

Daily Devotion For May 19, 2022

<sup>2</sup> Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Matthew 9:2

In my message on Sunday and in yesterday's bible study we looked at the story where 4 men brought their paralytic friend to Jesus for healing. A sad statistic reveals that 1.7% of Americans are paralyzed (5,357,970 people).

As I read that statistic, I got to thinking how many Americans are emotionally paralyzed. Although not as visible, it is much more common. People can be paralyzed by fear, worry, grief, loneliness, anger, resentment, indecision, etc.

Matthew 9:2 shows that Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take heart." Jesus was expressing his concern for this man. From this we learn that Jesus care about how we feel. If you are discouraged, Jesus cares. If you are lonely, Jesus cares. If you are worried, Jesus cares. If you are anxious about your future, Jesus cares.

**Thought For Today:** Is there anything troubling you today? Take heart, Jesus cares. I Peter 5:7 says, "Cast your cares upon Him, because he cares for you."

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Anne Wilbur's Assistant Jessika Harville's mother Lisa is in the emergency room with Kidney failure. She lives in Virginia and is in need of a kidney transplant. Deo Volente.