

Day 2: You Do Not Have to Fix Them First

Devotional

There is a quiet pressure many of us feel when someone we care about is struggling. We think we need to help them get their life together before we can really point them to Jesus. We wait for the right moment, the right conversation, the right version of them.

But the four men in Mark 2 did not wait. They did not require their friend to clean up or figure things out before bringing him to Jesus. He was paralyzed. He was helpless. And that was reason enough to carry him.

Here is the freeing truth: it is not your job to fix the people in your life. It is your job to bring them to Jesus. When they get to Jesus, He will take care of the rest. That is who He is. That is what He does.

This also means you do not have to wait until you have everything figured out before coming to Jesus yourself. Perfection is not a requirement for your miracle. Come as you are, right now, in this moment.

Stop waiting for the perfect conditions. Just start carrying. Just start coming. Jesus will meet you there.

Bible Verse

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

Reflection Question

Are you waiting for yourself or someone else to be "ready" before taking a step toward Jesus, and what would it look like to take that step today instead?

Quote

"These men aren't carrying him to Jesus because He's the righteous guy. They're just carrying him to Jesus because He needs Jesus."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that You welcome us exactly as we are. Help me to stop waiting for perfect conditions and to simply bring myself and the people I love to You. Amen.