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*17 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." (ESV)*

**1. Rethink** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.17-19)

**2. See** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.20-25)

**3. Be** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.26)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Colossians 3:1-2** and **2 Corinthians 4:18**. What are some of the “transient” or “earthly” things that can, and sometimes do become too important or too urgent in your life?
2. Read **Luke 10:38-42**. What will you do to ensure that you keep your priorities straight, seeking and valuing the things God has told us are most important?
3. Read **Psalms 32:1-7**. Describe some of the long-term and short-term benefits of being sure you are forgiven?
4. Read **1 Peter 1:3-9**. How can temporal trials and difficulties (and thus unanswered prayers) be used to bolster confidence regarding eternal things?
5. Read **Psalms 103:1-14**. What can be learned from this passage that will help your worship be more sincere and specific?

## **The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:**

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 13-16 & Ac. 18*

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 17-18 & Ac. 19:1-20*

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 19-21 & Ac. 19:21-41*

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 22-24 & Ac. 20:1-16*

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 25-27 & Ac. 20:17-38*

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 28-30 & Ac. 21:1-14*

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps. 31-33 & Ac. 21:5-40*

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Ps. 34-35 & Ac. 22*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).*

Msg. # 10-18 – **Praying Through the Pain**

Msg. # 12-23 – **Count Your Blessings**

Msg. # 05-32 – **The Costs & Benefits of the Incarnation**

Msg. # 07-63 – **The Day God Nailed Our Sins to the Cross**

Msg. # 11-39 – **Gratitude: The Gift for the One Who Has Everything**

Msg. # 05-38 – **Anchoring Our Thanksgiving in What Matters Most**

Msg. # 08-07 – **Purposeful Praise: Rejuvenating Your Christian Life**

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.

DeMoss, Nancy. **The Attitude of Gratitude: Developing a Thankful Heart**. Life Action Ministries, 2000.

Hutchinson, John. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times**. Kregel, 2005.

Jarrell, Jane. **50 Ways to a Thankful Heart**. Harvest House, 2000. *[This book is designed to help children learn to be grateful.]*

Lutz, Susan. **Thankfulness: Even When It Hurts**. P & R, 2002.

Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.

Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.

Rainey, Barbara. **Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**. Crossway Books, 2003.

Ryken, Philip. **When You Pray: Making the Lord's Prayer Your Own**. Crossway Books, 2000.

Spurgeon, Charles. **Power in Praising God**. Whitaker House, 1998.

Strauss, Lehman. **Sense and Nonsense About Prayer**. Moody Press, 1974.

Thrasher, Bill. **A Journey to Victorious Praying: Finding Your Discipline & Delight in Your Prayer Life**. Moody, 2003.

Tozer, A. W. "Thankfulness as a Moral Therapeutic," in **The Root of Righteousness**. Christian Publications, 1955.