

Just Show Up

OPENING

Who's Got Your Back?

I want to start this morning with a question that has nothing to do with your week, your job, or your schedule.

Who's got your back?

MOMENT 1

Inside The House

"And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 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." — **Mark 2:1–2**

MOMENT 2

The Four Outside The House

"And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 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." — **Mark 2:3–4**

First: they showed up before they were asked.

Second: they hit a wall and did not go home.

Third: they dug through a roof.

MOMENT 3

Their Faith

"And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'" — **Mark 2:5**

MOMENT 4

What the Scribes Were Thinking

"Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'" — **Mark 2:6–7** lol

“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?’” — Mark 2:8

MOMENT 5

The Thing Nobody Showed Up For

“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’ — he said to the paralytic — ‘I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.’” — Mark 2:9–11

And here’s what that means for you if you’re bringing people to Jesus. **You don’t get to control what Jesus does when you get them there.**

Your job is the corner. Your job is to just keep bringing people to Jesus.

MOMENT 6

He Carries the Mat Out

“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!’” — Mark 2:12

And there are three things a person can do with a mat.

- **You can leave it.**
- **You can lie back down on it.**
- **Or you can carry it.**

MOMENT 7

The Story of Pastor Doug

CONCLUSION

Three Questions

So three questions before you leave this room. And I want you to actually answer them, not just hear them.

One: Do you have four?

Two: Do the people in your corner want to see you healed?

Three: Whose corner are you holding?