee** and **Judea** and *from* Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was *present* for Him to perform healing.

MARK 2

¹And when he **returned to Capernaum** after some days, it was reported that **he was at home**. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him **a paralytic carried by four men**.

LUKE 5b

¹⁸ And *some* men *were* carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they **were trying** to bring him in and to set him down **in front of Him**. ¹⁹

But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down **through the tiles** with his stretcher, into the middle *of the crowd*, **in front of Jesus**.

LUKE 5c

²⁰ **Seeing their faith**, He said, **“Friend, your sins are forgiven you.”** ²¹ The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this *man* who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?” ²² But Jesus, aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?”

JAMES 2

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? **Can that faith save him?...**

¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, **is dead**. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works**. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and **shudder!** ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works **is useless?**

HEBREWS 11

¹Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we **understand** that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

JAMES 2b

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that **faith was active along with his works**, and faith was **completed** by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith **alone**. ['by itself']

OUR ALL ENCOMPASSING NEED

¹ And **you were dead** in the **trespasses and sins** ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom **we all once lived in the passions of our flesh**, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind.

HOW CRITICAL IS FORGIVENESS?

Heb.9:22, And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

Rom.5:10 For if while we were enemies we were **reconciled to God through the death** of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Col.1:20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having **made peace through the blood of His cross;..**

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

My sin,

Oh, the bliss of this glorious
thought!

My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,

And I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord,

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

It is well, with my soul,

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

LUKE 5d

²⁴ But, **so that you may know** that the Son of Man **has authority** on earth to forgive sins,”—He said to the paralytic—“I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.” ²⁵ Immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. ²⁶ They were all **struck with astonishment** and *began* glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, **“We have seen remarkable things today.”**

LESSONS FROM THIS MIRACLE

- Shows that Jesus' authority extends even to the forgiveness of sins
- First time God vindicates Jesus' claims during his ministry
- If Jesus is not who he claims to be, then this man should not walk away healed
- The miracle pictures what Jesus can do for people
- Shows the place of faith, in receiving God's blessings.