

Daily Devotional, September 6, 2020

“When Jesus Saw Their Faith”, (Mark 2:5, NKJV)

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Our text for our devotional is taken from the context of the miracle that Jesus performed in healing a certain paralytic man. We see through the Scriptures, as Jesus saw, the great faith in the four men who carried him, and the great need of the man with a physical infirmity. The man’s physical condition was addressed and healed. But Jesus did not just leave it at that. His spiritual condition was healed also in that his sins were declared forgiven. Nothing profitable for the soul happens without faith. Whether faith is small or great, our Lord sees whether or not it is there, and He responds to us according to that faith. Does Jesus see your faith today? Would He be hard pressed to see it? Do you know the wonder of having your sins forgiven by God Himself? Through Jesus, all your sins may be forgiven, and this by exercise of faith in Him. Believer, what lengths would you go through to bring someone who had need, physical or spiritual, to Him in prayer? Bringing someone to Jesus may ruffle a few feathers. The owner of the house may have resented the fact that he would have to repair his roof. Others there that day may have resented that a paralytic man had gotten a front row seat with the Master, and they didn’t get such a seat. But, Christian friend, persevere in the work, and the blessings will follow. Let us now read this passage together, and then prayerfully consider each our own response.

*“And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘*Your* sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!””* (Mark 2:1-12)