

THE GOOD DOCTOR

The Gospel of Luke



THESE ARE MY FRIENDS

Luke 5:17-26

(Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12)

A. THE FIRST ACT (17-21)

1. THE TENSION (17)

- Teacher (Jesus)
- Observers (Pharisees and Teachers of the Law)
- Power of the Lord

2. THE FRIENDS (18-19)

- Compassion
- Creativity
- Cooperation

3. THE FIRST MIRACLE (20-21)

- Jesus Saw (their faith)
- Jesus Acted (forgave the paralyzed man)
- Jesus Confronted (by the Scribes/Pharisees)

B. THE SECOND ACT (22-24)

1. THE SECOND RESPONSE OF JESUS (22-24)

- Jesus perceives their thoughts
- Jesus confronts their hearts
- Jesus tells the paralyzed man to rise and walk

C. THE THIRD ACT (25-26)

1. THE "DROP THE MIC" MOMENT (25-26)

- Man Obeys Jesus/Glorifies God
- Crowd is Amazed/Glorifies God
- The conversations begin/filled with awe

Luke 5:17-26 On one of those days, as he was teaching, **Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem.** And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.

¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.

²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "**Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?**"

²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "**Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?** ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."

²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "**We have seen extraordinary things today.**"

Proverbs 27:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Philippians 2:8-11 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Discussion Questions

- Read Luke 5:18-19. Do you have friends that respond to you when you are in need with compassion, creativity, and cooperation? Discuss.
- Read Luke 5:20-24. Which miracle do you think had the most impact on this man? Discuss.
- Read Luke 25-26. The response of the man and crowd to the miracle is the same - they glorified God. When God does something amazing in your life do you glorify God? What does that look like? Discuss.
- Pray for God to help you see the miracles in your life and thank for the people that step in and support you when you need them.