

Title: **Through the Roof**
Text: **Mark 2:1-17**
Date: **July 23, 2023**

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1. Men bearing the paralyzed man

- A. Determination flows from FAITH

- B. Faith with determination commended by Jesus
 - 1. Mark 10:46-52 - Bartimaeus yelled louder
 - 2. Matthew 15:21-28 - Syrophenician woman willing to eat scraps
 - 3. Matthew 8:5-13 - Centurion believed Jesus would heal without going

- C. Determination on behalf of someone else

2. The Bible teachers

- A. Knowledgeable

- B. Faithless

- C. Judge in the place of God

3. Jesus

- A. What is easier?

- B. Son of Man: Divine

- C. Purpose: Call sinners

4. Is my purpose aligned with Jesus'?

- A. On behalf of sinners, am I approaching Jesus with enough desperation?

- B. Am I willing to: Learn new skills, do what is difficult or feels unnatural, read books, spend money, spend time; break old paradigms?

- C. I am desperate enough to:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Reflection Questions

- According to Mark 2:1-17, who does Jesus claim to be? What is His purpose?
- What is wrong with the Bible teachers?
- How do the men bearing the paralyzed man set a good example for us to follow?
- How does their behavior define faith?
- What will you be brazen enough to do out of faith and alignment with Jesus' purpose to call sinners? How can you start on that in the next week?

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COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the unbelieving.

Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

Sunday Prayer Walk - Today!

We will be gathering after service today at 1:00pm to do a prayer walk in the local neighborhood! So grab lunch after the service, and consider joining us to pray for our neighboring community, as we hope to have the opportunity to share the gospel with those who are open and ready to engage. We'll have a brief time before the prayer walk to discuss what to pray for, so we invite anyone regardless of experience to join and learn.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Chris Keener at cmkeener2@gmail.com.

Welcoming into Covenant Membership!

Covenant membership at Mercy Hill is a way of going all in with us as we commit to "be the body" here and now together (1 Cor. 12:27). It's a way of formalizing your commitment to this church—its members, leaders, mission, and ministries. It's a promise we make to one another—that we will participate meaningfully in this local assembly as we pursue God's presence, grow together as His people, and live for His purpose in the world.

Would you join us in welcoming in a couple new covenant members today: Michael Boone and Chloe Pratt. We thank God for them!

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