

(Luke 5:17-26) One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven." <sup>21</sup> But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" <sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? <sup>24</sup> So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" <sup>25</sup> And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"

• It's not me, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Homework Questions

### Starter Questions

What is the most daring thing you've ever done?

What's something from this sermon that encouraged you, challenged you, or made you think?

### Going Deeper

Sometimes we may wonder, "how much faith is enough?" The answer does not lie in the strength of OUR faith, but in whom or what our faith is placed.

Read Romans 3:21-28 (try to read it from the New Living Translation) and answer the following questions.

- In whom or what should we place our faith?

- Who is able to grant justification, or forgiveness?

- According to this passage, how much faith is enough?

Read the story of Jesus healing a demon-possessed boy Matthew 17:14-20.

- What were the disciples unable to do?

- How did Jesus react to the situation?
- According to this passage, how much faith is enough?
- Why do you think the comparison to the mustard seed is important to this story?
- What is something in your life that you currently deem “impossible,” that may be possible with faith?

### Application Questions

Pastor Landon said, “Fear is not the absence of faith, but faith placed in the wrong thing.”

- In what have you incorrectly placed your faith?
- What were the consequences of placing your faith in something other than Christ?

What is something you can do today to flip the switch on your faith, and experience the forgiveness of sins?

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## Prayer Requests

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## Additional Resources

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Hebrews 11 is a great chapter describing the men and women of faith. Read the chapter and record any observations of the varying degrees of faith described.

## Announcements

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We'd like to honor our **graduates** on Sunday, May 6. Please contact us with information regarding high school, technical school, or college graduates!

Interested in dedicating a child? We will be holding a **child dedication** on Sunday, May 13.

Email us at [info@newanthemchurch.com](mailto:info@newanthemchurch.com) if you want to sign up for either of these events!

**Compassion Sunday is April 29.** Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a child and at the same time supporting the Bolivia church plant initiative! For more information, check out our website or social media accounts for 10 Days of Compassion.