

MISTAKES & MERCY PT. 2 | THE GOSPEL OF LUKE | MAY 19, 2019

LUKE 5:17-26 - JESUS HEALS THE PARALYZED MAN

WAITING & WORKING: Vs 17-19

- The Pharisee's were a religious pressure group. They were terrified to break the Jewish Law, and enforced their 'traditions' on others.
- This, they thought would be the way they could see God acting and moving - was through prime conditions - exclusive to the unworthy, the unclean, the sinner. They were waiting and working to create prime conditions for God to act.
- On the other hand, the young paralyzed man and his friends could've waited and worked to create a proper space for God to act, but didn't. They were drawn to God amidst the messy, broken, disruptive. And Jesus welcomed them.

THE RIGHT GIFT: Vs. 20-25

- "Young man, your sins are forgiven"that's it?
- The impressive-looking gift vs. The right gift.
- They expected Jesus to be someone, but he ends up being someone they wouldn't normally expect. Not someone who just simply resolves, but someone who redeems.
- What was he being redeemed from? What is Sin?
 - Sin is the wedge that pushes God and us apart.
 - But there's Good News (Romans 3:22:24) It was more urgent in that moment for this man to be made right with God, then to be physically healed.
- Jesus isn't someone who simply resolves, but someone who redeems.

THINGS YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY EXPECT: Vs. 26

- There is purpose when Jesus steps into the messy, the disruptive, he doesn't need us to wait and work for the prime conditions.
 - There is purpose when he chooses to go deeper than what we simply see and understand... giving us the right gift, and not just what we see as the impressive looking gift.
 - Sometime we expect Jesus to be someone, but he ends up being someone we wouldn't normally expect... and there's purpose in that.
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- Sometimes we ask God to change **our situation**, and he might do that - but consider opening your heart to how God might be changing **us** in amidst of our situation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there a 'tension' between you and God? What might help that 'tension' turn into faith and hope?
2. What might be a barrier placed between God and you (or your circumstance)? Are you waiting for God to move it, or is God waiting for you to move it?
3. What are you asking God for? Might there be something deeper God is wanting to 'gift' you with? With might be 'the right gift' in your life?
4. Is there an area of your life that God is 'redeeming' (bringing back into proper place)?
5. What has been an unexpected, 'thing you wouldn't normally expect' that God has done in your life?