



Through the Roof Neighbors

Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers 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 paralyzed man, 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 by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “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 this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’ ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, 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!”

Through the roof neighbors have:

I. Through the roof compassion.

- Through the roof neighbors rappel vs. repel.

- Through the roof neighbors carry mats.

2. Through the roof faith.

Mark 2:5 (NIV)

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

- Through the roof faith catches the eye of Christ and the paralytics in our lives.
- Through the roof faith sees the real need.
- Our ultimate need is not healing from God, but holiness before God.

Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

- Would you rather have your problems solved or your sins forgiven?

3. Through the roof sacrifice.

- Through the roof neighbors are persistent.
- Through the roof neighbors are creative.
- Through the roof neighboring is costly.
- Through the roof neighboring is urgent.