

Sunday, September 27, 2015  
**On The Stretcher**  
**Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man**  
**Luke 5:17-20**  
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1. At one time or another our condition could be described as broken, crippled and useless.
  
2. Our inability to change our condition results in our dependency to be delivered by another.
  
3. That deliverance will often require creativity and perseverance.
  
4. God's faithfulness results in our greatest need being met, not necessarily our most apparent or immediate.
  
5. When we get better let's also help others who may be on a stretcher.
  
6. You can be those hands and feet that carry someone before the feet of our Master Jesus.
  
7. Let Jesus see your faith. Faith without works is dead.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Describe a time when you or someone you know felt paralyzed, broken or trapped. How were you, or they, delivered?
2. What are some of the hindrances that prevent you from helping those found in a similar situation?
3. How does Jesus feel when we go out of our way to help others?
4. Have you ever been a "stretcher bearer" in your life? If so, what were the circumstances and how were you effected by the experience?

5. Sometimes our immediate and apparent needs are a symptom of a greater one. Can you describe what man's greatest need may be and what are some other needs that are symptoms pointing to that root cause?