

Title: Are You Willing To Carry Him?
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God's heart

1 Timothy 2:3-4

³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Mark 2:1-12

Jesus Forgives and Heals

¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since 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. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now 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?" ⁸Immediately 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? ⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' ¹⁰But 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."¹²He 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!"

Five different people

- Paralyzed man
- Four friends
- Crowd
- Pharisees
- Jesus

1. The Paralyzed man

- Pride
- Fear

a. Dealing with Pride

Proverbs 11:12

¹²When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

b. Dealing with Fear

Romans 8:15

¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

2. The Four Friends

- **Loving your neighbour**

Galatians 6:2

²Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

- **Perseverance**

James 5:11

¹¹As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

- **Unity**

Romans 12:16

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

- **Faith**

Hebrews 11:6

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

3. The Crowd

- **Selfishness**

Philippians 2:3-4

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain pride. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

4. The Pharisees

- **Hardened hearts/ Religious spirit**

Matthew 13:14-15

¹⁴In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. ¹⁵For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.”

5. Jesus

- **The saviors love**

John 10:11

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

- **Jesus is the way to life**

John 14:6

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”