

THE CHOSEN Part 6

You Are Made New

We love that the Chosen makes Jesus come alive

-This is not the Word of God, it is dramatized, but it makes things come to life!

Today: Made New

Being completely new!!

In order for that to happen, the Old has to go!!!

Look at being made new with new eyes

As we encounter God in His fullness, life change happens

Man with Leprosy:

We see that Jesus came to do things very differently than anyone else

Everyone else wanted to run

Be in fear

Even attack the Leper

Jesus went and hugged him!!!

Jesus was teaching them how to live differently.....How to be made new

To see people differently than before

To see opportunities rather than fear

To love rather than than attack

Mark 2:2-5

They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

We see the paralytic man who is desperate need

Probably a beggar

Had to rely on others to get anywhere
We see this in our church!!
Their are always people in need
There are people in here that are in need today

If I ask in this room today if there someone in need
Some hand would shoot up
Others would be hesitant

I have come many times to church in need
This is a safe place if you are in need!!
-depression
-looking for hope
-single parent looking for a break
-looking for a safe place to grow
-a couple struggling with relationship
-wanting help but not wanting anyone to know that you need help

The Church is a hospital for hurting people!!!

If you are in need
We want to be in prayer for you
Help you as you walk through difficult situations

Mark 2:17

When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "It is the sick people who need a doctor, not those who are healthy. I did not come to invite good people. I came to invite sinners."

We see the friends who cared about their paralytic friend
They tried to do whatever they could to help their friend!!

In our church we see many people who truly care
Their is probably someone near you, maybe even sitting next to you that care
Even though they don't fully know you, they care about you

We don't know the full extent of what these 4 friends had to do to help their paralytic friend

When they got to the place where Jesus was teaching... we see another type of person We

see people who are preoccupied

Everyone was welcome to come in to hear and meet Jesus

So crowded with people wanting to hear Jesus teach

They inadvertently... without meaning to

Had their backs turned to the one in need

They had their little group.....doing their Jesus thing

Their body language was saying they didn't care!!

So we come back to the 4 friends,

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

They believed before even getting to Jesus that all things are possible!!!

We see these 4 friends trying to do whatever they can to help their friend

Any way possible to see him get the healing and hope he needs

Mark 2:5

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"Jesus saw their faith"

How do you see faith?

Something that was so internally strong that it showed through their actions!!

- It see your faith when you serve

- I see your faith when you worship

- I see your faith when you give

- I see your faith when you bring that friend to church that needs hope

Your faith produces action!!!

What did Jesus do?

He forgave the man's sins

That is not why his friend brought him to Jesus!!

Sometimes Jesus gives us what we need
before he gives us what we want!!!

Mark 2:6-7

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

We see people who are critical!

But Jesus didn’t stop for the critics

Mark 2:10-12

But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Jesus gives us what we need before he gives us what we want!!

Sometimes we need to pick up our mat

- Pick up your shame
- Put that grudge behind you
- Pick up whatever has a grip on you
 - Carry on and share God’s love!!

We have 4 types of people - which are you?

1. People in need
2. People who care
3. People who are preoccupied
4. People who are critical

All of us are someone who can be changed!

2 Corinthians 5:17

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone;

a new life has begun!

You are a new creation!

The old is gone and the new has come

You are made new!

We are all people who can be changed!!!

We don't go to church... WE ARE THE CHURCH!!

We are all hurt

We have all been in need

By the grace of God... we are ALL people who can be changed!!!