

Raise the Roof (Mark 2:1-12)

¹When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. ²Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, ³*four men arrived* carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴They 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. ⁵**Seeing their faith**, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." ⁶But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, ⁷"What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" ⁸Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? ⁹Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? ¹⁰So 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, ¹¹"Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" ¹²And 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!" (Mark 2:1-12 NLT)

1. Being surrounded by _____ believers gets you results.

I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. (Matthew 18:19 NLT)

2. All _____ comes from sin.

Just as through one human being sin came into the world, and death came through sin, so death has come to everyone, since everyone has sinned. (Romans 5:12 CEB)

3. Jesus is the only person with the _____ to administer the cure.

The Lord says, 'Please come, so that we talk about this together. Even if your sins are like a red stain, they will become as white as snow. Even if they are bright red, they will become like white wool. (Isaiah 1:18 EASY)