

Borrowed Faith





Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.





³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,



⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.







⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:





¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.





Mark 2:1-12





The Faith of the Crowd



¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people "heard" that he had come "home." ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.





The Faith of the Four Men



³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.





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⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."







⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,







⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"





⁸Immediately, Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?









⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?



The Faith of the Healed Man



¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man,



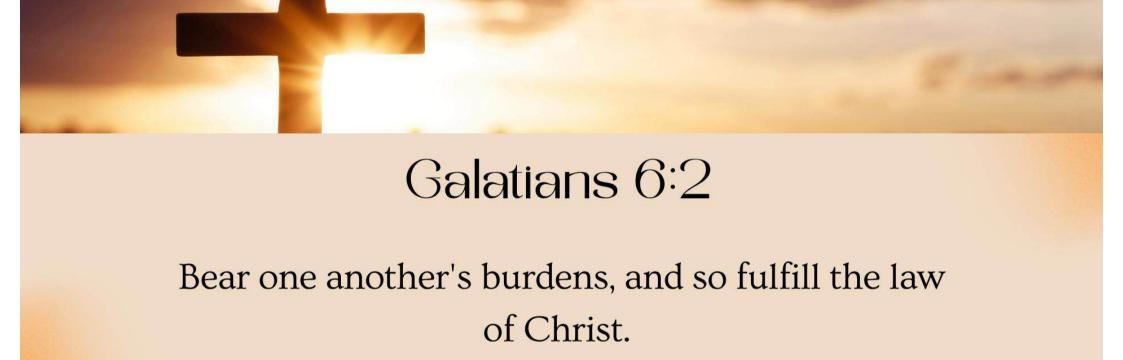


The Faith of the Healed Man



¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"







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