

Luke 5:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

Analysis

When could not find by what way they might bring him because multitude went upon housetop let him down through tiling with couch into midst before Jesus. Could not find couch heurontes no way. By what way poias impossible. Might bring eisenegkōsin get him inside. Because dia with accusative due to. Multitude ochlon crowd. Went anabantes ascended climbed. Upon housetop epi to dōma roof. Let down kathēkan lowered. Through dia with genitive by means of. Tiling keramōn roof tiles. With couch syn tō klinidiō on stretcher. Into midst eis to meson center. Before enōpion in front of. Jesus tou Iēsou. Extraordinary faith finds extraordinary means. Roof access via external stairs. Dug through mud plaster (Mark) or removed tiles (Luke). Lowered friend interrupting teaching. Bold faith does not wait for permission. Urgent need demands immediate action. Reformed theology recognizes God blesses bold faith. Abraham interceded for Sodom. Jacob wrestled with God. Canaanite woman persisted. Persistent faith honors God.

Historical Context

This interruption must have been dramatic. Teaching ongoing suddenly roof opening paralytic lowered. Jesus did not rebuke interruption but commended faith. Modern church sometimes values order over urgency. Proper reverence good but should not prevent desperate souls from reaching Jesus. This account

demonstrates creative faith obstacles do not deter true believers. Later church history many examples of creative evangelism. Francis of Assisi preached to birds when denied access to churches. Reformers used printing press music art to spread gospel. Modern missions uses technology media innovation. Methods may be unconventional as long as message is biblical. Form flexible content fixed.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does creative problem-solving of friends teach about letting nothing prevent bringing people to Jesus?
2. How should church balance order and reverence with accessibility for desperate seekers?

Interlinear Text

καὶ μὴ εύρόντες διὰ ποίας εἰσενέγκωσιν αὐτὸν
And not find because what in him
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διὰ τὸν ὄχλον ἀναβάντες ἐπὶ τὸ δῶμα
because of the multitude they went upon the house top
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διὰ τῶν κεράμων καθῆκαν αὐτὸν σὺν τῷ κλινιδίῳ
because the tiling and let him with G3588 his couch
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εἰς τὸ μέσον ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ Ἰησοῦ
into the midst before G3588 Jesus
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 2:4 (Parallel theme): And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

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