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He Is Able
Luke 5:12-26
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

“Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But 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.”

Luke 5:23-24

In the second part of chapter 5 of the book of Luke we see Jesus perform some incredible miracles. His first interaction is with the man that has leprosy. The man believes that Jesus can heal him but is not sure if Jesus will. He clearly states that Jesus is able to heal. Jesus does not hesitate to heal the man and send him on his way. After a period of solitude Jesus is back with the crowds healing more people. The crowd was so large that people could not get to Him. One man was lowered down through the roof to get close to Jesus. Jesus' first response is to forgive the man of his sins. This creates questions in those that are watching so Jesus tells the man to get up and walk so that all might know He has the authority to forgive sins. Join us this week as we look at the incredible power of Jesus to both heal the lame and to forgive sins healing the spirit.



Luke 5:12-16 NET

Healing a Leper

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came to him who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed down with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” **13** So he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him. **14** Then he ordered the man to tell no one, but commanded him, “Go and show yourself to a priest, and bring the offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” **15** But the news about him spread even more, and large crowds were gathering together to hear him and to be healed of their illnesses. **16** Yet Jesus himself frequently withdrew to the wilderness and prayed.

Healing and Forgiving a Paralytic

17 Now on one of those days, while he was teaching, there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting nearby (who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem), and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. **18** Just then some men showed up, carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. They were trying to bring him in and place him before Jesus. **19** But since they found no way to carry him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the roof tiles right in front of Jesus. **20** When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” **21** Then the experts in the law and the Pharisees began to think to themselves, “Who is this man who is uttering blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **22** When Jesus perceived their hostile thoughts, he said to them, “Why are you raising objections within yourselves? **23** Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? **24** But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralyzed man—“I tell you, stand up, take your stretcher and go home.” **25** Immediately he stood up before them, picked up the stretcher he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God. **26** Then astonishment seized them all, and they glorified God. They were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen incredible things today.”

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What is leprosy?

9. Does the leper doubt at all Jesus' ability to heal?

10. Why do you think the leper questioned Jesus' willingness to heal him?

11. Why does Jesus forgive the sins of the paralyzed man?

12. Was the paralyzed man looking for forgiveness?

13. What is the bigger miracle, to forgive sins or to make the paralyzed man walk?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Should we believe that Jesus can heal our physical body?

15. What is our biggest need for healing?

16. Which is easier, to forgive sin or to heal the physical? Why?

17. Jesus does not make any demands of the men that He heals. What does Jesus ask of us in order for us to be forgiven?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes