

Seventh Sunday – Ordinary Time – Year B

- **You have to be impressed by the dedication of these 4 friends**
- **Gospel says “When Jesus saw their faith” – not HIS faith” --- Who is he talking about?**
NOT the faith of the paralytic
The faith of the friends ----- Their faith, resulted in his healing

Here is a little pearl of truth

YOUR FAITH CAN AFFECT THE LIFE OF OTHERS

Too often we think our faith is something just between us and God.
Its MY relationship with God – faith is personal – its mine.

Faith is nurtured by example and support of others.

Basil → God loves you → support I needed to hear
Peperé's Cellar → example I needed to see

Think a minute:

Who, in your lives, said the word, or gave support you needed to hear?
Who, in your lives, was the example you needed to see?

Here's a different question:

Who, in your lives, might need to hear a supportive word from you?
Who, in your lives, might need to see an example from you?
What are you going to do about it?

We are getting close to Lent –
Maybe instead of giving something up – we're being called to do something
What are you going to do?

In Isaiah, God says “I am going to do something new”
In the Gospel – Jesus does it – paralytic walks, last week – leper is cleansed
I was told what I needed to hear – it was something new! YOU CAN DO THE SAME

Story of the monk who meets a childless couple
They ask him to pray for a child
The monk prays and God says “It's not in their destiny that they have a child”
5 years later the monk visits the same village and they have 3 sons.
They explain that a saint passed by, and had prayed for them
The monk prays and asks God why – and God says:
“That must be the doing of a saint, Saints have the power to change destiny”

WE'RE SITTING IN A ROOMFUL OF SAINTS