

# Living the Crazy Life of Faith

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

Mark 2:1-12

### I. A **CRAZY** Faith Trades Up (Mark 2:1-12)

#### A. A Most Unusual Birthday!

1. The **CRAZY** Faith of a paralyzed man's four friends.
  - a. His friends can't get to Jesus from the ground, so they bring him to Jesus by air.

b. (v. 5), "And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'"

John 3:3

Luke 15:10

#### B. An Exchange of Faith

1. When we want to be saved, we learn someone else's faith won't save us!
  - a. The faith of his 4 friends brought him HERE, but it won't be the faith that will get him THERE

b. God won't do something for you on the outside, that He hasn't already done for you on inside.

Mark 2:10

Mark 16:15

Acts 22:10

#### C. Hope Over Haters, (vs. 6-11)

1. Sadly, not everyone was thrilled with Jesus saving the paralytic from his sins.

Mark 2:6-7

D. Trust, Try, and Testify!

1. This paralyzed man needs to TRUST. For Jesus is going to tell him to do something he hasn't done before!
  - a. *"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home!" (v.11).*
  
2. Listen as Peter tells us about what God has done for us on the inside, (1 Pt. 2:9a), *"You are a . . ."*
  - a. *Chosen Race* –

2 Corinthians 5:17

b. *Royal Priesthood* -

c. *Holy Nation* -

Philippians 3:20

d. *People for God's own possession* -

Acts 20:28

1 Peter 2:9b

Proverbs 3:5

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3. But if the paralyzed man only trusted but never TRIED, he would never have gotten up to walk!
  - a. (v. 12), *"And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out of the sight of all."*

4. But why did Jesus say, *"take up your pallet"*? Why not just leave it on the floor and walk away from it?!!
  - a. Brethren, his pallet is his testimony!

John 5:11

Mark 5:19

1 John 2:16

Revelation 12:11

**CONCLUSIONS:**

MEMBERS:

GUESTS:

Acts 22:10, 16