



Faith That Carries

And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ² Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. ³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. ⁴ And when **they** could not come near Him because of the crowd, **they** uncovered the roof where He was. So when **they** had broken through, **they** let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “**Son**, your sins are forgiven you.” ⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that **you** may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I say to you, **arise**, take up your bed, and go to your house.” ¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!” **Mark 2:1-12**

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2. JESUS HAS AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS AND TO HEAL

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3. ONLY JESUS CAN DO THIS BECAUSE HE IS THE SON OF MAN

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