

We Are the Church—2 The Miracle You Need Most

09:55 am 5 Min. Countdown - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

**If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged...
Please fill out**

***Online Connect Card * -> RightNow Media**

10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

The Peak Journey: 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

**Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku moving
HYBRID / DIGITAL**

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - Breakfast

**STAY TUNED : The PEAK Journey next outreach being planned - CLIMBING
Pre-planning HARVEST FEST RIVERFRONT Oct 21st.
Praying, fasting, volunteering. - please reach out evelin@**

WE ARE THE CHURCH

Last week the NEW SERMON SERIES... Church isn't a building we goto or a denomination we belong to... Church is what WE ARE...

Set up the testimonials for next week... LABOR DAY - ONLINE ONLY
special service Planned..

Denise,
Evelin & Joey,
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Describing someone who is broken & struggling with the world & contending with God.

Bong in one hand & Bible in the other.... Hymnals & condemns ... combo's you don't see every day. Ever KNOW someone who's been in "The Battle"? spiritual warfare?

Some critical person / church folk — May See it differently — Wonder what their story?

- Grow up church—Xian—Wrong friends—Wrong path - struggling to get back.
- Lose job/GF break up/Depression/Anxiety? Turning to substance abuse/GOD
- Battle substance abuse—Invited church—About to be miracle

Some are critical — I See God working in their lives!

Thankful they felt welcome seek J at The Peak CC

7 years ago next month —Started The Peak CC —People like this!

¹⁷ *It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Mark 2:17*

Sermon Series—We Are the Church—What are we? (Comment)

The Miracle You Need Most

Opening Prayer

Mark 2—One of my fav stories in NT

J just returned to headquarters—Home base—Capernaum—

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. ³ Some men came, bringing to [Jesus] a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 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. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Mark 2:2-5

Show you the types of people in this story—See the same types in church ...

5 types of people revealed.... who can you identify with?

In Every Church

- **You see someone in need.**

Paralytic—Couldn't walk—Sitting on a mat.
Easy remember—Call him—**Matt**.



Always someone in need! (**You**)

Battling depression — Going thru trial — Loss — Feel hopeless.
Addiction — Single parent — Alone — Struggle financially — Anxiety.
Guy bong / Bible □ Every church—You see someone in need.

- **You see someone who cares.**

4 guys who were friends w/ Matt—Men's Breakfast Group.
chilling & talking about Jesus (Matt)

One says —*Did you hear J healed a blind guy?*
the other —*Raised the dead.*
the smarter one of the group gets an idea... — ***If J can do it for them—Do it for Matt?***
Heck Yeah—Road Trip!

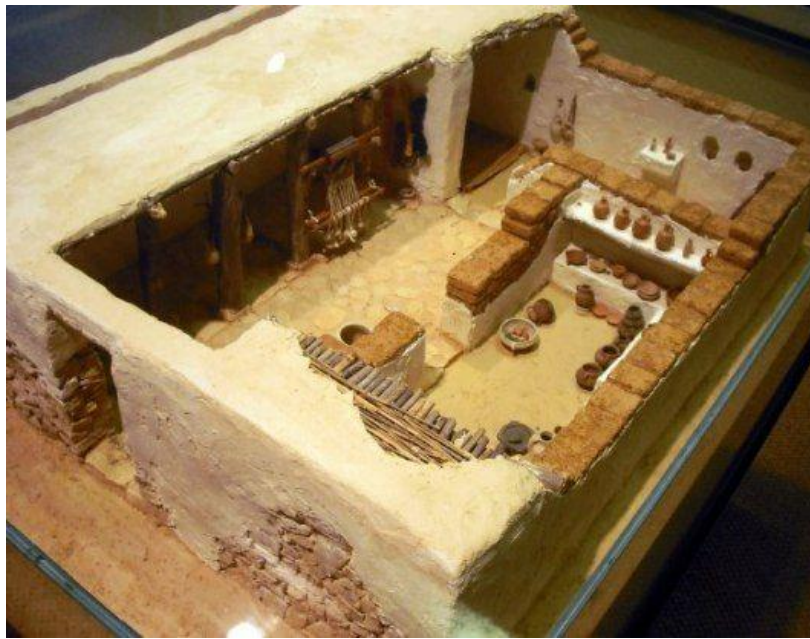
Decided to Carry Matt to Jesus — House where J was teaching.

In Every Church you find....

- You see someone in need—Someone who cares.
- **You see someone who's preoccupied.**

House full of people—Wall to wall—Peak Small Groups.
So full—4 buddies couldn't get Matt to J.

Explain what guys saw—1st Century Jewish Home **Show**



- Built of Basalt—Dark volcanic rock
- Roofs—Wooden beams covered w/ straw, clay & manure.
- Rained—Clay absorbed the water—Sealed the roof.
- Grass—Work on it—House built socializing—Door open.

