

WHEN PEOPLE MEET JESUS

The Paralytic

What's keeping you from Jesus?

- The CROWD
- Your CONDITION
- The CRITICS
- The COMPROMISERS

One day as Jesus was teaching...Some men arrived carrying a paraplegic on a stretcher. They were looking for a way to get into the house and set him before Jesus. When they couldn't find a way in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof, removed some tiles, and let him down in the middle of everyone,

right in front of Jesus.
Impressed by their bold belief,
he said, “Friend, I forgive your
sins.” That set the religion
scholars and Pharisees
buzzing. “Who does he think he
is? That’s blasphemous talk!
God and only God can forgive
sins.”

Jesus knew exactly what they were thinking and said, “Why all this gossipy whispering? Which is simpler: to say ‘I forgive your sins,’ or to say ‘Get up and start walking’? Well, just so it’s clear that I’m the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both...” He now spoke directly to the paraplegic:

“Get up. Take your bedroll and go home.” Without a moment’s hesitation, he did it—got up, took his blanket, and left for home, giving glory to God all the way. The people rubbed their eyes, incredulous—and then also gave glory to God. Awestruck, they said, “We’ve never seen anything like that!” Luke 5:17-26

Who do you identify with?

- The skeptics
- One of the friends
- The paralytic
- The crowd

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5. *Live in a way that represents a CHANGED-LIFE*

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One last thought: You can
“hide” from others, but God
knows your DEEPEST needs
and wants to meet you where
you HURT.