

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***  
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

***Standing on the Promises of God - -***

**James 1:5**

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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**Luke 5:17**

17 One day He was teaching and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.

**“And it came about during one of those days”** – during one of the days of the Galilean ministry when the four disciples were with the Lord

- He was **teaching** – although prohibited from going into the cities after He healed the leper.
- **Proclaiming** the message with authority and conviction as a herald
- **Healing** every kind of disease



... and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there. . .

- They were willing to listen – BUT – not willing to change.
- Application to us today: When we listen to the teaching of God’s Word, are we willing to change (in light of what we hear)?
- A willing attitude **to change** is the attitude we must have.

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- Jesus was dependent upon the Father for the power to heal.
  - It was the Father’s will for Him to cure during this particular time – the time when the Pharisees were sitting down listening to Him. It was a testimony to them that He was their Messiah.
  - Therein lies the purpose of the miracles – a testimony to His Messianic authority.
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**Mark 2:1-13**

**1** When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.

**2** And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.

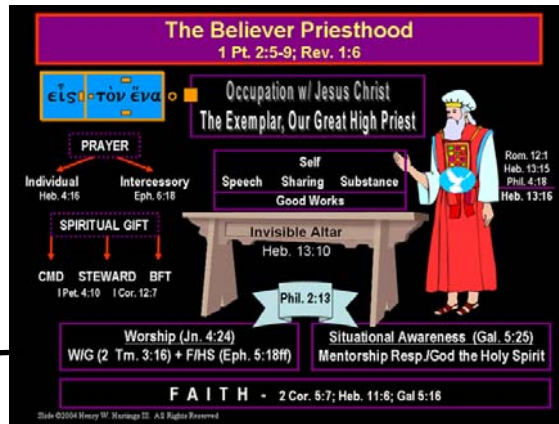
**3** And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men.

- Jesus is teaching.
- Pharisees were sitting and listening.
- It was God’s will for the Lord to heal.
- Four men bring in one who needs to be healed.

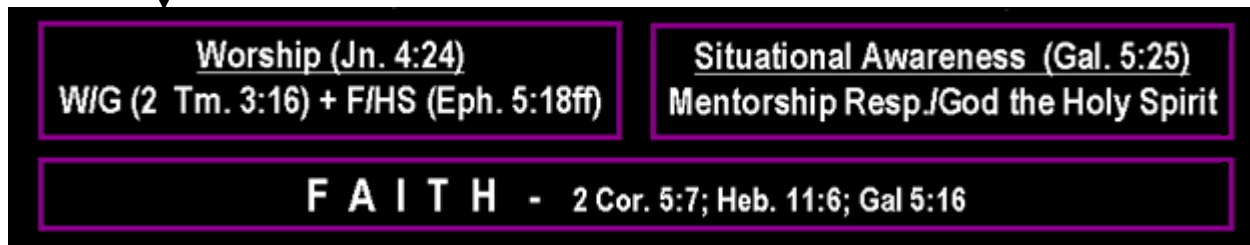
All going on at the same time

The providential hands of God are directing the circumstances without violating anyone's volition.

**POD – God always takes care of the details for the believer who is fulfilling Church Age protocol in executing the unique spiritual life.**



**An emphasis on the foundation**



4 Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.

There is a time lapse in between Mark 2:3 and 4 - - note Luke's account. **Luke 5:19** But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.

**POD – Positive volition always finds a way to hear what the Lord has to say in His Word.**

- The obstacles of life will not prevent you from taking in the infallible Word of God.

**Is your life organized around the intake of the word of God?**

- Just as the paralytic was "**lifted up**" by his friends, so we must lift up our fellow believers in intercessory prayer.

5 And Jesus **seeing their faith** said to the paralytic, "**Son, your sins are forgiven.**"

## **POD – Faith, trust and dependence in the Lord results in action that can be perceived by others.**

- This faith can serve as encouragement to others as well!

### **Pharisaical beliefs -**

1. That people suffered because of their personal sins
2. That God was the only One who had the prerogative to forgive sins
3. That God's forgiveness was prerequisite to physical healing or recovery
4. The Pharisees looked down on those in society who were ill as those who were paying for their sins.

The prerogative to forgive sins belongs to God and Jesus Christ had just claimed the right to forgive sin - - without offering a sacrifice.

This was never taught in the Law!

This starts a fire in the Pharisee.

- <sup>6</sup> But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,  
<sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"  
<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that **they were reasoning that way within themselves**, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?  
<sup>9</sup> "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'?"  
<sup>10</sup> "But so that you may know that the **Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the paralytic,  
<sup>11</sup> "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home."  
<sup>12</sup> And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."  
<sup>13</sup> And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

### **The title of "Son of Man":**

1. Was ascribed to a prophet – one ordained by God (Ezekiel 2:1; 36:1; Daniel 8:17).
2. Emphasized the genuine humanity of the person to whom it was ascribed (Ezekiel 40:4; Psalm 144:3; Daniel 7:13).
3. Jesus Christ referred to Himself as the Son of Man (Mark 2:10; Matthew 8:20; 20:28).
4. Therefore, the term signified that Jesus Christ was God's appointed representative for man.
  - Christ had to be fully man to represent man to God, and fully God to be the mediator between God and man.

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*