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CHURCH

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# UNIFIED PURPOSE

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# Reflections

People rarely drift into deep community.

Psychologist Alan McGinnis notes that rule number one for entering into deep friendships sounds deceptively simple: Assign top priority to your relationships. Ironically, we tend to devote massive amounts of time to making money, running errands, and succeeding at our jobs, but we neglect giving our most valuable possession—time—to the experience for which we were created: community.

- John Ortberg, *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*

*'Kaleidoscope in Woodcuts' by Antonio Frasconi, 1968*

*'Unified Purpose' logo by Jesse Wu*

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# Scripture

Mark 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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# Sermon

*Discipleship: Community*

David Cobia

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## Events & News

### **PCC Women's Retreat, April 27-29**

Women of PCC - you're invited for a refreshing weekend of connection, fellowship, and worship. Join us at a beautiful retreat center in Calabasas as we grow closer together.

### **Center for Faith and Work LA, Annual Conference, April 7**

Come see how God is at work in you and become better equipped to evangelize, serve, and co-labor with Him in your workplace. Learn from notable guest speakers and network with other Christian professionals.

### **LA Marathon, Alternative Service, March 17-18**

No AM services on Sunday, March 18. Instead, we will have one service at SAMOHI on Saturday, March 17 at 5:00 PM as well as our normal 5:00 PM service on Sunday, March 18.

*View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, [PacificCrossroads.org/Events](https://PacificCrossroads.org/Events), or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.*

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## Ministry Resources

### **Pastoral Care**

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email [pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org) or call our office at 310.551.0081.

### **Celebrate Recovery**

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit [PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery](https://PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery).