



**THE FANTASTIC
FOUR**

Mk. 2:1-12

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9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.



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I. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE IT IS AVAILABLE

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A. Realize the Necessity of Nearness to Christ

Isa. 55:6 Seek ye the LORD **while he may be found**, call ye upon him **while he is near**:

Jas. 4:8a **“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...”**

Christians must stay close to Christ in order to bring others to Him!

B. Recognize that the Needy Need Christ, Mk. 2:3 “...they come unto him, **bringing one sick of the palsy...**”

Original Word: παραλυτικός

Transliteration: paralutikos

Short Definition: afflicted with paralysis

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3885.htm>

palsy - *n.*

Complete or partial muscle paralysis, often accompanied by loss of sensation and uncontrollable body movements or tremors.

palsy. (n.d.). The American Heritage® Stedman's Medical Dictionary. Retrieved October 31, 2015, from Dictionary.com website: <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/palsy>

The lost are spiritually paralyzed. They need the spiritually healthy to help them come to Christ!

1 Cor. 2:14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.**

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.**

Job 24:12a Men groan from out of the city, and **the soul of the wounded crieth out:**

2 Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For **we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

II. SOLVE THE OBSTACLES WHEN THEY ARISE

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A. The Expectation for a Christian

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.

1. Obstacles are opportunities to exercise our faith.

Eph. 6:10-17 teach us to be prepared for battle!

2. Obstacles are opportunities to expose our faith.

Lu. 8:25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, **What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.**

Experienced sailors became fearful when facing the obstacle of a storm.

3. Obstacles are opportunities for extraction, by faith.

“...and **when they had broken it up**, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.”

Original Word: ἐξορύσσω

Transliteration: exorussó

Definition: (a) I dig out, hence: I open up, (b) I gouge.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1846.htm>

Mk. 2:5a “When **Jesus saw their faith...**”

B. The Example of Christ

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- v. 5 Jesus saw “their faith” – a collective effort
- v. 5 Jesus spoke to the sick one, personally, and forgave his sins
- vs. 6-7 The religious crowd questioned the integrity of the Savior
- v. 8 Jesus questioned the reasoning in their hearts.
- vs. 9-10 The perspective from Jesus: “I can do one or the other just as easily, but I want all of you to know something VERY important – the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins...”

III. SEE THE OBJECTIVE WORTH THE ATTEMPT

Mk. 2:11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

A. The Result – “...immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth...”

B. The Reward – “...they were all amazed, and glorified God...”

Conclusion

- They put feet upon their faith.
- Their actions helped another.
- Their faith in action caused others to glorify God.
- They were Fantastic Four because they honored God!

"Expect great things; attempt great things," William Carey
<http://www.wmcarey.edu/carey/expect/>

EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD: ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD –
when we are in fellowship with Him, doing His will, for His glory!

Jas. 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**

Gal. 5:6 “For in Jesus **Christ...faith which worketh by love.**”

1 Jn. 4:19 **We love him, because he first loved us.**