



Small Group Notes
#4 JESUS: The Healer
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Luke 5:17-25

In Sunday's sermon we saw how the faith of a few friends radically transformed the life of their buddy. In Luke 15 some guys ripped up the roof, lowered their friend to Jesus who then forgave his sins and healed him. This type of 'don't quit' faith is very encouraging. In fact having a faith that will not quit, persevering in the face of opposition is demonstrated time and again in the bible. In this week's study we will look at one of the most famous passages of scripture that demonstrates to us faith that will not quit, that perseverance that keeps going in spite of all obstacles.

1) Read: **Hebrews 12:1-3**

- a. Discuss the key concepts that jump out at you from these verses.
Discuss words like: throw off, hinders, entangles, run, perseverance, etc.
as they relate to our spiritual journey.
- b. What is the reason, as given in verse 3 we are to fix our eyes only on Jesus?
- c. Why do you think so many believers lose heart in their spiritual life?

2) Read: **Hebrews 11:35-38**

- a. Discuss the kinds of difficulties and trials that some of these believers faced.
- b. What are some of the trials we face as believers today?

3) Read: **Hebrews 11:39**

- a. What acknowledgement are they given in this verse?
- b. How does your understanding of this verse help you as you persevere in your Christian faith?

4) Read: **Hebrews 11:40**

- a. Discuss how it is that we often fail to understand that there is something better than this life that God has planned for us.
- b. If we understood that this life, its loves, its joys, its rewards are very temporary ...how would that help us persevere for Christ?
- c. What did Jesus learn and how did he learn it as written in Hebrews 5:8?
- d. Based on the above verse what do you think God's primary means of teaching us obedience is?
- e. What are we going to receive and how do we get it according to Hebrews 10:36?
- f. Based on the ideas contained in this lesson discuss the following statement:

**“What you do for God is not nearly as important
as what you become while you are doing it”**

g. How does understanding this statement help you put this temporary earthly life in perspective with God's eternity?

- 5) What are some areas in your life where you could use some support in persevering?
- a. What are you most burdened with to come in faith to Christ? If you can, please share this with your group and have the group commit to support you in this through prayer.
 - b. What other ways could you be a support for each other so that your faith would remain strong in face of the obstacles of life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Pray for the **Dominican mission trip** – 10 of our church family have gone to Go Make a Difference (May 5-13). Pray for safety, open doors, and the Lord to move mightily.
2. Pray for the mission to **Attawapiskat** June 1st.
3. **YOUTHBUCKS** event before and after church next Sunday, on Mother's Day May 14th! Treat your mom or friend or yourself to sweet treats and drinks and help the CORE youth with their fundraiser for their **OVERFLOW** Conference the following weekend. (There will be a cost for coffee just this week).
4. Christian musicians **Dan Bremnes and Love and the Outcome** are presenting a concert here at All Nations Church Wednesday May 17th at 7 p.m. Tickets only \$15. Available at the Giving Centre on Sundays or at the church office during the week.
5. **Summer Needs:**
 - a. Church cleaners (weekday)
 - b. Courtyard Café preparers/servers (Sunday mornings)
Can you help out even once a month until September? (and beyond if you'd like!) Please see Ginny or Gail in the office.