

“Unshackled”

Luke 5:17-26

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Introduction

- “Free to move around the country”
- Mobility impaired for 5.5 million Americans through Paralysis
- Background—Setting the scene
 - The place—Jesus or Simon’s home?
 - The crowd makeup—Pharisees and “teachers of the law”
 - Presence of the power to heal

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A. The Physically “Shackled” Man—Luke 5:18-26

1. **FAITH** of the man and his friends—5:18-20a
2. **FORGIVENESS** from Jesus—5:20b-24
 - a. Correlation between “forgiveness” and “healing”?
 - 1) Rabbinic view of sin and sickness
 - 2) Biblical teaching concerning sin and sickness
 - a) Particular illness could be a result of specific sins. Exod. 15:26; Deut. 28:60; 1 Cor. 11:29; James 5:15-16
 - b) Particular illness not necessarily a result of personal sin. John 9:2-3
 - c) All sickness caused by original sin and curse.
 - b. Claim by Jesus: “I have the power to forgive sins!”
 - c. Condemnation by the Religious Elite—5:21
 - 1) Only God can forgive sin!
 - 2) Jesus is claiming to do something that only God can do. Therefore he is guilty of Blasphemy!
 - d. Confirmation of the Claim of Jesus—5:22-24
 - 1) Which is easier? Forgive or heal?
 - 2) Jesus will do the harder to prove that he is able to do the easier—the external will prove the internal!
3. **FREEDOM** through Christ—5:25-26

B. The Spiritually “Shackled Men”—the Pharisees and Scribes

1. Shackled by their traditions and sin
2. Unshackled through faith in Christ and obedience to His teaching