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Forgiveness

Luke 5:17-26, Romans 3:20-26
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

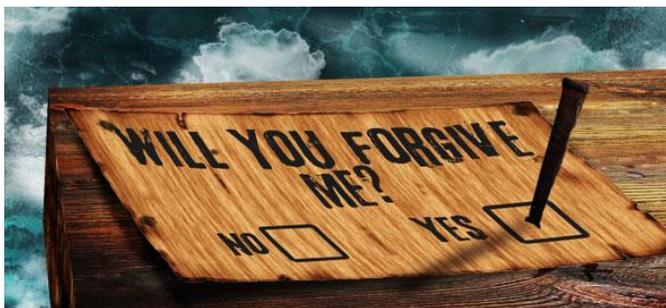
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

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.



What is an offer of forgiveness? To understand any real offer of forgiveness we must first realize that we have all rebelled from God; we all have sin in our life. This week we will look at Luke chapter 5 and the story of Jesus healing the paralytic. However, before He heals him He forgives him. How does Jesus just do away with all that this man has done wrong? Can Jesus wipe away all that we have done wrong? Join us this week as we talk about how Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.

Luke 5:17-26 New English Translation

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."

Romans 3:20-26 New English Translation

²⁰ For *no one is declared righteous before him* by the works of the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God (although it is attested by the law and the prophets) has been disclosed— ²² namely, the righteousness of God through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ²⁴ But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God publicly displayed him at his death as the mercy seat accessible through faith. This was to demonstrate his righteousness, because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed. ²⁶ This was also to demonstrate his righteousness in the present time, so that he would be just and the justifier of the one who lives because of Jesus' faithfulness.

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?

🕒 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Why do the men go through all the trouble of caring the paralytic to Jesus and lowering him through the roof?

9. Why does Jesus first tell the paralytic that his sins are forgiven, even before healing him?

10. How is Jesus able to forgive sins?

11. Why does Jesus heal the paralytic?

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

12. Do you believe Jesus will forgive your sins if you ask Him?

13. What do we have to do for Jesus to forgive our sins?

14. How do we know Jesus is able to forgive sins?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

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

SERMON NOTES