

## A REAL “LET DOWN”

Luke 5.12-26

In continuing to introduce us to Jesus, Luke shows how Jesus revealed humanity’s deepest need and what we can do to address it.

- Jesus teaches that our main problem is a **SPIRITUAL ONE**.

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” v20*

- A faith that pleases Jesus is one that is **ACTIVE**.

*<sup>14</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? <sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, <sup>16</sup> and you say, “Good -bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?*

*<sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.*

*<sup>18</sup> Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”*

*<sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless? ... <sup>24</sup>...we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.*

James 2.14-20, 24 NLT

- A faith that pleases Jesus is one that is **PERSISTENT**.

*When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof... v19*

- A faith that pleases Jesus will be **REWARDED**.

*They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.” v26*

*So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!*  
Hebrews 10.35 NLT

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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