

Be In God's Service

“One day as He was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” (Luke 5:17-20)

God's love is for everyone, and is unlimited. He gave His only and One Son Jesus Christ as atonement for our sins. Such unconditional and sacrificial love of God to us when we receive it will change us and transform us, and will help us to start to love Him and to love others around us. Jesus great love was manifested on the cross when He carried our sins and shame, and suffered the pain of crucifixion to save us and to give us that new life and life to the full.

Such great love of the Lord toward us will drive us and motivate us to love Him and to serve Him by carrying His love to others. In the above passage that we read it shows us clearly the love of God in action. While the Lord Jesus Christ was teaching and the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick, He healed that paralytic man and let him go home walking as we can read, ***“He said to the paralysed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” Immediately He stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.” (Luke 5: 24-25)***

Jesus Christ came to destroy the work of the devil; one of this work of the devil is sicknesses, but in the name of Jesus there is healing from sicknesses. Jesus Christ died for our sins, and by His wounds we are healed. The Lord Jesus gives eternal life and brings deliverance, freedom, healing and life to the full to those how belongs to Him.

Now we found four people who had experience that great love of God are bringing one paralytic man to the Lord; that God's love transformed them to be an instrument of righteousness to bring others to Him.

1) God's love gives the initiative: The real love of God in the heart of those four men gave them the initiative to do something good that the Lord had planned for. They took the initiative to take care of that man by bring him to God's care and Jesus love.

2) God's love brings unity: The four men united with one mind. The mind of Christ and one thought, to love others and help them. That help was in the form of bringing that paralytic man who was in need right in front of Jesus.

3) God's love gives compassion: Those who belong to Jesus they have in their hearts the compassion and the pain for others. They feel the need and the pain of the people who are suffering being away from God's grace and love that is through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4) God's love overcome obstacles: To sever God and to bring people to Him it might not be an easy task and in most of the cases you will face hindrances trying to stop you to do God's work. Hence in this event of the healing of the paralytic man, the place was crowded and no way to bring the man to Jesus. Things may hinder you and try to block you from serving God. Apostle Paul wrote to the church of God in Thessalonians the following, ***“For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did again and again –but Satan stopped us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:18)*** Here we found Paul was stopped by Satan from visiting the church. In the same way those four men who brought the paralytic man to Jesus where hindered by the crowd to enter. What we learn from this is the following: It is a normal matter to find something hinder you or try to stop you. You should not be discouraged; you may get disturbed for a short time but take heart this is a normal thing to those who do His will and perform His work. Surely the Lord will help them and guide them and will gave them the success in their mission in serving Him.

5) God's love gives the creativity: Even when there was no way to bring that paralytic man inside to Jesus because of the crowd, God gave them the wisdom and the creativity to bring him to Jesus by lowering him on his mat through the tiles into middle of the crowd right in front of Jesus.

6) God's love gives faith: The service of those men to bring that paralytic man to Jesus was based on their faith unto Him that He can heal whatever sickness and He can deal with whatever problem. And that faith brought them to do that action and service to God. They have faith in Jesus that He is willing to forgive whatever sin and He can change the people and transform their lives from whatever condition they are into His image and likeness.

My dear and beloved: Those who served the Lord and brought that paralytic man they witnessed a great healing miracle of the Lord. The same will be to those who serve God by bringing people to Him; they will enjoy great miracles and they will have a life full of excitements and great events. You would be one of them if you would put your trust in God and be willing to serve Him as you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I trust you and I commit my life unto your hand to serve you and bring others unto you. Lord help me, guide me, encourage me and support me to do this task. Thanking you Lord for all your love to me, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*