

# THE PRIORITY FORGIVEN part 1

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*One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man 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."*

*The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*

*Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the paralyzed 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. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." Luke 5:17-26 (TNIV)*

**GOD'S PRIORITY IS OUR FORGIVENESS.**

**JESUS WAS GOD IN THE FLESH, AND WANTS US TO KNOW HE CAN FORGIVE OUR SINS.**

**YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.**

**DON'T ASK HOW MUCH FAITH YOU HAVE - ASK "DO I BELIEVE?" IT IS NOT A MATTER OF HOW MUCH FAITH YOU HAVE - BUT RATHER WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF YOUR FAITH?**

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**FORGIVENESS MEANS: LET IT GO; LEAVE IT BEHIND; DISREGARD; ABANDON.**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH...**

### **Celebrate Recovery—Offering Recovery for Wives of Sexually Addicted Husbands**

Celebrate Recovery—our Christ-centered 12 Step ministry—helps women seek an understanding of their own personal issues, so as to confront their own denial and behavior while gaining insight and understanding into their husband's sexual addiction. CR meets every Friday evening in the Warehouse (Shiloh entrance, Building B). Join us for dinner at 6 p.m., large group at 7 p.m., small groups at 8 p.m. and coffee fellowship at 9 p.m. Contact Annie at 655.1760 for additional information. Childcare is provided.