

*Encounters With Jesus #4*

**"The Four Friends"**

Encountering Jesus changes everything, by Pastor Billy on 4-14-24

Text: Luke 5:17-26

**We don't need to be a SOMEBODY  
to bring people to Jesus**

**We may need to GET CREATIVE  
to bring people to Jesus**

**We need to be DEVOTED  
to bring people to Jesus**

**As we bring people to Jesus be:**

1. FAITHFUL not FAMOUS (Luke 5:17-18)
2. CREATIVE not CALLOUS (Luke 5:18-19)
3. PERSISTENT not PUSHY (Luke 5:20)
4. REJOICING not RESERVED (Luke 5:21-26)

*OUR MISSION: Inviting people to Encounter a life changing God  
And become passionate followers of Christ.*

**Go Deeper**

*Who are you most like in the narrative right now (Man on the mat/One of the friends/Pharisee/A face in the crowd)? Why?*

*What kind of obstacles try to prevent you from getting in front of Jesus? How can you creatively overcome those obstacles?*

*Who are the people in your life that will carry you to Jesus (keep you accountable, lift you up in prayer, rejoice with you, etc.)? If you don't have anyone, why not? What is holding you back?*

*What event in your life brought you closest to God?*