

I. Intro

A. Confusion with Fellowship/ Friendship “Concept”

B. Text: **Mark: 2:1-5**

¹ *And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.*

² *Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.*

³ *Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.*

⁴ *And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.*

⁵ *When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”*

C. Capernaum (**v. 1a**)

D. He’s in the House (**v. 1b**)

1. Many gathered (**v. 2**)

2. No room to receive (**v. 2**)

II. Body

A. Friends bring Friends to the feet of Jesus (**v. 3**)

1. Real Friend: Abandons comfort zone

a. Loves at all times (**Prov. 17:17**)

b. Often carries others (against their will at times)

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2. The Press: Church Folk can be great obstacles. Preventing some people from getting to Jesus. (**v.4a**)
 - a. No freedom for a move of God
 - i. Stagnant and stale
 - b. Standing in the way
 - i. The Capernaum Rebuke: *“And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day”* (**Matt. 11:23**)
 - ii. Zaccheus (**Lk. 19:1-10**)
 - iii. Woman w/ Issue of blood (**Matt. 9, Mk. 5, Lk. 8**)

B. Tear the Roof off (**v. 4b**)

1. Bust a move in the Spirit
2. Your move can launch the wounded into the Presence of the Lord.

- III. Conclusion: When Jesus Sees Faith it moves His heart (**v. 5**) of compassion.
 - A. One Weakness: Faith
 - B. Could one of us be that paralyzed man?
 - C. *“...And there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother”* (**Prov. 18:24**)