

# The Greatest Story

## Expect the Unexpected

*Luke 5:17-26*

 P O R T N A Z.org  
porterville church of the nazarene

**MARK PITCHER, Lead Pastor**

**Welcome to Port Naz • We're glad you're here!**

**Sunday, April 23**

Worship Services, 8:30am & 11:00am

Children's Church for kids of all ages, 8:30am & 11:00am

Small Group Discipleship Ministries for all ages, 9:45am

Prayer Lab, Pastor Colene Wiens, 5:00pm

**Wednesday, April 26**

Adults, Children (K-6<sup>th</sup>), Choir, 6:30pm • Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>), 7pm

Nursery through Preschool for parents who are on campus

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**Porterville Church of the Nazarene**

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm • 559.784.3305 • [welcome@portnaz.org](mailto:welcome@portnaz.org)

2005 W. Olive Avenue • Church and Preschool

**Port Naz Christian Academy**

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm • 559.784.KIDS(5437) • [pnca@portnaz.org](mailto:pnca@portnaz.org)

Karen Pitcher, Director

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# PASTOR MARK PITCHER

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What expectations did you have as you came to church today? Will they be met, will you be disappointed, and what if the unexpected happens?

Setting the scene, *Luke 5*

Jesus demonstrated His authority over nature, *vs. 1-11*;

Jesus illustrated His authority over disease, *vs. 12-16*;

Today, we will discover His authority over a disability as well as the authority to forgive, *vs. 17-26*.

Who was there?

The crowd, *v. 19*;

The Pharisees and teachers of the Law, *v. 17*;

Some men, *vs. 18-20*;

Biblical Faith: The assured reliance on God; a confident dependence on the character, ability, strength and truth of God and His promises, *Hebrews 11:1*;

Faith is belief, which is acknowledgement, and trust, which is involvement.

The paralytic, *v. 18*.

The encounter, *vs. 20-26*; Faith + Forgiveness = FREEDOM!

Faith - *When Jesus saw their faith*.

Forgiveness - *Friend, your sins are forgiven*.

The religious leaders' reaction, *v. 21*.

Jesus' response, *vs. 22-24*; *Daniel 7:13-14*.

Freedom - *I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home*.

Question: What shoes are you wearing in this story...the crowd...the religious leaders...the paralytic friends?

## LifeChange

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### ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES

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Port Naz is equipped with a hearing assistance system • Receivers are at the Welcome Center

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

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A pastor is available to pray with you > Prayer Hallway, east of the Worship Center, during Worship through song

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### SERMON BROADCASTS

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KTIP > 1450 AM Radio • Podcasts > Google Play & iTunes • Website > [portnaz.org](http://portnaz.org)  
CDs & DVDs available for purchase with an order envelope > Welcome Center

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## TODAY

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**Who We Are, Learning About My Church** • 9:45am, Room 212 [Choir Room]

**Prayer Lab** • 5:00pm, Sequoia Room

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## CONDOLENCES

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☞ **Roberta & Ben Ennis** and family, with the passing of **Grace Brown**, beloved mother, grandmother and friend • Services were held yesterday in Kansas

☞ **Sharon Mowry**, family and friends, with the passing of **George**, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, retired music teacher, choir director, and Associate Pastor of Evangelism & Discipleship  
Services were held a week ago in Idaho

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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☞ **Dr. Mark & Jordan Reader**, who competed and placed in the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon • Mark, 03:42:35; Jordan, 04:07:36

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## THANK YOU

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140 Crisis Care Kits will be donated to global missions, on behalf of Port Naz, through our local NMI [Nazarene Missions International] Council

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## APRIL STILL TO COME

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**Port Naz Golf Tournament** • Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>, Ridge Creek, Dinuba  
Information & registration brochures > Welcome Center

**Who We Are, Learning About My Church** • Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am

**Prayer Lab** • Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Sequoia Room

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**Safe People** • Begins Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm

A 9-week DVD Series by **Drs. Henry Cloud & John Townsend**

How to find relationships that are good for you, and avoid those that aren't  
RSVP on your Connection Card

**National Day of Prayer** • Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup>

**Who We Are, Learning About My Church** • Sundays, 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:45am

**Prayer Lab** • Sundays, 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm

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**A Taste of the Summit, Everyone has INFLUENCE** • Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am  
A sample GLS video with **Joseph Grenny**, Leader, Speaker, Social Scientist  
Adults & Youth are invited • RSVP on your Connection Card

**Mother's Day** • Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>

**Biker Service** • Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am

**Graduating Seniors** • Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am

**Preschool Graduation & Spring Program** • Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>

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## NEW TO PORT NAZ?

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We want to meet and greet you.  
Please fill in this Connection Card  
and present it at the Welcome  
Center to receive our gift for you.

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## TELL US ABOUT YOU

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st time Guest                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 & Under |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return Guest                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 12-20      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attender                | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 31-40      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30am Worship                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 41-50      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:45am Small Group Discipleship |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00am Worship                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51-60      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00pm Prayer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 61+        |
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## LET US KNOW

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Are you new? Have a change of info? Want to sign-up, RSVP, or let us know...?

CONNECTION CARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Missing/Need Visitation \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP \_\_\_\_\_

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## INTERESTED IN?

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- I'm new to Christ, what's next?
- Baptism
- Membership
- Small Group Discipleship Ministries
- An appointment with Pastor:
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