

# TRUSTING GOD

Soul-winning  
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*“The Interruption that Pleases Jesus”*

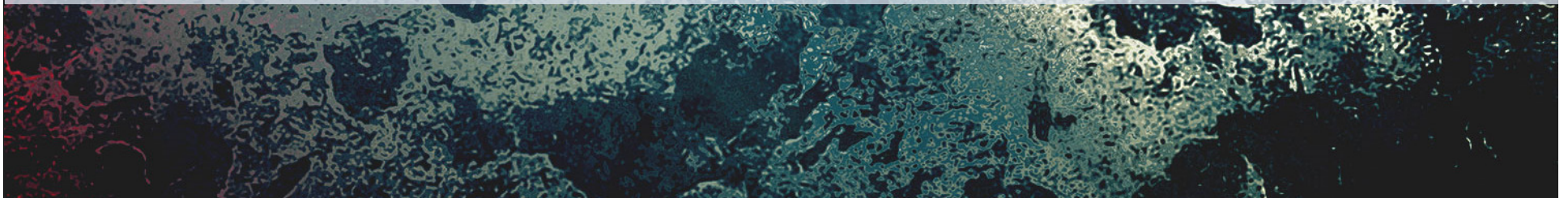
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3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When **Jesus saw their faith**, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, **thy sins be forgiven thee.**



## Review

When asked if they have a personal responsibility to share their faith with others, 73% of born again Christians said yes. When this conviction is put into practice, however, the numbers shift downward. Only half (52%) of born again Christians say they actually did share the Gospel at least once this past year to someone with different beliefs, in the hope that they might accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

<https://www.barna.com/research/is-evangelism-going-out-of-style/>

Mark 2:2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that **there was no room to receive them**, no, not so much as about the door: and **he preached the word unto them**.

In the midst of Jesus' ministry, there was an interruption that changed the focus of everything. Someone was breaking up the roof and lowering a man on a bed into the room.

## I. THE EFFORT REQUIRED

### A. The Opportunity for a Solution

Mark 2:1 And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and **it was noised that he was in the house.**

Luke 5:18 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*.**

- Before anyone comes to Christ, they must hear that He can deliver them.

Rom. 10:17 So then **faith *cometh by hearing***, and hearing by the word of God.

- Our responsibility is get them the Word! (“...and they sought *means* to bring him in...”)

Rom. 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?**

## B. The Obstacles to that Solution

Luke 5:18 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.

- The first obstacle was the palsy.

## Palsy

**PAL'SY**, *noun* s as z. [supposed to be contracted from Gr. relaxation; to loosen or relax.] The loss or defect of the power of voluntary muscular motion in the whole body, or in a particular part; paralysis. When one side only of the body is affected, it is called hemiplegy. When the lower part of the body is **paralytic**, it is called paraplegy. *Palsy* may be a loss of the power of motion without a loss of sensation, or a loss of sensation without loss of motion, or a loss of both.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/palsy>

- Those who realize their frailty (sin sickness) will seek a solution with the Savior!



Mt. 9:10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.**

13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

- The next obstacle encountered was the crowd.

Luke 5:19 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.

- They were persistent! They found a way to overcome another obstacle!

“Eagles find a way. Turkeys just flock around and keep looking down.”

- All five men walked by faith! (20) “And when **he saw their faith...**”

## II. THE EXPLANATION REVEALED

A. The Solution was Forgiveness – (v. 20b) “...he said unto him, **Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.**”

Acts 26:18 **To open their eyes, and to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from the power of Satan unto God*, that they may **receive forgiveness of sins**, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**



Rom. 4:7 *Saying, **Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.***

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;

### B. The Scribes were Flustered

Luke 5:21 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?**

C. The Savior was Focused – (v. 24) “But that ye may know that **the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins...**”

Luke 5:23 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.

**Original Word:** οἶδα

**Transliteration:** eídó

**Definition:** I know, remember, appreciate.

*eídō (oida)* – properly, to *see* with *physical* eyes (cf. Ro 1:11), as it naturally bridges to the *metaphorical* sense: *perceiving* ("mentally seeing"). This is akin to the expressions: "I see what You mean"; "I see what you are saying."

*eídō* ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is a *gateway* to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane. (*eídō*) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (*comprehension*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/1492.htm>

### III. THE ETERNAL RESULT

#### A. The Eternal Investment for a Temporary Interruption

Luke 5:25 And immediately **he rose up** before them, and **took up** that whereon he lay, **and departed to his own house...**”

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature***: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Luke 8:35 Then **they went out to see what was done**; and **came to Jesus**, and **found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.**

## B. The Temporal Interruption for an Investment in Eternity

Luke 5:25 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.

Mt. 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 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.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may **see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven**.

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;** so shall ye be my disciples.

- Overcoming our obstacles to witness for the Lord is a victory over our shallow selfishness.

1 Jn. 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

- Failure to witness is a denial of Christ.

Mt. 10:33 But whosoever shall **deny me before men**, him will **I also deny before my Father** which is in heaven.

Mt. 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

2 Tim. 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: **if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:**

Titus 1:16 **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him***, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

## Conclusion

- Winning someone to Christ authenticates our discipleship, and brings honor to Christ throughout eternity!

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Dan. 12:3 And **they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.