

Luke 5:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Behold men brought in bed man which was taken with palsy they sought to bring him in and lay him before. Behold idou attention-getter. Men andres multiple bearers. Brought pherontes carrying. In bed klinēs mat pallet. Man which was taken paralyzed. Palsy paralelymenos paralytic. Sought ezētoun imperfect continuous effort. Bring him eisenegkein get inside. Lay him theinai place. Before enōpion autou before Him in His presence. Persistent faith overcomes obstacles. Friends determined to get paralytic to Jesus. Crowd blocked entrance. Desperation creativity ingenuity. Brought friend shows caring community. Corporate intercession. Faith demonstrated through action. Reformed theology affirms faith without works is dead. True faith acts. These men example of persistent intercessory prayer. Would not accept obstacles. Believed Jesus could heal. Brought friend to only source of help.

Historical Context

Palestinian houses flat roofs external stairs mud plaster clay easily dug through. Carrying paralytic on mat four men according to Mark 2:3. Crowd so dense could not get through door. Friends determination remarkable risked property damage social embarrassment for friend healing. True friendship sacrifices for others good. Paralytic helpless dependent on friends. Picture of spiritual condition sinners cannot come to God on own need others to bring them pray for them present gospel. Early church emphasized community responsibility for one another. Each

member gifts contributes. Modern individualistic Christianity sometimes neglects corporate responsibility mutual care. Small groups community essential for spiritual health.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does friends determination to overcome obstacles teach about persistent intercessory prayer for others salvation?
2. How does paralytic complete dependence on friends picture our need for Christian community and intercessory ministry?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἰδού,	ἄνδρες	φέροντες	ἐπὶ	κλίνης	ἄνθρωπον	ὅς
And	behold	men	brought	in	a bed	a man	which
G2532	G2400	G435	G5342	G1909	G2825	G444	G3739
ἦν	παραλελυμένος	καὶ	ἐζήτουν	αὐτοῦ	εἰσενεγκεῖν	καὶ	
was	taken with a palsy	And	they sought	him	in	And	
G2258	G3886	G2532	G2212	G846	G1533	G2532	
θεῖναι	ἐνώπιον	αὐτοῦ					
to lay	him before	him					
G5087	G1799	G846					

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