**The Paralyzed People I Know**

*Micah 7:18-20; Luke 5:17-26*

What does it say about Jesus’ ministry that Pharisees and Teachers of the Law from “every village in Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem” had come to listen to Him teach (Luke 5:17)? Why does Luke add the element of healing in with teaching in verse 17?

How was the faith and love of the paralytic’s friends demonstrated (Luke 5:18-19)? How does that work for us (Matthew 25:34-40)?

Why is Jesus’ response to the faith of the paralytic’s friends to say to the paralytic, “your sins are forgiven” (Luke 5:20)? Their faith was for Jesus to heal the man. What is the connection between his physical needs and his sins (John 9:1-5; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32)?

The Pharisees were right that only God can forgive sins. What were they not getting or believing (Luke 5:21-24; Romans 1:1-4)?

For which friends (on your My World list) do you have **faith** to bring them to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins? How might your **healing** grace and love send them toward Jesus?