

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

Four men wanted to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus, but couldn't get him there because of the crowds that blocked the door into the house where Jesus was teaching. So they took the paralyzed man onto the roof of the house and broke through in order to get their friend to Jesus. Much like the barrier of this roof, only when we break through the sin in our lives *which so easily hinders and entangles us* (Hebrews 12:1) can experience Jesus and His glory in a way that is impossible otherwise.

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What are the results when we remove all that hinders a relationship with Christ?

Jesus becomes more discernable - As they stood on that roof, the voice of Jesus was dimmed and His face was hidden from view, but once they broke through the obstacle they could see Him without hindrance. Nothing hides the face of our loving Savior from view any more sin. But when our old lives are broken before Him in repentance, the wall of separation between us falls and we can see Him again.

Jesus becomes more desirable - When Christ is seen in His right position: Savior, Lord, Master, God, the soul will long for Him and desire Him more than life itself. Nothing can thrill a believer like being with Jesus. **Look up: Psalm 42:1-2**

You can relieve your burden - When the obstacle was removed, they were able to present the paralyzed man to Jesus. They were able to give Him their burden. The same is true for the child of God! As long as sin is in the way, we cannot get to Him. **Look up: Psalm 66:18, Matthew 11:28**

You can receive the blessing - God cannot bless your life like He wants to until the obstacles are out of the way? **Look up: 2 Chronicles 7:14**

You can experience the cleansing power of Jesus - Jesus cleansed this man of his sins (v.5). When we break through the sin in our lives through confession and humble repentance, we can then experience His cleansing power (**1 John 1:9**).

You can experience the changing power of Jesus - Jesus didn't just touch him on the inside, but He also touched him on the outside. Anyone could have announced; "Your sins are forgiven". Jesus visibly changed this man's life (v.10-12). Our lives should be visibly different when we accept Jesus Christ as Savior. **Look up: 2 Corinthians 5:17**

When this man met Jesus everything changed. Prior to that he could do nothing, but when the obstacle was removed, he walked differently, he glorified God and he left everyone scratching their heads at the awesome power of the Son of God. This is exactly what will happen for each and every individual who breaks down the obstacle in their own life. Doing so will change our walk. It will change our prayer life. It will make us bold in our witness. It will make us vocal in our praise. It will fill us with excitement and it will leave a lost world scratching their heads in amazement at what the Lord has done.

Enter His presence and experience His power