

UNASHAMED BOLDNESS

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Mark 2:1–12 (NLT) (1) When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. (2) Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, (3) four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. (4) They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. (5) Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." (6) But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, (7) "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" (8) Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? (9) Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'?" (10) So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, (11) "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" (12) And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

- 1) **The four men were willing to do whatever needed done to help their friend have an encounter with Jesus.**

WHO HAS GOD PLACED IN YOUR LIFE THAT NEEDS AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS?

GOD WANTS US TO HAVE THE SAME PASSION AND BOLDNESS OF THE FOUR MEN AND NOT LET OBSTACLES GET IN THE WAY.

- 2) **The result of their unashamed boldness was the healing of the paralyzed man and the forgiveness Jesus offered to Him.**

Mark 2:5 (NLT) (5) Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

LIVING OUT OUR FAITH WITH UNASHAMED BOLDNESS HAS AN IMPACT ON OTHER PEOPLE.

- 3) **God often uses our unashamed boldness to impact the lives of more people than we could ever think possible.**

Mark 2:12 (NLT) (12) And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

ONE ACT OF BOLD FAITH, MEANT FOR ONE PERSON, ENDED UP IMPACTING EVERYONE IN THAT HOUSE.

ARE YOU WILLING TO LIVE YOUR LIFE WITH UNASHAMED BOLDNESS FOR JESUS?

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