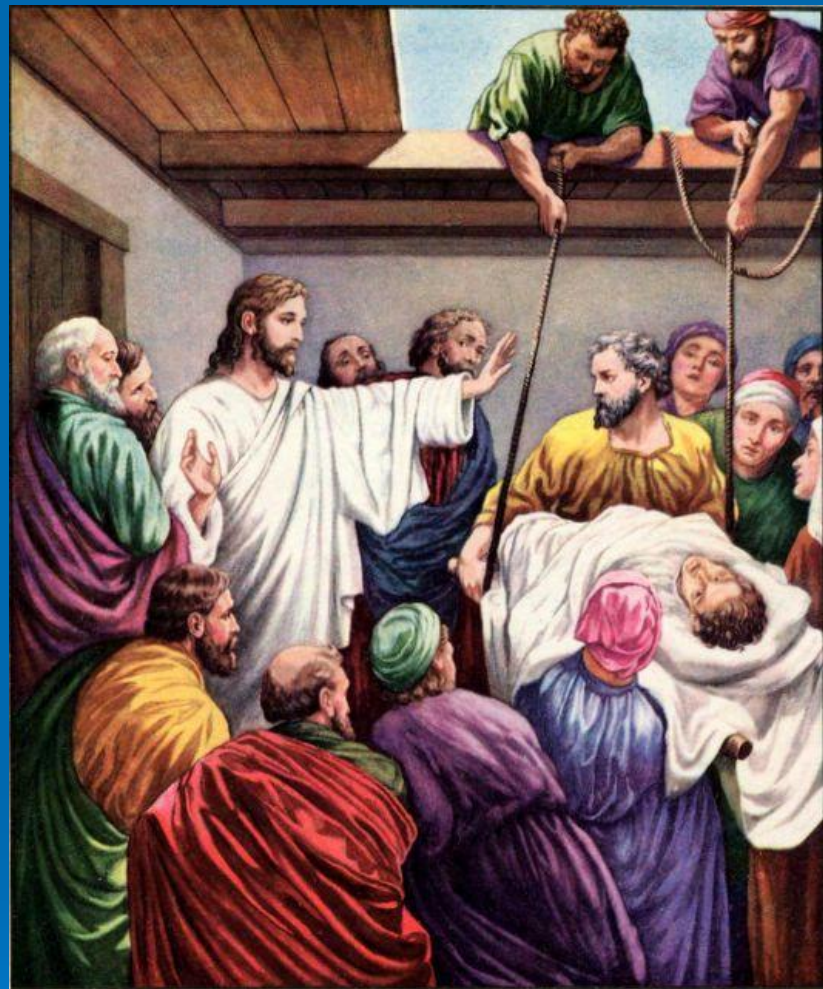


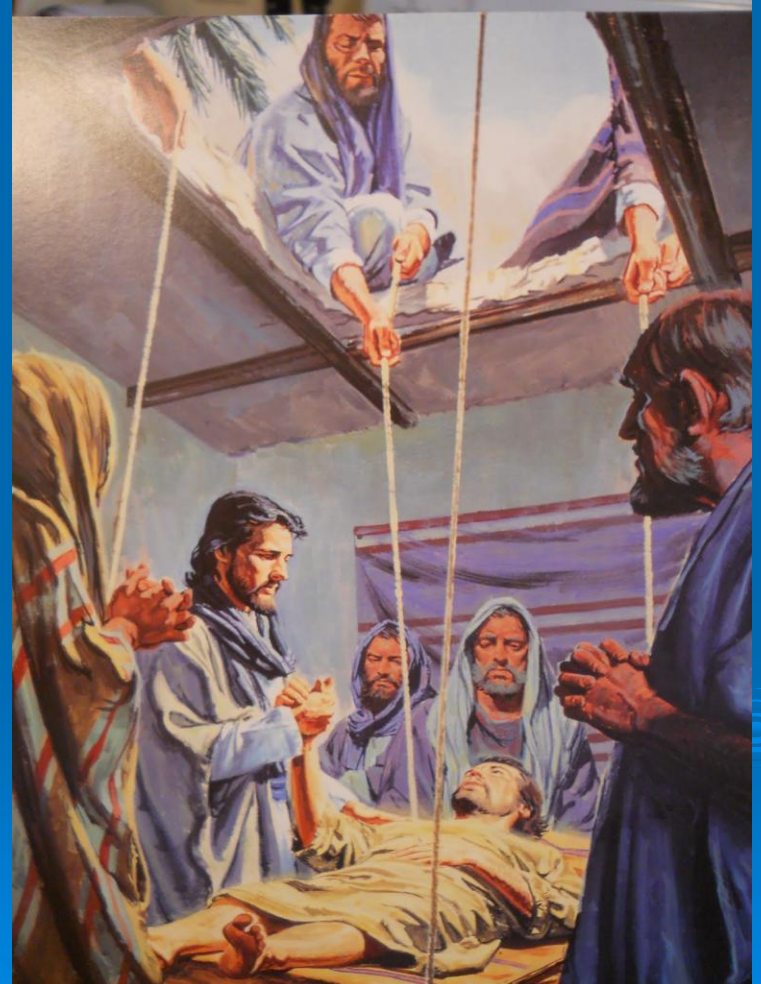
**“When Jesus
saw their faith,
He said to the
paralytic, ‘Son,
your sins are
forgiven you’”**



Mark 2:5

