



LET'S GO DEEPER

JESUS IS IN THE HOUSE – March 17th 2024 – Pastor Peter

Key Verse – MARK 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. ² Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, ³ four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴ They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, ⁷ "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" ⁸ Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? ⁹ Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? ¹⁰ So I will prove to you that the Son of Man^[a] has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ¹¹ "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" ¹² And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

1. Their Motivation

I. They Have Tenacity

Hebrews 10:36 "Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that He has promised."

ii. They Take Action

Genesis 50:20 "You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good." Hebrews 12:2 "We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Champion who initiates and perfects our faith."

QUESTIONS:

1 Is patient endurance described on Hebrews 10:36, the same as tenacity?

2. How does living based on what we believe versus what we know help us with our patient endurance?

3. How does every challenge faced in life open an opportunity to go to another level of faith in God?



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1. The Response

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2. The Outcome

Mark 2:12 “And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, ‘We’ve never seen anything like this before!’”

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE THIS WEEK?

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Questions:

1 What about the behavior of the 4 men do you think most impacted Jesus?

2. Why do think Jesus reacted the way he did to the attitude of the teachers of religious law?

3. What happens when challenges com and we press in with faith?

4. What was the outcome of the encounter of the paralyzed man with Jesus?

5. Why was forgiven his sins important to Jesus?
