



### What Is Our Deepest Need?

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#### Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

*A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since 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. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately 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? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He 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!"*

#### Reflection Questions:

- 1) What is your greatest need in life?
- 2) Why do we tend to focus on our circumstantial needs more than our deepest spiritual needs?
- 3) What are your deepest spiritual needs? How do you need to see Jesus heal you of areas of sin in your life? Take time to pray over these with Jesus and others.
- 4) Why can it be difficult to see spiritual needs in others when the circumstances of their life appear to be going really well?
- 5) The four friends had faith that Jesus could observe - it took action. How can we observe faith in others? How can people observe your faith?
- 6) Who in your sphere of influence has spiritual needs? Who needs the healing of forgiveness found in Jesus? What is your next step in helping get that person to the feet of Jesus?
- 7) How does this passage show us that Jesus was claiming to be God in the flesh?