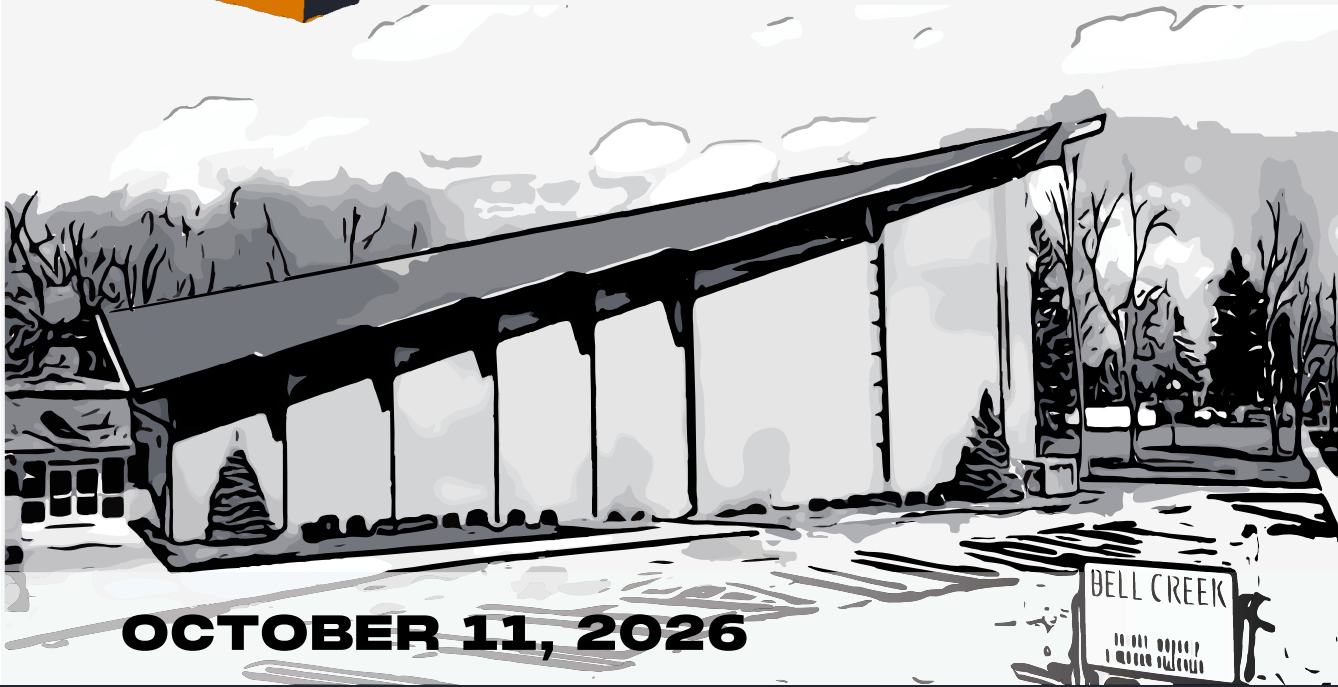


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BELL CREEK

Community Church



OCTOBER 11, 2026

AT ANY COST, GET TO THE KING

MARK 2:1-12

SERMON BY: PASTOR FRED WRIGHT

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
WONDERS OF THE KING — THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

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Get to the King

Trust the King

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FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25.

**DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL
BIBLE READING**

OCTOBER 11: MATTHEW 8:1-13; LUKE 7
OCTOBER 12: MATTHEW 11
OCTOBER 13: MATTHEW 12:22-50; LUKE 11
OCTOBER 14: MATTHEW 13; LUKE 8
OCTOBER 15: MATTHEW 8:14-34; MARK 4-5
OCTOBER 16: MATTHEW 9-10
OCTOBER 17: MATTHEW 14; MARK 6; LUKE 9:1-17

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

MEET & EAT

Join us for food and fellowship TODAY following both services. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 max per family.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult group is for adults 18-30 years old, and will now meet twice a month! Our next gathering is today, after the second service in the Prayer Room. Join us as we gather and build friendships with other young people in a fun and laid-back environment!

MOMCO RUMMAGE SALE

Our Fall Rummage Sale hosted by our MomCo Ministry will be next Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Information regarding volunteer opportunities are to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda or Rachel (mops@bellcreek.org). Drop off times for donations will be:

Sunday, October 11 2:30-3:30 PM
Monday, October 12 6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 14 6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, October 15 9:30 AM-2:00 PM and 5:00-8:00 PM
Friday, October 16 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Pastor Dylan's Systematic Theology class will begin on Sunday, October 18 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Prayer Room.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Our next Believer's Baptism is Sunday, October 25. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Adam (adam@bellcreek.org).