Walked up—All the people inside—Preoccupied!
Listening to Jesus—Amen—Preach it! (Mooo)

Backs turned to guy in need.

K-Love—Xian bumper—Listen to my fav preach podcasts.

Backs turned—For all we care— Can go to hell! (Preoccupied)

4 guys about to give up—One of them says,

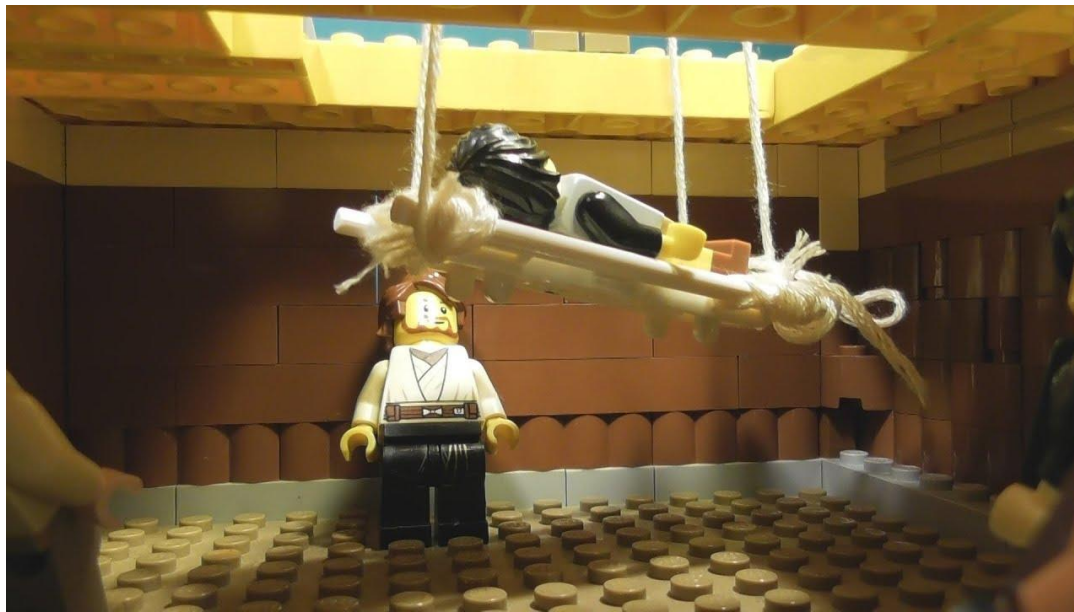
W/ God—There's Always a Way!

Don't know who needs to hear it—*W/ God—There's always a way!*

- **We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ. To reach people no one is reaching, we'll have to do things no one is doing.**

Brainstorm — No bad ideas — Make a Hole!?
can you imagine? one of them says “Hold my beer” — Starts digging —
Manure/grass/clay.

On 3—Drop him!



Jesus looks on—These 4 crazy—Faith-filled guys!

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

Faith wasn't just an internal belief!

Faith is the Substance of things Hoped for & the EVIDENCE of things unseen.

Internal belief that was so strong— Showed up in actions — See it!

See your faith— Serve — Give — Welcome — Forgive — Love!

FAITH IS ACTION

Paying attention—The 4 men didn't bring Matt for *forgiveness*.

Brought him—Healing

- **Sometimes God gives us what we need before He gives us what we want.**

In EVERY Church....

See someone —*In need* — *Cares* — *Preoccupied*.

- **You see someone who's critical.**

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Mark 2:6-7

Jesus— *You can't forgive sins!* You Guys — *Shouldn't dig through roof!*

That's not how we do in biblical church!

J doesn't stop for critics.

¹⁰ ...So [Jesus] said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 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!**” Mark 2:10-12

Take up your mat—Don’t need it anymore!

Lay down your drugs — Let go of ur grudge — Leave behind shame.

Leave your mat behind...

See all these kinds of people in church... those in
need—Cares—Preoccupied—Critical

Which ONE ARE YOU??

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- **We’re all someone who can be changed.**

Anyone in X—New Creation—Old gone—Son sets free!
My Story—Can be your story! (Praying/Bible/Church)

What will you see?—Someone in need, cares, preocc, critical, change.

Which one are you?

You see all of these types of people in church.... What do you not see?

Same thing we don't see today!

Don't see all the people who are NOT THERE!

Lady who almost went—Afraid she might not be welcomed.

Guy invited—Didn't want to miss the game.

Everyone who used to go.

After Covid—Resumed normal life—Except church!

So—Who are we?—We are the Church!

Broken people—Saved by J!

Loving those who are hurting—Need of healing!

We are all ... Someone in need!

If we become someone who cares!

We are all people who will be changed!

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in person - online

We are the Church

CALL TO ACTION

The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

C l o s i n g P r a y e r

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