Lessons from the story

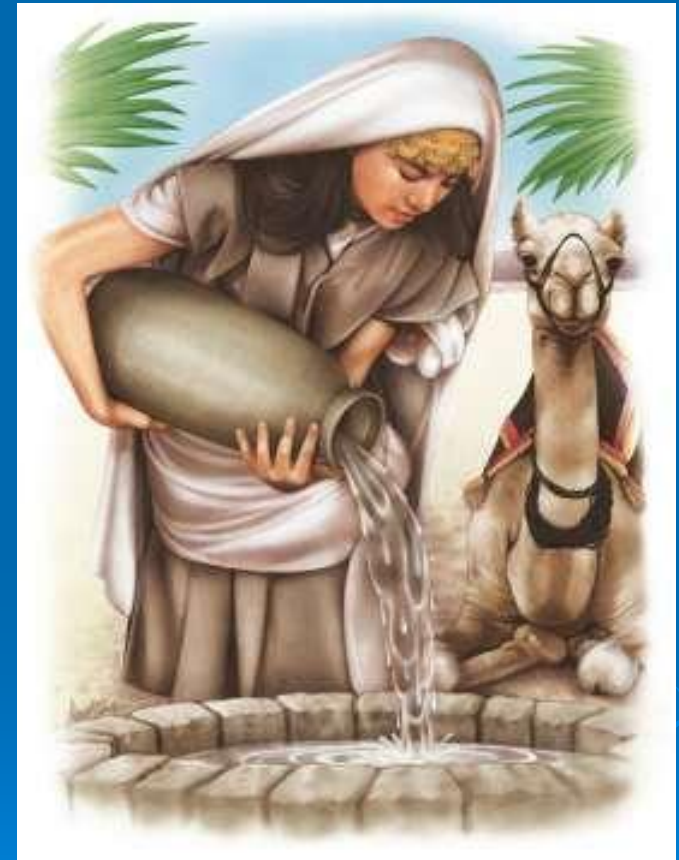
1. The ultimate presentation of true Faith
2. The ultimate goal of true Love
3. The ultimate reward of Faith working through Love