TRUNK OR TREAT & CHILI COOK OFF

Our annual Trunk or Treat outreach will be on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00-4:30 PM. This is a free event and a great opportunity for serving our community. There will be trunks with treats, hot dogs, face painting, balloon twisting, bounce houses, and Chili Cook Off Contest. If you would like to sign up to help at the event, decorate a trunk, or enter the Chili Cook Off, please sign up today in the foyer, or online. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Adam (adam@bellcreek.org), or Elyse Quint (elyse@bellcreek.org).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM

FRIDAYS 12 NOON

PRE-TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

2ND SERVICE

AWANA

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SEPTEMBER-MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
AND EVENTS AT BELLCREEK.ORG

OUR MISSION

MATTHEW 22:37–40

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 28:19–20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

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Sermon Series | Wonders of the King – the Miracles of Jesus

Sunday, October 11, 2026 | At Any Cost, Get to the King

Get to the King

“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, ESV)

“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, ESV)

We need to seek God and hammer through the obstacles. The greatest obstacle will be ourselves: our own sin, pride, weakness, and lack of determination.

Consider these examples from Scripture of people who refused to stop seeking God:

“And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”” (Genesis 32:24–26, ESV)

“And he [Moses] said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”” (Exodus 33:14–16, ESV)

“And he [Jesus] answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.” (Matthew 15:26–28, ESV)

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6, ESV)

We Must Get to the King: The four men refused to allow a crowd or a roof to keep them from bringing their friend to Jesus. What obstacles are keeping you from drawing near to Christ? Would you be willing to start fighting through whatever is preventing you from seeking Him?

Trust the King

“And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” 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 2:5–7, ESV)

“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? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?” (Mark 2:8–9, ESV)

“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 2:10–11, ESV)

The paralytic and his friends were coming to Jesus for healing. But they got way more than they bargained for! Jesus saw a deeper need in this man’s life. Yes, his legs didn’t work. Can you imagine trying to live in this ancient culture that way? But that wasn’t the greatest need of this man’s life. His greatest need was to be right with God. And in order to be right with God, his fallenness, his sins, needed to be addressed, and not just addressed, forgiven. So first, King Jesus addresses what is most necessary in the paralytics life, and forgives his sin. Then, almost as an afterthought, a secondary concern, *Jesus heals him, and the man walks away*. “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...”

Listen to some other examples of people that came to Jesus looking for something they wanted or needed but got more than they bargained for:

Nicodemus (John 3:1–21) came to Jesus as a “teacher from God” to find out more about Him, but Jesus told Nicodemus he needed to be born again.

The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17–22) came seeking eternal life, but Jesus exposed his attachment to money and called him to surrender everything.

Martha (Luke 10:38–42) wanted Jesus to tell her sister Mary to get up and help her, but Jesus corrected Martha's misplaced priorities and told her Mary was doing the right thing by sitting and listening to His teaching.

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10) just wanted to see this Jesus everyone was talking about. He climbed a tree to see a “celebrity.” But Jesus came to his house and brought salvation.

Peter (Luke 5:1–11) provided his boat for Jesus to teach, but Jesus revealed his glory through a miraculous catch and called Peter to follow him and become a fisher of men.

Marth and Mary (again) sent an urgent message to Jesus and asked Him to come quickly and heal His friend Lazarus. Jesus delayed answering that request, and didn’t arrive until after Lazarus had been dead four days. But instead, He raised Lazarus from the grave, asserted His authority even over death, and revealed that He Himself IS the “resurrection and the life.”

We Must Trust the King: The paralytic man came to Jesus for healing, but Jesus first addressed his greatest need: forgiveness of sins. Why is it sometimes difficult to trust Jesus when He addresses something different from what we want or expect? Does He know what He is doing? Does He know what we truly need better than we do ourselves?

Be Amazed at Your King

“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, ESV)

No, they never saw anything like that. We’ve never seen *anyone* to match our King, Jesus, and we never will because He is utterly unique. He’s the Son of God and the Son of man. The Man who is God. The only Saviour. The only rational response to Jesus, is to listen to Him, follow Him, worship Him, and enjoy eternal life with Him and His people.

Let Us Be Amazed at Our King: The crowd was amazed and glorified God when they witnessed Jesus' authority over sin and paralysis. What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is? How should that change the way we listen, seek, follow, trust, and worship Him?



At Any Cost, Get to the King

1. What did you think about “At any Cost, Get to the King?”

2. The paralytic man’s friends showed incredible faith and determination to get their friend to Jesus. What obstacles prevent you from getting to the King? Why are they blocking you?

3. Jesus knows what we really need. Are you fully trusting Him and allowing things to happen according to His timing? What does it look like to trust in His providence?

4. God forgives sin and heals us. What is significant about Jesus forgiving the paralytic man of his sins before healing his body? What did/ does this tell both believers and non-believers about Jesus’ authority?

5. The people who witnessed the paralytic man get up and walk were amazed. When things go great, do you glorify God like the onlookers did? What about when you perceive that things didn’t seem to go your way?



Sermon Worksheet 10/11/26
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