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Mark 2v1-12 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." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, :7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" :8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? :9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, :11 "I say to you, arise, **take up your bed, and go to your house.**" :12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**WHEN I NEED A MIRACLE
ITS NOT ENOUGH TO DO WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING
ITS GOING TO NEED ME DO
SOMETHING RADICALLY DIFFERENT TO WHAT I'M DOING
AND CLIMB UP TO A NEW LEVEL**

When being part of the crowd on the outside it's not working for
you

AND THEIR THINKING AND MENTALITY IS STOPPING YOU FROM
GETTING TO JESUS

BECAUSE SOME CROWDS ARE ONLY OBSERVERS OF JESUS
CLOSE ENOUGH TO SEE WHATS HAPPENING BUT FAR ENOUGH
AWAY NOT TO BE TOUCHED.

THESE OBSERVERS - ARE USUALLY THE CRITICAL PEOPLE WHO
DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO DO LIFE JESUS WAY - NOT WORRIED
ABOUT THE CRIPPLED MAN BEING HEALED MORE WORRIED ABOUT
THE PROCESS THAN THE PERSON

THIS MAN WAS PARALISED IN HIS BODY BUT THE OBSERVER WHO
THINKS HE HAS NO NEED IS PARALISED IN HIS THINKING!

Breakthrou is not just going to happen I've got to get to a new level
I have to bust through THAT CEILING OF what's stopping me

THAT CEILING

- **OF FAMILIARITY**, SO FAMILIAR WE DON'T SEEK HIM - SO FAMILIAR WE DON'T PRAY – SO FAMILIAR WE DON'T FEAR HIM,
- **OF LETHARGY** - CANT BE BOTHERED LOST MY 1ST LOVE LOST THE PASSION OF SEEKING HIM AND HIS KINGDOM,
- **OF INTIMACY**—WITH HIM AND OTHER SAINTS HAVING EXCUSE AFTER EXCUSE TO BE NON COMMITAL—CAUSE COMMITMENT COSTS! AND ALL THESE THINGS CAUSE ME FROM GETTING INTO HIS PRESENCE—THESE CEILINGS

THIS MAN COULD NO LONGER WALK THE WAY HE ONCE WALKED HE HAD LOST HIS STRENGTH. AND BECAME STUCK - HE UNDERSTOOD IF HE RAN WITH THE CROWDS MENTALITY NOTHING WOULD CHANGE. HE KNEW HE HAD TO GET TO JESUS.

- HE'S HAD A RESET IN HIS THINKING - GOING BACK TO GOD'S DEFAULT
- HE'S NOW WILLING BUT STUCK.
- HE WANTS TOO BUT HE'S STUCK

THIS MAN IS STUCK IN HIS WAYS - BUT THANK GOD HE HAD ENOUGH PEOPLE AROUND HIM BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY WHO CARED FOR HIM AND LOVED HIM TO CARRY HIM IN HIS SEASON NEED..

THAT'S WHY COMMUNITY IS VITAL - LIFE GROUP IS VITAL BECAUSE IN DOING LIFE WE ALL EXPERIENCE A CEILING WE ALL EXPERIENCE GETTING STUCK WE ALL NEED AT SOMETIME A HAND OF A LOVED ONE , TO LIFT ME UP TO GET ME TO JESUS

4 men picked up a man that could not help himself to get him into the presence of Jesus

One way of carrying someone is DOING community physical needs met . Another is praying and believing for one another and carrying them when they can-not carry themselves, it's helping them reach a new level, it's enabling them to get into His presence.

This man needed 4 men - 4 means times and seasons

IT WAS A NEW SEASON FOR THIS MAN

- **4 men** to carry him in his weakness sometimes its humbling to be carried by another
- **4 men** to lift him to a new level - we all need each other The 4 had one mission get him to Jesus
- **4 men** to get him into the presence of Jesus - that's why Life groups are vital

Who am I carrying in prayer? Who am I standing with? whom am I doing life with?

Who around me has the strength to lift me up? I am Discipled through community

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH NEW FOUND STRENGTH?

**GO TO ANOTHER WHO IS STUCK AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY REACH OUT MY
HAND AND BRING THEM TO THE ONE WHO HEALED ME AND HIS NAME IS
JESUS**

Book of Acts 1v14 the 120 got to place of being in a place of one accord in community by being in a place of prayer and serving one another in the upper room when the Holy Ghost fell on them

But if we want to EXPERIENCE A BREAKTHROUGH AND GET TO A NEW LEVEL I HAVE TO BE A PERSON OF PRAYER..... I HAVE TO BE IN A PLACE OF COMMUNITY A PLACE OF CONNECTION AND FELLOWSHIP I have to be in a place that when I am vulnerable - and weak BECAUSE OF MY CONNECTION I'M SAFE WITH those around me who are strong to take me to the next level in MY THINKING TO GET TO JESUS

THE ENEMY WANTS TO KEEP THE SAINTS OF GOD IN THE CROWD HE DOESN'T MIND YOU COMING TO THE HOUSE AS LONG AS YOU STAY ON THE OUTSIDE..... HE DOESN'T MIND YOU SEEING MIRACLES AS LONG AS YOUR NOT THE MIRACLE