

Sermon Text: Matthew 9:1–8

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Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

1. God Works Right Where You Are

- **Scripture:** Matthew 9:1 “He came into his own city...”
- **Key Truth:** Don’t overlook what God can do in familiar places.
- **Pastor’s Insight:** “Bloom where you’re planted... God often works in familiar places.”

Application:

- Stop waiting for a “better opportunity” to serve God
- Ask: *How can I be used right where I am today?*
- Pray for personal revival that begins in your own heart

2. The Power of Bringing Others to Jesus

- **Scripture:** Matthew 9:2 “They brought to him a man sick of the palsy...”
- **Key Truth:** Never underestimate the impact of interceding for someone else.
- **Pastor’s Insight:** “Somebody carried you once. Now it’s your turn to carry someone else.”
- **Illustration:** The story of the pastor’s father—saved because one man refused to give up on him.

Application:

- Identify one person you can pray for consistently
- Look for practical ways to point them to Christ
- Don’t give up—God can change anyone

3. Faith Is Seen, Not Just Said

- **Scripture:** Matthew 9:2 “Jesus seeing their faith...”
- **Key Truth:** Real faith takes action.
- **Pastor’s Insight:** “Jesus didn’t just hear their words—He saw their faith.”

Application:

- Ask: *Can Jesus see my faith in action?*
- Act on what you say you believe
- Live, pray, and serve with urgency

4. The Priority of Forgiveness

- **Scripture:** Matthew 9:2 “Thy sins be forgiven thee.”
- **Key Truth:** Spiritual healing matters more than physical healing.
- **Pastor’s Insight:** “We want God to fix our circumstances, but He’s focused on fixing our hearts.”

Application:

- Examine your spiritual condition first
- See others as souls, not just situations
- Prioritize eternal needs over temporary ones

5. Jesus Has Authority—and Proves It

- **Scripture:** Matthew 9:6–7 “Arise, take up thy bed, and go...”
- **Key Truth:** Jesus doesn’t just make claims—He proves them.
- **Pastor’s Insight:** “He has authority over sin, sickness, and every situation.”

Application:

- Reflect on times God has proven Himself in your life
- Trust Him in current struggles
- Share your testimony with others

6. A Transformed Life Is the Evidence

- **Scripture:** Matthew 9:7 “He arose, and departed to his house.”
- **Key Truth:** When Jesus changes you, it shows.

Application:

- Look for evidence of God’s work in your life
- Walk in obedience to what Christ has done
- Let your life point others to Him

Weekly Reflection Questions

- Where do I need personal revival right now?
- Who is God calling me to bring to Jesus?
- Is my faith visible through my actions?
- Am I focused more on physical needs or spiritual ones?