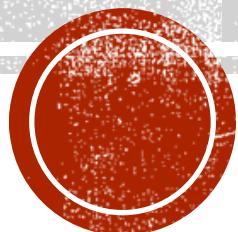


# THE RADICALLY, NORMAL CHURCH

Luke 5:17-32



# LUKE 5:17-24

- <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.



# LUKE 5:17-24

■<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.** <sup>20</sup> **When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”**



# LUKE 5:17-24

■<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?” 22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?**



# LUKE 5:17-24

■<sup>23</sup>**Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? <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.”**



# RADICAL LOVE

■ **The church, if it is ever to be effective, needs to have radical love. A love that flies in the face of the norm; that upsets the religious and scares the apathetic**



- **A radical love is a love that desires people.**
- **We win someone to Christ the same way we disciple someone, you love and spend time with them**



# 1 JOHN 4:7-10

■ **7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**



# RADICAL PASSION

- We were more important than Jesus' own life and His sufferings were worth the cost to redeem us.
- Love stirs the heart, but it is passion that moves the feet



- **The religious says, “Don’t mess up my way of doing things and don’t you get my church dirty”**
- **The apathetic says, “I have no time or energy for this”**
- **The Negative says, “Why bother anyway? What good will it do? I doubt you will see any result”**



# 1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-22

■ **19 For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;**  
**20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are under the law*, as *under the law*, that I might win those *who are under the law*; <sup>21</sup> to those *who are without law*, as *without law* (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are without law*; <sup>22</sup> to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men* that I might by all means save some.**



- **True passion does not wait, it cannot wait.  
It must act and act immediately**
- **There is not another day, another time, a  
time when maybe it is more convenient or  
maybe when I'm not so busy**



# JOHN 4:35

■Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!



# RADICAL FAITH

- Radical love produces radical passion, and radical passion produces radical faith
- Love turns to action, and action increase our faith, but also action shows our faith



- **James 2:17 - Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**
- **Let's understand something about faith. Faith is not trying to not doubt**
- **Too often we as Christians, we do not believe as much as we try not to doubt**



# 1 PETER 1:6-9

■ **In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,<sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.**



- **It takes just as much faith to believe for a healing, believe for a salvation as it did for you and I to find God's forgiveness.**
- **The Bible tell us that each of us has been given a measure of faith (Romans 12) and that faith we have been given is enough**



# RADICAL CONTROVERSY – LUKE 5:29-31

■ **29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.** **30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”** **31 Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.** **32 I have not come to call *the righteous*, but sinners, to repentance.”**



- **If there is not some controversy going on in the church, there is a chance the church may not be doing too much.**



# RADICAL RESULTS

- Once you have radical love, passion and faith and you navigate and do not become discouraged through the controversies, then you will see radical results
- <sup>26</sup> And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

