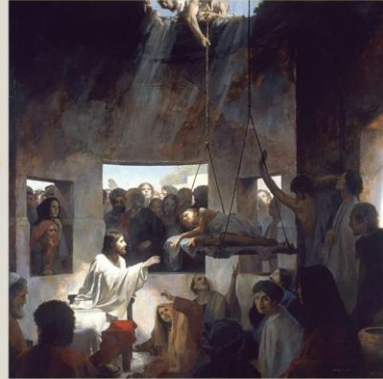




Tear Off *the Roof*

Mark 2:1-12

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This morning, we are going to read about a man who did not let obstacles get in his way of getting to Jesus. Do we allow obstacles to keep us from the life that Jesus wants us to experience?

Do we have the same desire, the same excitement in becoming like Him as we do to open presents on Christmas Day? Philippians 3:14: *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* (ESV)

The goal is to be conformed to the image of Christ. Romans 8:29: *For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. (ESV)*

Let's look at our story, and see what was in the way for the paralytic, and what can be in our way:

Physical Space: The house was filled and there was no room for anyone to enter the house

- 1) People are not welcoming
- 2) Places are not welcoming
- 3) Society is not welcoming

Physical Limitations: The man could not walk; he was paralyzed.

- 1) Body Broken
- 2) Emotions Broken
- 3) Soul Broken

Physical Obstacles: There was a roof in the way.

- 1) Time: I don't have time.
- 2) Talent: I am not good enough.
- 3) Treasure: I don't have the money.

There's exciting news here! The men who were carrying this man knew the One who was in the house was the one who could heal the man they were carrying. They knew **THE KING WAS IN THE HOUSE.**

THE KING IS STILL IN THE HOUSE!

Jesus does not see the physical obstacles.
Jesus saw their *faith*.

What happens when we tear off the roof?

When the roof is gone, there is nothing to inhibit us from entering the house and receiving what is in the house. We have already determined Jesus is in the house. *What does He have that we can receive?*

- 1) God's Power: God's healing can be received.
- 2) God's Provision: God's help can be received.
- 3) God's Personality: God's heart can be revealed.

*Are you letting the physical obstacles of this world influence your life? Are these obstacles keeping you from **THE KING WHO IS IN THE HOUSE?** It is time to take a stand. It is time to stand on faith. It is time to tear off the roof.*