

**A Season of Transformation**  
**Sermon Outline**  
**January 13, 2019**

Text – **Matthew 9: 1-8**

Reading Schedule:

<b>Sunday</b>	1/13	<i>Proverbs Ch. 13; Matthew 9: 1-17</i>
<b>Monday</b>	1/14	<i>Proverbs Ch. 14; Matthew 9: 18-37</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/15	<i>Proverbs Ch. 15; Matthew 8: 1-17</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/16	<i>Proverbs Ch. 16; Matthew 8: 18-34</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	1/17	<i>Proverbs Ch. 17; Matthew 3: 1-17</i>
<b>Friday</b>	1/18	<i>Proverbs Ch. 18; Matthew 4: 1-17</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	1/19	<i>Proverbs Ch. 19; Matthew 4: 18-25</i>

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**Matthew 9: 1-8** – *Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town.<sup>(B)</sup> <sup>2</sup> Some men brought to him a paralyzed man,<sup>(C)</sup> lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith,<sup>(D)</sup> he said to the man, “Take heart,<sup>(E)</sup> son; your sins are forgiven.”<sup>(F)</sup>*

<sup>3</sup> *At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”<sup>(G)</sup>*

<sup>4</sup> *Knowing their thoughts,<sup>(H)</sup> Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? <sup>6</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man<sup>(I)</sup> has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So, he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>7</sup> Then the man got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God,<sup>(J)</sup> who had given such authority to man.*

**TRANSFORMATION IS THE GRACE OF GOD THAT MEETS ME WHERE I AM TO GIVE ME WHAT I NEED TO BE WHO GOD CREATED ME TO BE!**

As Jesus is on his way to the cross at Golgotha, He reveals His identity to the world as he demonstrates the transforming grace of God in the lives of those meets. He meets their needs. He heals their hurts. He facilitates abundance in their lives!

Those who receive, receive freely. They don't earn what they receive. They don't work for what they receive. They don't even deserve what they receive. They receive it because it is the nature of Jesus Christ to love and care for His Creation. It is the nature of God to extend GRACE!

A healed leper – grace!

A centurion's Servant healed – grace!

Peter's mother-in-law healed – grace!

The demon possessed men delivered – grace!

Then we come to today's passage.

1. **Matthew 9:1-2** - *“Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. **Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith,** he said to the man, *“Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”*”*
2. What do all the recipients of miracles have in common?
  - a. They all received what they needed from Christ
  - b. They were no longer the same.
  - c. They all first recognized in Jesus, the grace of God to give them what they needed.
3. Example: the woman who was subject to bleeding for 12 years knew if she could get to Jesus, God would heal her. She recognized God's grace and Acted on it. That is a working definition of faith.

**4. PRINCIPLE #1 – FAITH IS SEEING GOD’S GRACE (unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor toward me) FOR MY CIRCUMSTANCES AND ACTING ON IT!**

5. **Matthew 9:20-22** - *Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.” Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.*

- a. Jesus’ response to the woman was, “Daughter, your faith has made you whole.
- b. Jesus saw the men’s action of bringing the paralyzed man as “their faith”.

**2. PRINCIPLE #2 – When You See God’s Grace, He Sees Your Faith (Joseph Prince)**

- a. They all depended on God in their circumstances.
  - i. Not their obedience, goodness, service, or even their own faith.
  - ii. They depended solely on God and acted out of their dependency on God only to meet them right where they were with what they needed to be who God created them to be.
- b. They then acted on their dependency on God.
- c. Joseph Prince says, “That’s when God’s promises become sure in our lives.”
- d. That’s when transformation takes place in a life or in a family or in a church.

### 3. INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP