

GO FISH

EPISODE 4

HOW GOD CAN USE YOU TO CATCH OTHERS

Matthew 9:1–8 Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town. Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, **“Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.”** But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, **“That’s blasphemy! Does he think he’s God?”** Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, **“Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? 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 and went home! Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for giving humans such authority.

HOW TO HELP THE HOPELESS

1. REALIZE OUR ONLY HOPE IS JESUS.

Mark 2:1–2 When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door...

2. ASK GOD TO BURDEN OUR HEARTS FOR THOSE THAT NEED HIS HEALING.

Mark 2:2–3 ...While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

3. CREATE WAYS TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO JESUS.

Mark 2:4 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.

4. CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF A CHANGED LIFE!

Mark 2:12 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!”**