

They Laid Them down at Jesus' Feet
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We often sing the beautiful song *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*. Its lyrics outline the fact that we as Christians have a great opportunity in life to bring our problems before our God. As we survey the life of Jesus, we find so many examples of His great compassion towards His people. He cared so much that He was constantly looking to help those in need. Ultimately, this was all to bring more people to a belief in Him and save not just their physical bodies, but their souls as well. Matthew 15:29-31 shows us some great lessons about how Jesus takes care of the burdens of His people, including us today.

As Jesus skirted the Sea of Galilee, many people brought their physical problems to Him. These people were “lame, blind, mute, maimed,” and many other things but all brought their problems to be healed by Him. We all have different problems with our bodies at times, and most of our problems are not as big as some of these. Imagine if you heard of a man going around who claimed to be the Son of God and you saw proof that He could heal your problems. Most likely we would be like everyone else and rush to see if Jesus could heal us too. Jesus goes on to heal many of these people of their problems. The passage says, “they laid them down at Jesus’ feet, and he healed them.” Perhaps what is so powerful about this is Jesus knew that the problems of these people were not major issues in the grand scheme of things. Jesus is most concerned with the spiritual things and making sure that people are spiritually clean. But still, He took the time to heal them and prove His power and word.

Throughout all history, God has been concerned with caring for His people. There are many passages dealing with this in the Bible. Psalm 55:22 says, “Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.” Psalm 34:15, says “The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.” Matthew 15 always shows this more in the context surrounding verses 29-31. Just previous to this, Jesus helped a woman whose daughter was “severely demon-possessed.” Immediately after healing this great multitude, Jesus performed another miracle to feed these 4000 people who were gathered around. From big things to little things, God has always deeply cared for His creation.

It should be no surprise that we too can lay our burdens down at His feet. If any one of us were in the presence of Jesus, we too would rush to Him to have our burdens lifted. Even without being in His physical presence we still have this opportunity. Christians are challenged to cast “your cares upon Him for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7). Once more in Philippians 4:6, we find “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” We have a great opportunity from our God to be able to lay our burdens down before Him. In our day and time, God will not miraculously remove our problems like He did in the times of Christ. However, He does still work spiritually through His word to bring us to Him and care for us, and He works providentially in ways we do not understand to bring about His will. It truly is great to have such a loving and caring God!

Are you ever burdened with many things in life? Certainly, we all are at times. Thankfully our God loves us enough so that we do not have to be overcome by these things, but we can stand strong with Him holding us up. In order for this to happen though, we have to show Him the love and

dedication He deserves. Luke 10:39 shows Mary, the sister of Martha, sitting at the feet of Jesus to hear the precious words of life. If we have this attitude, then nothing can ever bring us away from the will of God.