



Mark 2:1-5 (NIV) <sup>1</sup>A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

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?" (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?" (Mark 2:8)

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**1. Sometimes What We Really \_\_\_\_\_ Is Not What We Really Need.**

**Our Deepest Needs?**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Forgiveness Is Not High on Our List of \_\_\_\_\_ Needs.**

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**3. Only Jesus Has \_\_\_\_\_ to Forgive Sin.**

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." (Mark 2:10)

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

He got up, took his mat, and walked out in full view of them all... (Mark 2:12)

This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" (Mark 2:12)

**Want to Go Deeper?**

- Memorize Mark 2:5.
- List your top felt needs and how sin affects them.
- Confess your sins, turn from them, and receive God's forgiveness.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *The Gift of Forgiveness* by Charles Stanley.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!