

He Sees You

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Luke 5:19-20

¹⁹But finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him with his stretcher through the tiles into the midst, in front of Jesus. ²⁰And when He saw [their confidence in Him, springing from] their faith, He said, Man, your sins are forgiven you!

His life had been the same day in and day out, paralyzed and lying on his sick bed hoping, trusting and believing that one day he could be healed. He was not alone, in-fact there were people who cared about him. Whenever he crossed their minds, they remembered his circumstance, displayed random acts of kindness and prayed that he would one day be healed. A morsel of food, assistance with personal care, giving him money, encouraging words and prayer seemed to be all that they were equipped to offer until the day came when there was nothing left to lose. Can't you hear them, "We are taking you to this healer from Galilee TODAY", and that is just what they did.

As Jesus was teaching in the home, the friends of the paraplegic used every bit of faith and ingenuity that they had on that day to present him to the healer from Galilee. No one discusses the crazy fact that these men climbed up onto the roof of the house, tore a hole in it, and lowered the paraplegic down in front of Jesus while He taught amidst the amazement of the crowd and the scrutiny of the Pharisees and religious scholars.

The writer, Luke does not discuss the obvious disruption to Jesus' teaching, instead he made a most profound statement, "And when Jesus saw their faith...". This statement jumped off the page for me when reading it recently, because I realized that Jesus sees it all and it prompts Him to move on your behalf. Jesus sees how badly you are treated on your job, yet you thank Him for it daily, and continue to perform your work as unto Him. Much like the paraplegic, you are sick with a disease that requires innumerable doctor visits, medication and treatment, but you continue to give God praise and serve Him through the pain and every chance that you get. There always seems to be more month than money in your household but you continue to tithe and give offerings, because you believe the Word of God for the opened windows of heaven.

The friends saw that the man needed to be healed. Jesus saw their faith and healed the man. **When your faith is in action, people take notice. When your faith is in action, Jesus takes notice and is prompted to move on your behalf.** Why is this important? So many people, even Christians feel as if their hopes, trusting and believing does not matter and that life will always be the same.

If you have experienced Jesus' response when you show Him your faith in the midst of any of these situations, then today encourage someone else by sharing your testimony. Show them how Jesus will respond because He sees them, and He sees their faith. He does not care what the rules are and what has been. He only cares that they believe.