

FASTING, FITS, FAITH AND FORGIVENESS

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¹⁸And 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, ¹⁹but 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. ²⁰And when Jesus saw their faith, He said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” — Luke 5:18-20

²⁷After this He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” ²⁸And leaving everything, he rose and followed Him. ²⁹And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining with them. — Luke 5:25-27

²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, “If I touch even His garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched My garments?” ³¹And His disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing around You, and yet You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” ³²And He looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” — Mark 5:25-34
