



### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - B

We find Jesus facing a paralytic, whose friends were so determined to get him to Jesus inside a house that they stripped off the roof and let him down in front of Him. What faith! Jesus also recognises this faith and tells the man, "My child, your sins are forgiven". Not quite what the friends expected, but Jesus had a point to get across to the scribes who got uptight at Christ saying "Your sins are forgiven" because only God can forgive sins. He proved to them that he had this power by telling the paralytic to take up his bed and walk, which the man did.

Now for those who doubt that their sins are forgiven, here is a salutary lesson. God can and does forgive sin and this is reiterated time and again in the Scriptures. Jesus ties Faith very tightly to forgiveness. Maybe those who doubt that their sins are forgiven are lacking in faith. Something to think hard about if we feel unforgiving. Our prayer should be from another part of the Gospel where a person calls out to Jesus:

*Lord, I believe, please help my unbelief.*