

There is an interesting story about the time Jesus was presented with a paralyzed man¹, and in reaction to him says, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” When some of the teachers of the law considered that He was blaspheming, Jesus called them on it. He asked them, which was easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? And to show them that He had authority on earth to forgive sins, he healed the man.

When I think of our own spiritual paralysis, I see that God offers us His Love in an intimate relationship. It is an abstract thing, and we find it hard to believe. So God says (in a sense), “Which is easier to say, “I love you,” or “I’ll give my Son as a sacrifice for you?” Because of the demonstration on the cross, we are able to understand the real measure of His Love.

1. Matthew 9:1-7