

A close-up photograph of a lit lantern. The lantern is made of clear glass with a black metal frame. The light inside is a warm, yellow-orange color, creating a soft glow. The background is a dark, textured red surface.

Carry the Light

Luke 5:17-26

“Carry the Lost to the Light”

Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay *him* before him.

19 And when they could not find by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.



21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.



I. Love for the Lost

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalms 105:1 O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.



Matthew 5:13-15

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to trodden under the foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house, Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



II. Faith in the Father

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

III. Persistence despite Pains

2 Chronicles 15:7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.



Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing:
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Hebrews 12:1-3 Wherefore seeing we also are
compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let
us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so
easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race
that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and
finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before
him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set
down at the right hand of the throne of God. For
consider him that endured such contradiction of
sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and
faint in your minds.



a. Crippled

b. Crowds

c. Critics

IV. Creativity for the Community

V. Sacrifice for the Savior

Luke 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.



Mat 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all [men], as every man had need.

