

The Paralytic

No more excuses

Luke 5:17-36

When people met Jesus there was a life-changing response.

What's keeping you from engaging with Jesus?

1. The **CROWD**

2. Your **CIRCUMSTANCES**

3. The **HEART**

Luke 5:17-26

The desperation of the Paralytic and his Friends – Luke 5:19

Not only the paralytic, but his friends were so desperate to move through the crowd, climb onto the roof and lower him into the building – no matter the risk

The authority of Jesus

Jesus was so confident in his own identity and what he stood for, that he was willing to sound

‘weird or crazy’ to some people if it meant sharing Gods word.

1. The **CROWD**

We are in the world, not of the world.

Being confident in your position in Christ and knowing what you stand for, will give you the tools to stand against the critics in the crowd.

Matthew 5:11-12

2. Your **CIRCUMSTANCES**

We can become attached to our troubling circumstances because we’ve been dealing with it for so long and it’s become a part of how we live.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Philippians 4:7

Don’t let our circumstances be a reason why we become distant from Jesus, let them be a reason why we draw closer to Jesus.

Give thanks in all circumstances!

3. The HEART

Developing a hard or bitter heart because of hurt in the past directly affects our ability to engage with Jesus.

Ephesians 4:18

Mark 11:24

Have a childlike faith – keep it simple.

So, how do we overcome these limitations?

1. A DECISION

a) Decide to Desire

We need to desire to change. Jesus is a gentleman – he won't force his way into your life. He is going to wait until you are ready and willing.

Ephesians 4:22-24

b) Decide to Believe

It is so important to remember that our minds follow after our hearts.

Make the decision to believe he is who he says he is.

Who do you say he is?

c) Decide to Receive

We need to want Jesus to change us from the inside out.

We need to decide that we are healed in Jesus' name.

We have the power in Jesus' name to rebuke these things that bind us!

And in doing so we claim all authority and healing that we have in Jesus' name.

2. COMMUNITY

We were created to be in relationship with God and one another.

1 Peter 4:8-10

Who are you allowing to determine your identity?

Ephesians 4:12

Matthew 18:20

3. VULNERABILITY

In order for Jesus to touch our lives, we need to allow him to enter in.

We want to know and be known.

Vulnerability is so important in getting to know Jesus.

He wants us to come before him as we are.

Conclusion

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He was NOT limited by the roadblocks

1. **CROWD**
2. **CIRCUMSTANCE**
3. **HEART**

He overcame these road blocks:

1. ***DECIDE***
 - He decided to desire
 - He decided to believe
 - He decided to receive
2. ***HE HAD COMMUNITY***
3. ***HE BECAME VULNERABLE WITH JESUS***