

1. How difficult is it for you to see someone else's life through the eyes of compassion?
2. When has a situation taken place in your life that required perseverance? What was it like to "carry on?"
3. Are you a creative person? If so, how do you express that creativity? If not, who are the creative people in your life who help you see beyond the present situation?
4. What are the areas of your life that cause you to be fearful? How do you deal with fear when it comes?
5. Do you have a person or persons in your life who you would feel comfortable taking you to Jesus? If so, who are they? If not, who might be a person who would be open to becoming that person in your life?

Sermon Notes – Rev. Lloyd R. Eyre

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"The Mystery Solved: Four Friends Revealed"

Luke 5:17-26

- A. The Paralytic Borne of Four – Luke 5:17-21
- B. The Healing Explained – Luke 5:22-26 – "By causing this man to walk, Jesus proved he could forgive sins." Dr. Woodrow Kroll
- C. Application – Four friends revealed.
 1. *Compassion* – to allow myself to see another person's need as though it was my own. **Key idea: to feel.**
 2. *Perseverance* – to see the reality of the situation but say, "It will not deter me from doing what I know should be done." **Key idea: to carry on.**
 3. *Creativity* – to look for the solution rather than be fixated on the problem. **Key idea: to see beyond the present situation.**
 4. *Courage* – to break through the wall of our present experience into the future that is unknown to us but known to God. **Key idea: to fight off fear.**
- D. Conclusion – Two challenges.
 1. Be one of these four friends.
 2. If you need these four friends to carry you to Jesus, please don't be afraid to ask for help.