

Galatians - Whatever It Takes

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Summary

This week we focus on the importance of Christian community and accountability, using the story of a paralyzed man in the Gospel of Mark. As believers in Jesus Christ, let us continue to examine whether any area of our lives is 'out of step' with the gospel because disobedience creates footholds for sin and unbelief. The message centers on two key questions: Do you have friends who will do whatever it takes to get you to Jesus when you're spiritually paralyzed? And are you willing to be that kind of friend for others? We are designed for community and isolation makes us vulnerable to spiritual attack. Through the story of four friends who literally tore through a roof to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus, we can see the kind of sacrificial love and commitment needed in Christian relationships.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, knowing that You have brought us together for a purpose. We ask that You would open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us. Help us to be honest about the areas in our lives that may be out of step with Your Gospel. Give us the courage to examine our relationships and our willingness to both receive help and offer help to others. Holy Spirit, help us to surrender our preferences and agendas to You and we ask that You would use this time to draw us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Share about a time when you had to ask friends or family for help with something you couldn't do on your own. What was that experience like for you?

Key Verses

- Galatians 2:14
- Hebrews 3:12-13
- Mark 2:1-12
- Hebrews 10:24-25

Questions

1. The four friends in Mark 2 went to extraordinary lengths to get their friend to Jesus. What do you think motivated them to tear through a roof rather than just turn back?
2. Do you truly have people in your life who know you deeply enough to carry your 'mat' when you're spiritually paralyzed? What's the difference between having 'buddies' and having true spiritual friends?
3. We live in the most digitally connected but relationally impoverished time in human history. How have you experienced this tension in your own life?
4. Jesus saw their faith through their actions (Mark 2:5), not just their words. How does our faith get expressed through action in practical ways?
5. When Jesus called the paralyzed man 'son,' it revealed his new identity (Mark 2:5). How does knowing that only Jesus gets to define who you are change how you view yourself?
6. Are you currently the kind of person willing to 'pick up a corner of someone's mat'? What would it look like for you to be more intentional about helping others get to Jesus?

Life Application

This week, identify one person in your life who may be spiritually 'paralyzed' in some way - whether they're far from God or struggling in their faith. Choose to take one concrete action to help 'carry their mat' to Jesus, whether that's through prayer, invitation to church, a meaningful conversation, or practical help. Also, consider if you need to reach out to someone who could help carry your own mat in an area where you're struggling.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for this reminder that we were never meant to walk this Christian life alone. Help us to be honest about the areas where we need others to carry our mat, and give us the courage to reach out for help. At the same time, make us the kind of people who are willing to tear through roofs to help others encounter You. Show us who You've placed in our lives that needs us to pick up a corner of their mat. Help us to believe deeply that when we bring people to You, something good will happen. We commit to responding in obedience to how You're calling us to live in an authentic Christian community. In Your name we pray, Amen.