**Your Sins Are Forgiven**

Luke 5:17-26

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**Luke 5:21 (ESV)**And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

**Luke 5:22 (ESV)**When Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?

**Luke 5:23 (ESV)**Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?

**Luke 5:24 (ESV)**But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

**Luke 5:25 (ESV)**And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.

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**Isaiah 30:18 (ESV)**Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

**Romans 2:4 (ESV)**Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?