

Friends Blessing Friends

Getting Ready For Friend Day

Mark 2:1-12

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Luke 5:26

26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." (NIV)



Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.



³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."



6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"



⁸ 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? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”



¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” (NIV)



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The results on “Friend Day”

- Everyone was Amazed!
- Everyone Praised God!
- Everyone was filled with Awe!
- Everyone witnessed God’s Miraculous Power!



1. Create A Similar Situation for Blessings.

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(Observations)

A. A Crowd Came Because They Heard About It.

B. When Jesus Is In the House People Will Come.

C. Jesus Showed Up Because He Was Welcome.

D. Jesus Showed Up to Preach The Word.



2. Seek Out The Sick For Blessings.

Mark 2:3 ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. (NIV)

A. The Sick Man Was Paralyzed By Sin.

B. The Sick Man Was Helpless.



C. The Sick Man was Dependent.

Romans 10:14 ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (NIV)



3. Expose the Stumbling Blocks to Blessings.

A. The Selfishness of the Crowd.

Mark 2:2 ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. (NIV)



Mark 2:4

⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. (NIV)



B. The Criticism of the Experts.

Mark 2:7 ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (NIV)



4. Trust The Dependent To Pour Out Blessings

A. Jesus Saw Their Hearts.

Mark 2:8 ⁸ 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? (NIV)



B. Jesus Saw Their Faith .

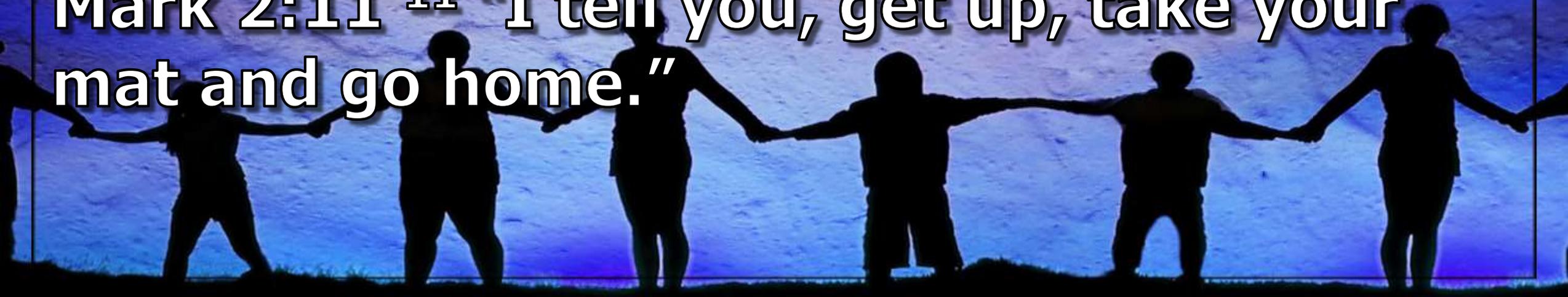
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C. Jesus Met All His Needs.

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Mark 2:11 ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."



5. Volunteer As His Servants for Blessings.

A. They Were Concerned.

Mark 2:3 ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. (NIV)



B. They Were Cooperative.

Mark 2:3 ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. (NIV)



C. They Were Committed.

Mark 2:4 ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. (NIV)



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