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They were afraid - And they glorified God

(who had given such authority to men)

The story of the ^{paralytic} ~~man~~ sick of the palsy, who
is brought to Jesus by his friends, carrying him
on a stretcher, is recorded in three gospels.
There are some slight variations in the reporting
in Matthew Mark and Luke. —

Matthew's closing of the Episode is unique to him

① His expression presents the sharpest contrast.

for the two comments. They were afraid
* They glorified God.

2. He is the only one to offer the explanation

----- God "Who had given such authority to men."

The multitude was afraid and it glorified God
— because God had given authority to men
to convey forgiveness of sins.

Matthew is also the only Gospel writer to
report Jesus' statement to his disciples:

"Whatever you shall bind on earth shall be
bound in heaven

& "Whatever you shall loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven

and he reported it twice

- Peter's Confession
- Peter's Confession
(only 1st)
our 1st sermon
on 10/14/79

One can understand why it is Matthew
who so sharply combines

Fear
+ Glory to God.

Anyone deeply conscious of the role humans
have in the conveying of forgiveness

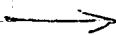
would feel the same

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I don't know whether to be more terrified
or more than grateful to God.

Do more Grateful to God than terrified.

What a thing? - to be the means whereby others know
they are forgiven! - how magnificent
What a thing? - to be the means whereby others know
they are forgiven! - how terrifying



You may have had it pointed out before
or you may have noticed it.

In this Gospel story it is the faith of the ~~penitent~~ ^{man}
Pierced that is key to Christ's ministry. It is the
caring & the activity of the friends that are the means whereby
the pierced one knows he is forgiven.

The Tradition of the Church has formalized
all this in the liturgy in the act of Absolution.

It is God who forgives. But it is the
priest who are the means whereby anyone comes to
know he or she is forgiven. - If proper of confession
the church grants absolution. - formal recognizes that someone has
+ told it has been granted

What good news?

What a cure to all the feelings of emptiness
and uselessness that beset us.

+ Others come to know their forgiveness
through me.

- Others can know themselves accepted
what get sinners
through me.

Nothing Greater can happen to people than that they
are forgiven.

Gives you back

your life, fate, role, history, calling.

The Others: - estranged from - you feel yourself

The world: - all that is with it - you haven't been able to

in a way that liberates you from
disastrous ways of having your life
completely lost - fearfully you're calling

you are
gives
to world

gives
back

Forgiveness ~~of God~~ (s272c) 3.

~~It~~ gets destructive punches off your back
and places proper life-giving punches like
a month.

What ^{can we} do that would come a more
unimpeachable gift on every one we contact.
Glory Be to God!

What terrifying news!

How many people around me
are without knowledge of their forgiveness
because I failed to be the means
whereby they discovered it!

Do you find The Church Fellowship to be
a Fellowship of Forgiveness Seekers?

a place where one ^{to discover} they for sure is held in common -
+ The only place there is to stand is under ~~God's~~
Forgiveness - where I release or feel's forgiveness
which gives people to reach ~~God~~ ^{God}

The means whereby ~~we carry~~ ^{God} forgiveness to only
~~our's~~ our Faith -
Our Broken reliance on Forgiveness

None words won't convey it: -
while we are justifying ourselves. -

Our righteousness won't convey it.

Our Brokenness just might.

The only cause I know for the terror ^{that is in our} ~~that~~ ^{which} ~~that~~
~~that~~ we ~~are~~ constantly denying others the
knowledge of their forgiveness - is to
be broken by it.

{ They were afraid } help both
{ Glorified God }

Call to Worship

no one can hear the true word alone
And no one can say it for another.

Each one of us has to do our own believing
But we can't do it without each other.

God had to create himself a people in
order to make himself known

That is why he is calling us together.

So that he can meet each of us.

Glorify him to God who visits his people

Hymn 146 "The Church's One Foundation".

Invocation,

O Father

As soon as we sense your near
The cry swells up in us - Depart from
us for we are a sinning people.
The light we long for is too revealing.
The word we yearn for is too penetrating.
The knowing of us we search for
goes too deep.

Our only salvation rests in that our
awareness of this is the fit sacrifice
you will not despise.

That a broken & a contrite heart is
the door to believing the gospel.

~~glorious~~ we are in the light } of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dennis Tapp May

Prayer

Our Father there is a group of people here
 that all want words with you.
 There's every kind of person ~~working alone~~
~~by themselves~~ ~~or groups of two~~ but they're
 gathered just the same, as they pray together
 and for one another.

Tell us your name. Make yourself and
 your work known. Show us your Kingdom,
 where and when is it at work in our midst.
 Life has many of us confused, we're not at
 home in our world. Our lives aren't going
 right. The time is out of joint. We need
 a word to put it all right. To find us our
 place, to reveal life's true worth.

Miraculously what is right around us
 is something in the midst of all that's
 unholy, all that violates, hear our cry that
 the world make sense and that goodness reigns
 in all our hearts and justice heal the lives of
~~men~~ of men and women of the earth.

Create us again. Our lives and life
 around us are in disarray. We're estranged
 from those we love. We mess up what's
 precious to us. We are possessed by that which
 cannot keep us safe. Our past holds us
 enslaved to ways that are destroying us and
 others. If there's a New Creation. Visit
 some on us. While you are calling on others
 don't pass any of us by.

O Father - life is all we have
 it's no wonder when we reject it. Earth is
 the best place for love ~~and~~ a desolate state
 when we take flight from it. You manage,
 at whatever cost, to love the world.

empower us to love the world.

Every thing good & wonderful & precious to us
has been a gift from you. We're not pleased
with ourselves when we turn it all sour by
our waywardness.

That's why we ~~want~~ words with you.
We want words with you because we need a
word from you.

We need to know our cries heard
so we can hear your loving word.

Speak so we can hear.

Through Jesus Christ our help
who taught us when we pray to say