

## KINGDOM PEOPLE CHURCH 6 October 2019

### Red letter series

5:71-26

### Introduction

Hallo everyone, we continue with our Red letter series, Last week Rob Spoke about the man with leprosy. The messages from the series should be online if you missed any, go to our website and catch up. [www.kingdompeoplechurch.org](http://www.kingdompeoplechurch.org)

Also found here: Mark 2:1-12,

### Read the scripture

Luke 5:17-26 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> When **Jesus saw their faith,** he said, **"Friend, your sins are forgiven."**

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>22</sup> **Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked,** **"Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."** So he said to the paralyzed man, **"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."** <sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

**The story:** Allow me to walk you through this passage

**Friends:** (describe the entrance,)

They went to great lengths to bring a friend closer to Jesus. How do you feel about these guys? Their love and commitment?. What do you think they wanted Jesus to do? They did not say anything.(sometimes our faith is best expressed by our actions)

What do you think they went through after they realised that Jesus had only forgiven their friend of sins and not healed him? Sometimes when we make our requests to God we think we know how he will do it, when and how but is that the case?

## The Man

He has no name, seems desperate, He is sick can't help himself but lay down possibly faithless.

He reminds me of myself, there moments I have been weak. Can't preach to save myself. You need someone to hold your hand in this journey that can stand with you. Better still be the one that can stand with others. Have you noticed how Jesus didn't talk to the sick man and asked him to confess his sins, he saved him because of his friends. Vanhu vanovhundukaka?

**Man is sinful and God knowing the heart of man, he chooses to forgive.**

## Jesus

He forgives the man of his sins, he doesn't ask about his history and take notes of what he had done and then decide what to do with him,

Jesus simply shows through his words that **he is Gracious** and can **forgive sin**. He is willing, no one asked him to forgive in this story, but he steps out and does it anyway.

**Do you believe that you are forgiven?**

**How many times do you think you need to sin before God can no longer forgive you?**

My view of Grace was based on what I thought I knew, but when you are forgiven, truly forgiven, and grace is poured out, I am sure its hard to receive. It's hard to understand grace when you are in Sin or when you focus on it. Our best efforts are not good enough to warrant God's forgiveness.

Denial 9:18 <sup>18</sup> Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. **We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.** <sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

**"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.(Isaiah 43:25)**

## Did Jesus ignore the issue at hand?

Did you notice the man wasn't healed at the time when he was forgiven?

No, the pain was temporary but (forgiveness of sin) was leading to eternal salvation

Man s priority vs Jesus's. Maybe Jesus was saying I see what you want, but I know what you need. If I was God I would heal Zimbabwe, change things around and then say worship me now...see.

Friends allow Jesus time to work on your situation, you maybe desperate but hang on a minute and let him deal with some stuff.

Its safe to assume that The man that was sick had internal issues that only Jesus, knew, wait a minute everyone didn't verbalise their thoughts or issues or needs. But Jesus knew it all! **Matthew 6:8** ...7And when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, for they think that by their many words they will be heard. **8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.**

### **The Pharisees**

**Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked,** "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>**Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?** <sup>24</sup>**But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.**

They were sceptical of His authority. In the moment of finding forgiveness the devil, just like the Pharisees tries to discredit the process, how he sees the truth and tries to convince you otherwise. Question Jesus 's authority or question your worthiness to receive that word of gift/healing. Hey your sins are forgiven; he says not quite, twists things around.

Jesus wraps up his teaching with a miracle which resulted in the man getting healing and glorifying God on his way home. The other people saying they had not seen anything like it before! They were awe struck. I wonder how many of us feel that we are truly in awe of God, or have we become too familiar with God's love?

The longer we walk as Christians, the greater the danger of taking for granted the weightiness of what forgiveness of sins mean, what it cost him to forgive us, the wonder of his mercy that he shows each time he forgives us.,

**Serena Williams** pulled off an astounding victory at the **Australian Open** on Monday against Romania's Simona Halep, who is ranked as the number one in the world. The 37-year-old tennis player came from behind to win the match in a victory that sent most people in the Rod Laver Arena in **Melbourne**, Australia, to their feet. **But fans couldn't get enough of footage showing Serena's mom, Oracene Price, notably staying seated and stony-faced while everyone was erupting into cheers for the 23-time grand slam champ.**

**Many fans of Serena reminded people online how Oracene has seen countless victories from her daughter over the course of her decades-long career. This was just another one of them.**

### **Conclusion**

**1:Accept forgiveness, don't remain paralysed get up, pick up your mat and go home!**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.(Psalm 32:5).

**2: Jesus has authority to forgive sin and heal all our diseases.**

**Psalm 103**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**3: When you have an opportunity to be a friend and do good, take it but you may not need to be known. The friends were some men. Random but did something I think changed the course of a man's life.**