

**FUSION HOUSE CHURCH RESOURCES**  
**30 DAYS OF PRAYER GOSPEL MEDIATION**  
***Friends Bring a Paralytic to Jesus***

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."

You are encouraged to interact with the above passage. You may want to refer to the article, "Imaginative Meditation" (FHC Booklet).

As Fusion House Churches, we have begun with 30 Days of Prayer for discerning areas of activism within our city.

Who was found in need in this passage? What needs did you see?  
How did Jesus approach the need? How did you perceive Jesus' reaction to the need?  
How may your time in meditation spur you toward awareness of needs around you?  
How may your time in meditation lead you toward similar action?