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“Can I come to your church?”



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One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby.
(It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.)

Luke 5:17

And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus.

Luke 5:17

Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd.

Luke 5:18-19

So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Luke 5:18-19

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man,
“Young man, your sins are forgiven.”

Luke 5:20

But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves,
“Who does he think he is? That’s blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!”

Luke 5:21

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them,

“Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’?

Luke 5:22-23

So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.”

Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said,

“Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

Luke 5:24

And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God.

Luke 5:25

Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today!”

Luke 5:26



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Make Others Your Priority

“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

The man replied, “The one who showed mercy.”

Luke 10:36-37

Then Jesus said,

“Yes, now go and do the same.”

Luke 10:36-37



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Don’t Let the Crowd Keep You from Getting to Jesus

They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

“Why?” Pilate demanded. “What crime has he committed?”

But the mob roared even louder, “Crucify him!”

Mark 15:13-15

So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Mark 15:13-15



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Have the Highest Regard for the Forgiveness of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

Psalm 51:1-5

Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

Psalm 51:1-5

Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.

You will be proved right in what you say, and
your judgment against me is just.

Psalm 51:1-5

For I was born a sinner – yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

Psalm 51:1-5

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

Colossians 2:13-14

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14



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Don’t Do It Alone

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.
Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12



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Everyone should know that they are welcome at our church!



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