

BRING EVEN IF

BRING THEM TO JESUS, WHATEVER IT TAKES

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Mark 2:1-12 (NLT)

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CARE FOR THE PERSON

Mark 2:3 (NLT)

...four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

Even if you can't bring everyone, you can bring someone.

PUSH PAST THE OBSTACLES

Mark 2:4 (NLT)

They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above His head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

Even if there's an obstacle, don't give up on the person.

BELIEVE JESUS CAN CHANGE THEM

Mark 2:5 (NLT)

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Bring them to Jesus and let Jesus do the changing.

Mark 2:10-12 (NLT)

"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 the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Matthew 28 gives us the mission.
Mark 2 gives us a picture of the mission.**

John 1:40-42 (NLT)

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah". Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus...

You never know what God will do with the one you bring.

**Our job isn't to save them.
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