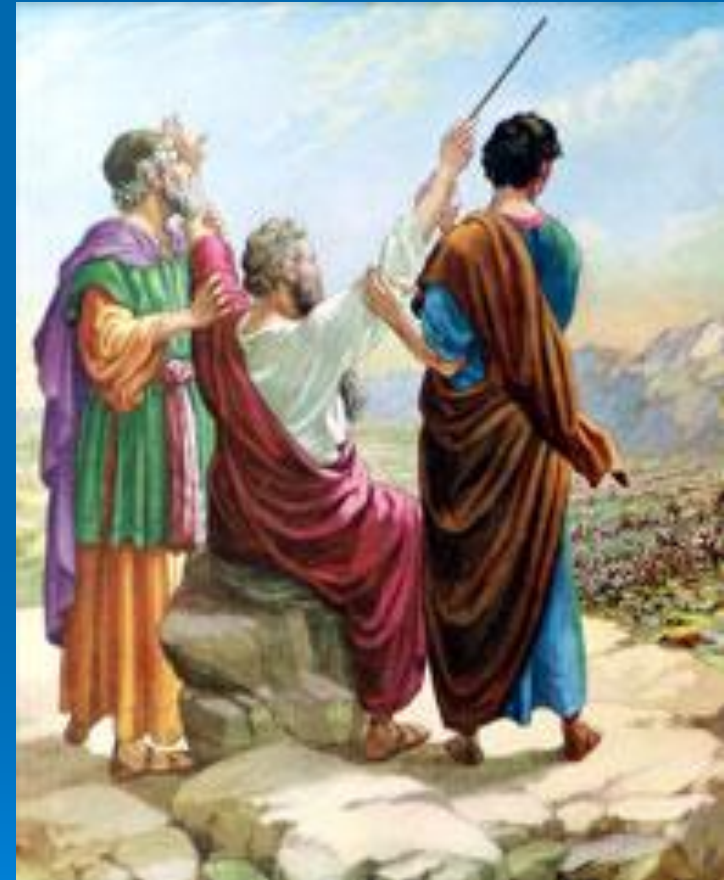
The ultimate
manifestation
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- “...and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing” *1 Cor 13:2*
- The faith of Abel
- The faith of Abraham
- The way Eleazer designed to choose a wife for his master's son



- “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice” *Hosea 6:6*
- The faith of Moses
- How do we measure our faith?
 - Is it in how much we know?
 - How many times we attend liturgies?
 - How many days we fast?



The ultimate
goal of Love
is:
bringing
others to
Christ



- How do we know who would make the best friend or God-chosen spouse?
- “For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”

2 Corinthians 11:2



- What makes a godly father or mother?
- How ought we to evaluate a servant?
- “For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh”

Romans 9:3



The ultimate
reward of
Faith working
through Love
is:

Forgiveness
of sins

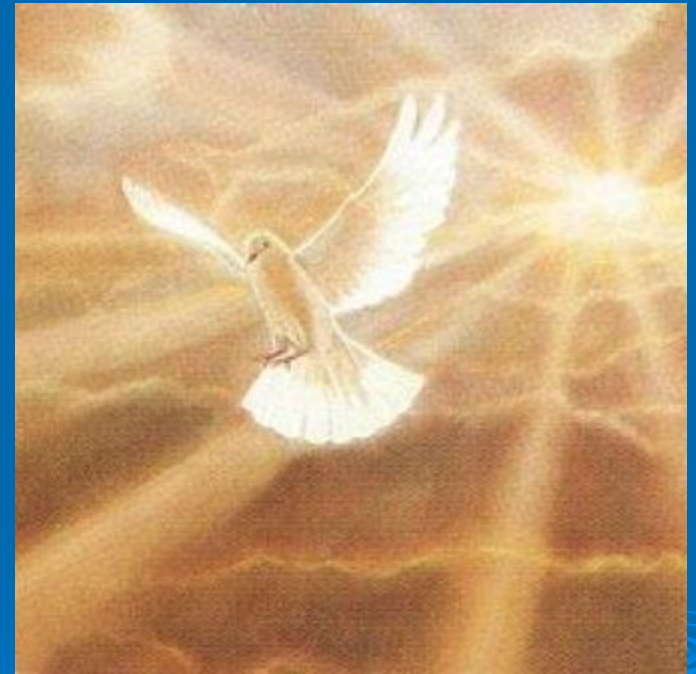


- “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins”

James 5:19-20



- What do we hope to receive from Him, the most?
 - Are they earthly blessings?
 - Is it the healing of our bodies?
 - Are they even spiritual gifts?



- The example of King Solomon's request in 1 Kings 3

