

A SERMON FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
PAONA

A Friend that Heals

*“When He saw their faith, He said to him, ‘Man, your
sins are forgiven you.’”*

LUKE 5 : 20

I n t r o d u c t i o n

The faith of the four

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*Then behold, men
brought on a bed a man
who was paralyzed...*

LUKE 5 : 18

*When He saw their
faith, He said to him,
“Man, your sins are
forgiven you.”*

LUKE 5 : 20

Am I a friend that heals?

PART ONE

Misjudging What Helps

Ways I might think I'm helping — but am not.

ONE — MISJUDGING WHAT HELPS

Validating Despair

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Do you still hold fast to your integrity?

Curse God and die!

JOB 2 : 9 — HIS WIFE'S COUNSEL

ONE — MISJUDGING WHAT HELPS

Godly Restraint

*... but the disciples
rebuked them.*

MARK 10 : 13

*Let the little children
come to Me, and do not
forbid them; for of such
is the kingdom of God.*

MARK 10 : 14

ONE — MISJUDGING WHAT HELPS

Sparing a Necessary Hardship

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*Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not
happen to You!*

MATTHEW 16 : 22 — PETER'S REBUKE

He thought to spare the Lord the cross — the very thing that
would save the world.

ONE — MISJUDGING WHAT HELPS

Seeing a Need and Passing By

... passed by on the other side.

LUKE 10 : 31

Which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?

LUKE 10 : 36

PART TWO

Being a Friend that Heals

How I exercise the friendship that carries others toward Christ.

TWO — BEING A FRIEND THAT HEALS

Offer Help Without Being Asked

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Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

GALATIANS 6 : 2

The paralytic never asked to be carried. A healing friendship takes the initiative.

TWO — BEING A FRIEND THAT HEALS

Be Present — Show Empathy

Jesus wept.

JOHN 11 : 35

He had the cure in hand — and wept anyway.

*Where you go, I will go ...
your people shall be my
people, and your God, my
God.*

RUTH 1 : 16

She had no cure at all — and offered her presence.

TWO — BEING A FRIEND THAT HEALS

Prioritize Their Salvation

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Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack ... come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

MARK 10 : 21

The Lord did not prioritize his approval, but his salvation — and that gave the friendship its direction.

TWO — BEING A FRIEND THAT HEALS

Bringing Them to Christ, Not Merely to Relief

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Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales ... and he arose and was baptized.

ACTS 9 : 18

Christ is the only true physician. To bring them to Christ is to bring them to His Church.

S U M M A R Y

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WHERE I MIGHT THINK I'M HELPING

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HOW I BECOME A FRIEND THAT HEALS

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