

# The Gospel of Mark

## Part 4 (2:1-13)

### "Through the Roof!"



**Mark 2:1-2**

"A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home..."

**Luke 4**  
"Physician, heal thyself!  
All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff..."

**Matthew 4**  
"Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali — to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah..."

**Mark 2:1-2**

"A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and

**He was speaking the word to them."**

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Note again...  
**The preeminence of God's Word!**

**Mark 2:3-4**

"Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on."

Mark 2:5  
 “And Jesus seeing their faith!”  
 Is “faith” something that can actually be seen?  
 What shape does it take?  
 What color is it?  
 In what manner did Jesus “see” their faith?

Mark 2:5  
 “And Jesus seeing their faith!”  
 The message of Jesus was spreading... and these men were audacious enough to believe, pressing beyond anything that hindered!  
 “Now someone may argue, ‘Some people have faith; others have good deeds.’ But I say, ‘How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.’”  
 James 2:18

Mark 2:5  
 “And Jesus seeing their faith!”  
 Active!  
 Persevering!  
 Humble!  
 Yet... Audacious!


Mark 2:5  
 “And Jesus seeing their faith!”  
 Not really!  
 I wonder what would have happened if, upon seeing the crowds, the four would have said,  
 “Well, we tried! Looks like it’s not happening!”

Mark 2:5  
 “And Jesus seeing their faith!”  
 said to the paralyzed man,  
 ‘Son, your sins are forgiven!’”  
 Matthew 9:2  
 “Take heart!” 

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 Jesus goes directly to his core need! 

The man on the mat was unable to walk. But Jesus saw a need much greater than his paralyzed legs...

**'Son, your sins are forgiven!'**  
**He saw the man's burdened & sinful heart.**



**Mark 2:6-7**

"Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 'Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'"

**What does this statement imply about Jesus?**

**Mark 2:6-7**

"Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise up, take your mat and walk?'"

**Mark 2:10-11**

"But, **that you may know** that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. So he said to the man, 'I tell you, **rise up**, take your mat and go home.' He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all."

**Mark 2:10-11**

rise up

"So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up..." *Mark 1:31*

"He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!')" *Mark 5:41*

**Mark 2:10-11**

rise up

"As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out — the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.' Then he went up and touched the coffin and the bearers stood still. He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!'" *Luke 7:12-15*

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“Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”  
Isaiah 53:4-5

“They nailed his hands and feet to the cross...”  
Mark 15:24 (The Passion Translation)



**Mark 2:3 (revisited)**

“Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them...”

**“... carried by four...”**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation – Light/dark, to order our days...
- 4 Rivers in Paradise (Genesis 2)
- 4 Winds of Heaven (Jeremiah 49:36; Matthew 24:31)
- 4 Faces/Living Creatures (Ezekiel/Revelation)
- 4 Corners of the earth
- 4 Horns of the altar
- 4 Angels of destruction
- 4 Watches of the day & night
- 4 Corners of the sheet in Peter's vision that freed him to take the Gospel to the Gentiles
- 4 Gospels

**“... carried by four...”**

**“Complete”**

... fully sufficient for and able to fulfill its purpose.

**“All encompassing”**

**“... carried by four...”**

**What does it cost these 4 men to bring their friend to Jesus?**

**John 15:13 -**  
“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

“... carried by four...”

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**Galatians 6:2 -**

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

“... carried by four...”

**What does it cost these 4 men  
to bring their friend to Jesus?**

**1 Peter 4:10 -**

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

“... carried by four...”

**A picture of sacrificial  
love...  
of intercession...  
&  
of prayer!**

**Audacious...  
Persevering...  
Active... Living Faith...**

**SECURES THE NOTICE &  
PRAISE OF THE LORD!**

**Syro-Phoenician mother -**

“Then Jesus answered and said to her, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

