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## 4 CORNERS CHURCH Jesus and Friends

**Mark 2:1-12** <sup>1</sup>And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup>And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk?' <sup>10</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." <sup>12</sup>And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

You need friends who would tear the roof off for you to get you to Jesus.

- Friend: a better definition
- Jesus: the best idea
- Carried: sometimes you are stuck

For whom would you tear the roof off to get to Jesus?

- A true friend doesn't leave Jesus out of the friendship.
- A true friendship will carry you when you are unable to move.
- A true friend's faith is visible.
- A true friend is moved spiritually when their friend moves spiritually.

The 4 friends had visible faith. They were not simply silent witnesses.  
These 4 took their friend to where Jesus was.

Jesus shows the priority he has for your friends... curing the sin sickness.

You have friends who are stuck spiritually. You know their names.

Do you care for them enough to tear off the roof?

4 ways 4C can help as you work to get your friend to Jesus:

- Prayer: We will pray with you for your friend
- Meaningful Christmas Experience: Christmas Eve Eve
- Compelling FAMILY events: 4C Kids Camp, Dec 2 for Women, 4C Students
- Sundays: Warm, welcoming, no compromise, high quality people