

Title: Sonroof

Text: Mark 2:1-12

Target: Breakthrough sometimes requires you not to back down.

- I. **The Word preaches the Word:** *"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."* (Vs. 2)

Discussion Question: What part of God's Word has been speaking directly to you lately, but you've been avoiding or resisting it?

Discussion Question: When your life feels crowded, what usually pushes God's voice out of the room?

Discussion Question: Be honest, are you showing up just to *listen*, or are you making space for *transformation*?

- II. **Compassion is fueled by Conviction:** *"And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men."* (Vs. 3)

A. **Jesus is the Answer:** *"to him"* (Vs. 3)

B. **No Limits:** *"they could not get near him because of the crowd"* (Vs. 4a)

C. **Counted the Cost:** *"they removed the roof above him"* (Vs. 4b)

D. **Worked Together:** *"they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay"* (Vs. 4c)

Discussion Question: Who has carried you spiritually when you were too weak or tired to move forward? What did that mean to you?

Discussion Question: Are there people in your life right now that God is asking you to carry, even if it costs you comfort, time, or energy?

Discussion Question: In what area of your life are you holding back because the "crowd" (pressure, opinions, resistance) seems too thick to press through?

- III. **Faith leads to Forgiveness:** *"And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'"* (Vs. 5)

A. **Name Change:** *"Son"*

B. **Status Change:** *"Forgiven"*

C. **Perspective Change:** *"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"* (Vs. 7)

D. Heart Change: *“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?’”* (Vs. 8)

Discussion Question: What do you think Jesus sees in your faith today? What would He say to you?

Discussion Question: What’s something from your past that you say is forgiven, but still secretly carries shame or regret?

Discussion Question: Are there places in your heart where you’ve been questioning God quietly? Can you be honest about those tonight?

IV. A Mat becomes a Message: *“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”* (Vs. 11)

A. External Validated the Internal: *“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,”—he said to the paralytic—*” (Vs. 10)

B. Embrace Your Assignment: *“And he rose and immediately picked up his bed...”* (Vs. 12)

Discussion Question: What’s the “mat” you’ve been laying on, something that used to define you but Jesus has redeemed?

Discussion Question: Have you told your story lately, your real story? What’s holding you back from sharing what God has done?

Discussion Question: If your life is a message right now, what’s it preaching?

Takeaway: Jesus isn’t asking you to carry your **Past**, He is asking you to carry your **Purpose**.

What’s one bold step of faith God is asking you to take this week?