

Godly Relationships

(Mark 2:1-5; 11-12 NIV)¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 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. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 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!"

1. Godly relationships take work.

(Mark 2:3-4 NIV) Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 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 .

(James 5:16 NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

2. Godly relationships take risks.

(Mark 2:4 NIV) Then they lowered the mat the man was lying on.

(John 15:16 NIV) "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

3. Godly relationships bring people to the feet of Jesus.

(Mark 2:5 NIV) When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

(Isaiah 53:5 NIV) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

4. Godly relationships celebrate life change.

(Mark 2:11-12 NIV) "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 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!"