Matthew 15:21-28

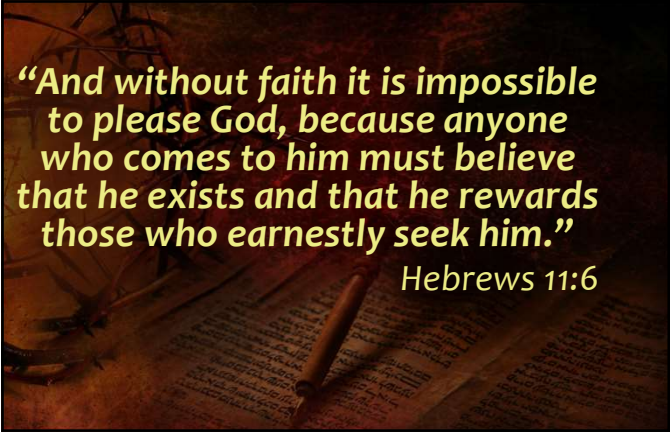
**Centurion -**

“The centurion answered and said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority... When Jesus heard it, He marveled!... ‘Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.’ And his servant was healed that same hour.”

Matthew 8:5-13

**“Now faith is the substance of  
things hoped for, the evidence  
of things not seen.”**

Hebrews 11:1

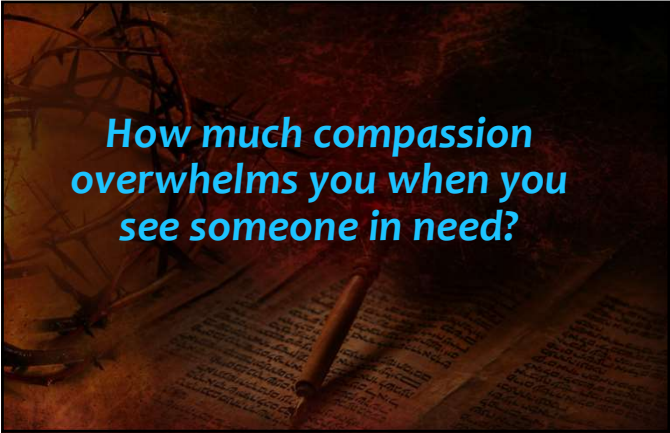


**“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”**

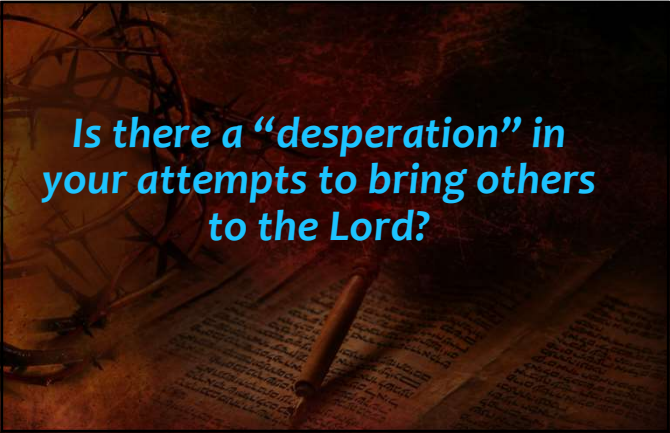
Hebrews 11:6



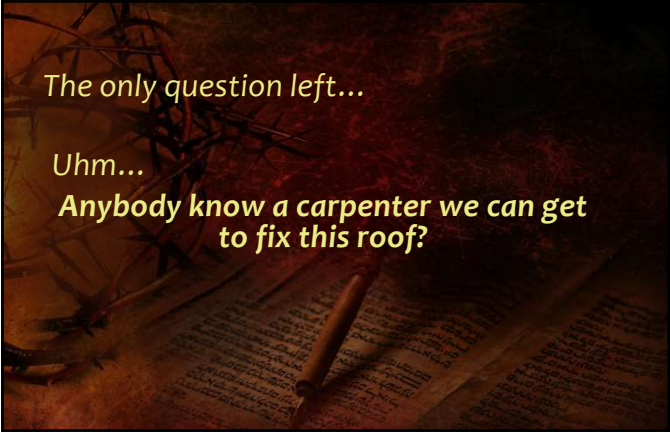
**Is there anything bold or audacious about your faith?**



**How much compassion overwhelms you when you see someone in need?**



**Is there a “desperation” in your attempts to bring others to the Lord?**



The only question left...

Uhm...

**Anybody know a carpenter we can get to fix this roof?**