

# *The Paralytic's Amazing Friends*



## Ponderings & Reflections

### Chapter Five — Forgiven? We Didn't Come for That!

1. Has Jesus ever surprised you with how He answered some of your pressing prayers? That while you prayed for one thing, some-thing else seemed to arrive on the scene that you didn't expect; but later looking through the rearview mirror it was exactly what you needed at that moment in time; you just didn't know or appreciate it?
2. When was the last time you pondered that in Christ you are a (totally) forgiven person? Have you lost the joy and wonderment of being cleansed by Jesus? Might want to revisit Isaiah 1:18 and Psalm 103:12.
3. If restoration starts with forgiveness, are you withholding forgiveness from anyone? If so, that's an issue you need to confront! You may be the roadblock to that person's path to restoration.
4. As a believer, have you ever pondered what it means for Jesus to declare you as His friend?
5. With Jesus, *rescue* is where it starts, but *restoration* is the objective. That insight can reshape the way we pray for those in need. Do we tend to pray prayers just for (immediate) rescue or prayers that also recognize the need for complete *restoration*?
6. What speaks to you in this Reflection?