



## I. INTRO/REVIEW

### A. From here to there

**Matthew 17:19-20 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” <sup>20</sup> He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

### B. Sound bites

- Maybe faith = hope
- Baby faith
- From “here to there” faith

**James 2:17-18 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

**James 2:26 (NIV)** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

### C. Is your faith moving you?

**Luke 5:17-19 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them. <sup>18</sup> Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. <sup>19</sup> And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

## II. TAKE A STEP

### A. Bring the small and insignificant to Jesus

**1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV)** casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

### B. Don’t let the obstacles stop you from taking steps

**James 1:2-4 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

### C. There’s always more than one way

- We assume the only way into the house is the front door
- What have you deemed impossible, because the most obvious way is blocked?



### III. FROM FAITH TO FAITH

**Luke 5:20-23 (NKJV)** <sup>20</sup> When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”  
<sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup> But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’?”

- A. Jesus starts on the inside
  - There is purpose in the process – trust it!
- B. Haters gonna hate!
  - Because faith deals with the unseen – people won’t see what you see
- C. From faith to faith
  - The faith that you started with will not be the faith that brings you there
- D. Jesus is about to ask him to take the biggest step of his life

**Luke 5:24 (NKJV)** <sup>24</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”— He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

- At some point God will ask you to be put on display in front of the people who knew you in your brokenness

### IV. THE WHY BEHIND THE WHAT

- A. The risk of faith
- B. The “why” is worth the risk
  - They decided the life and well-being of this man was worth the risk and effort
  - When our “why” aligns with God’s “why,” powerful things can happen

**2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NKJV)** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other