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**FAITH**

**Mark 2**



## **Mark 2:1-12 NIV**

**A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.**

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## Mark 2:1-12 NIV

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. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,

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## Mark 2:1-12 NIV

**“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 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? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”**

**CHRISTIANSBURG**



## Mark 2:1-12 NIV

**But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 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!”**

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# PARALYZED MAN

*...a paralyzed man,  
carried by four of them.*

**This Outsider is on a Mat  
Fortunately, He Has Friends**

**Possibility, Potential  
IN JESUS, HE SAW HOPE**

**He Was Desperate for Jesus**

**We Really Do Need Each Other**

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# FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*...Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof...*

**Bringing a Friend to Jesus**

**THEY SAW BARRIERS**

**They Counted on Jesus**

**Compassion, Empathy, Faith,  
and Determination**

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# JESUS

*When Jesus saw their faith, he said...*

*“Son, your sins are forgiven.”*

**People are More Important**

**HE SAW FAITH**

**Faith is Meant to be Seen**

**It is Often in the Unexpected that  
Jesus Does His Best Work**

**Man's Greatest Need**

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# RELIGIOUS ELITE

*“...He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”*

**Lack of Faith**

**THEY SAW A THREAT**

**THEY SAW BLASPHEMY**

**Which is Easier, to Forgive or Heal?**

**Impossible for Man**

**But for God, Both are Easy**



# AMAZED CROWD

*This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*

**THEY SAW THE POWER OF GOD**

**Humbled and Amazed**

*that you may know that the Son of Man has power*

**Stand in Awe**

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