



## **FaceTime**

### **Week #2 – The Paralyzed Man in Mark 2**

We are invited to take part in stories bigger than ourselves . . . stories that are often written one person at a time. Are you ready to wreck the roof with a “whatever it takes” kind of faith to help bring the people in your life closer to Jesus? Jesus has the power and authority to do things far beyond our imagination. And we get to be a part of it.

Scripture:

One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus.

Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.”

But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, “Who does he think he is? That’s blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!”

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today!”

Luke 5:17-26

**Icebreaker and Intro Questions:**

1. Have you ever had a house guest that acted in a way that you didn't expect?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

**Discussion Questions**

3. Read Luke 5:19-26. Give everyone several minutes to read and underline anything that jumps out to them. Encourage everyone to read the story more than once. Then spend some time sharing what did you notice and why?
4. Do you relate to those who were already inside the house? Or do you see yourself in the religious people asking questions? How does this story challenge you today?
5. The paralyzed man's friends were determined to get their friend to Jesus by doing "whatever it takes." Eddie shared some examples of ways he has seen Westsiders embody that same attitude. Take a moment to reflect on this question and then share: what story are you going to help write by doing whatever it takes?

**This week:**

- The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. During our FaceTime series, we'll use clips from this series to allow us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. [Visit The Chosen's website](#) for options of how to watch.
- As a church, we want to intentionally spend time with God this summer, letting him shape us as we move into a new and unique season. Set aside some time to use [this prayer guide](#) as a way to come close to God.

**Notes:**