



Accept & Trust

A young man asked an old rich man how he made his money. The old guy pointed to his worst wool vest and said, “well, son, it was 1932. the depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last dollar. I invested that one dollar in ten apples. I spent the entire day polishing those apples and at the end of the day, I sold all the apples for two dollars. The next morning, I invested that two dollars in twenty apples. I spent the entire day polishing them and sold them for four dollars. I continued this system for a month, by the end of which I’d accumulated and fortune of thirty dollars. Then my wife’s father died and left us five million dollars.

Today’s gospel gives us a story of a person being blessed through the mediation of other people. Obviously, the paralytic can not go to Jesus by himself. It is the determination of his four friends that makes it possible for him to seek Jesus’ help. Mark points out that Jesus is moved by “their” faith: that of the friends who undertake such a bold move “they made a hole in the roof right above the place where Jesus was....let the man down” and that of the paralytic who humbly allows himself to be carried on their shoulders. And they get more than they ask for: not only is the paralytic healed physically, he is made whole again by the forgiveness he receives from Jesus “Your sins are forgiven”. Jesus set him free to see reality in a new way. We all experience some kind of difficult moments in our life and we have different ways to deal with them; we can give up and keep asking WHY ME? Or we can trust people who willing to help and continue to have faith which enables us to accept that all comes from God and frees us inside so that we can live more full lives.