

¹And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ²Immediately 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. ³Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.

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⁴And 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. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

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¹²Immediately 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 NKJV

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"When Jesus saw their faith..."

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But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
—HEBREWS 11:6 NKJV

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I. Dare to Do Something Difficult

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“History will be kind to me because I intend to write it.” —WINSTON CHURCHILL

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“My goal is God Himself,
not joy or peace or even blessing,
but Himself, my God.”
—OSWALD CHAMBERS

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“Pray, and while you pray, move your feet.”
—QUAKER SAYING

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II. Decide to Do Something Different

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Compassion

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Cooperation

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Creativity

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“If we do what we have always done, we will get what we have always gotten.” —JOHN MAXWELL

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III. Determine Not to Allow Someone to Deter You

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Mark 2:6-12

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⁶And 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?” ⁸But 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?”

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⁹“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk?’ ¹⁰But 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.”

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—MARK 2:6-12 NKJV

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“Just pray for a tough hide and a tender heart.” —RUTH GRAHAM

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“Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is the glue.” —EUGENE O’NEILL

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“God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way.” —MAX LUCADO

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