

The Healing Power Of Focused Faith Luke 5:17-26

I. Focused faith requires the **power** of God.

Luke 5:17 – On one of those days while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea, and also from Jerusalem. And the Lord's power to heal was in him. (CSB)

2 Corinthians 13:4 – For he was crucified in weakness, but he lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by God's power. (CSB)

Romans 14:4 – Who are you to judge another's household servant? Before his own Lord he stands or falls. And he will stand, because the Lord is able to make him stand. (CSB)

II. Focused faith requires **persistence**.

Luke 5:18-20 – ¹⁸Just then some men came, carrying on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed. They tried to bring him in and set him down before him. ¹⁹Since they could not find a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the roof tiles into the middle of the crowd before Jesus. ²⁰Seeing their faith he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” (CSB)

Galatians 6:2 – Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (CSB)

James 2:18 – But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works. (CSB)

III. Focused faith requires **penitence**.

Luke 21- ²¹Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to think to themselves: “Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²²But perceiving their thoughts, Jesus replied to them, “Why are you thinking this in your hearts? ²³Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he told the paralyzed man, “I tell you: Get up, take your stretcher, and go home.” (CSB)

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 – ⁹I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. ¹⁰For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. (NASB)

IV. Focused faith requires **praise**.

Luke 5:25-26 – ²⁵Immediately he got up before them, picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. ²⁶Then everyone was astounded, and they were giving glory to God. And they were filled with awe and said, “We have seen incredible things today.” (CSB)

Hebrews 12:28-29 – ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire. (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

To whom are you a **stretcher bearer**?

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