

**A Mission of Rescue**  
**Lesson #9**  
**Mark 2:1-12**  
**7-20-25**

**Luke 19:10** *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*

**\*\*Mark 2:1** *"A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home."*

**\*\*Mark 2:2** *"They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them."*

**Luke 5:17** *"One day as He was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick."*

**I. The paralytic had real friends.**

**A. This paralytic was helpless.**

**\*\*Mark 2:3** *"Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them."*

**John 9:2** *"His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that He was born blind?"*

**B. This paralytic had helpers.**

**\*\*Mark 2:3b** *"... carried by four of them."*

**\*\*Mark 2:4** *"Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on."*

**Luke 5:19b** *"... lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus."*

**II. The paralytic had real faith.**

**\*\*Mark 2:5** *"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

**Matthew 9:2** “Someone men brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

**Psalms 103:10** “He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>[11]</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; <sup>[12]</sup> As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

**Micah 7:19** “You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”

**Jeremiah 31:34** “I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

### III. The paralytic, his friends, and Jesus faced some real foes.

#### A. The Scribes directed their evil thoughts at Jesus.

**Mark 2:6** “Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves.”

**Mark 2:7** “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

**Isaiah 43:5** “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”

#### B. Jesus described the thoughts of the Scribes as evil.

**Mark 2:8** “Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?”

**Matthew 9:4b** “... Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?”

**1 Kings 8:39b** “... for you alone know the hearts of all men.”

**John 2:25** “He did not need man’s testimony about man, for He knew what was in a man.”

### IV. The paralytic and his friends had a real future.

#### A. The authority of Jesus was demonstrated.

**Mark 2:9** “Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’”

**Mark 2:10** “But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So, he said to the man.”

**Mark 2:11** “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

#### B. The people were amazed and they worshipped.

**Mark 2:12** “He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

**Luke 5:25** “Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.”

### How can we apply this lesson to our life?

#### A. We should show compassion to others.

**Psalms 116:5** “The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.”

**Psalms 145:9** “The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.”

#### B. We should be confident that God can change people.

**Matthew 19:26** “Jesus looked at them and said “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

#### C. We should count on obstacles along the way.