

SERMON / LIFE NOTES

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Just Jesus
Luke 5:17-26
Surprises
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SERMON NOTES

A story of surprises. Luke 5:17-26

The miracle of forgiveness

- Sin causes our brokenness.
- Forgiveness changes our lives. Vs 23-25

The power of faith.

- Visible faith Vs 20
- Determined faith

When we believe that Jesus can change lives, we act

GETTING STARTED

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

What are some good surprises you have had in your life? What is a painful surprise? How has God redeemed/healed your brokenness?

In the message Pastor Chad talked about three types of "faith people" - Those who don't believe, those who say they believe, and those who live what they believe. Right now where do you fall in those descriptions? What are you doing to help you live your faith?

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What is your definition of forgiveness? How does forgiving people go against your normal tendencies? What is the most powerful demonstration of forgiveness that you have ever personally witnessed?

Read Psalm 103:12 and Hebrews 9:14

What do these verses tell us about the miracle of God's forgiveness? Why do we sometimes have trouble believing in God's total forgiveness of our sins even after reading verses like these?

Read Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 5:21-24; Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 25:34-36

These are all examples of how Jesus responded to faith exercised. How did he honor the faith shown in each example? How did these reactions differ from his reaction in Matthew 12:38-39? What do the differences between the two different reactions tell us about our faith?

TAKING IT HOME

How can we show our faith? We must love the Lord with all of our hearts and minds and our strength. We must live it! We study His Word, we meditate on it and allow His power through His Word to show us how to live. Demonstrations of faith and belief in the miracles of forgiveness make up the surprises that we live out every day. We have no idea when the surprises will happen. The only thing that we can control is how we will react. We have that choice every day, every minute we are living. Who will you seek to please this week, Christ or the world? When you live that choice, you will have the opportunity to show forgiveness and demonstrate Christ in you.

FOLLOW UP/ READING

Day 1 Luke 5:17-26

Day 2 Psalm 103

Day 3 Hebrews 9

Day 4 Matthew 8

Day 5 Daniel 5

Day 6 Mark 5

Day 7 Luke 19