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*Mark 2:3-5, "And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay. And **Jesus seeing their faith** saith unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven."*

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### Four men who cared. Mark 2:3

- ▶ They forgot self and helped the paralyzed man. cf. Matthew 16:24; Philippians 1:21; 1 John 3:17; 1 John 4:20-21
- ▶ God cared John 3:16, and cares. 1 Peter 5:6
- ▶ We must care. Luke 10:30ff; Acts 2,4,6,8 etc.; Hebrews 10:24

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### Four men who tried. Mark 2:4

- ▶ Went to work.
  - Note: Four lepers. cf. 2 Kings 7:1-9
- ▶ Confidence in the power of God. TRY! cf. Romans 8:31; Philippians 4:13; Nehemiah 4:20, 6

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### Four men who worked together. Mark 2:4

- ▶ *Amos 3:3 "Shall two walk together, except they have agreed?"* cf. Nehemiah 5; Psalms 133:1; John 17:20-21; John 13:34
- ▶ Every one was necessary, no division. 1 Corinthians 12:25-26; Nehemiah 3

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### Four men who wanted to share Christ. Mark 2:4

- ▶ Andrew found Peter. John 1:40ff
- ▶ Philip brought Nathanael. John 1:44ff
- ▶ Samaritan woman brought those of the city. John 4:28
- ▶ Scattered disciples preached the word. Acts 8:4
- ▶ Gospel spread throughout the world. Colossians 1:23
- ▶ Natural response. 2 Corinthians 4:7-13
  - NOTE: These four men did not need healing, but they brought one who did need him. cf. Mark 2:17

### Jesus Also Saw Some Stumbling Blocks

#### **Those who blocked the door.**

- ▶ Did not make way for the paralyzed man.
- ▶ Today some will not work, and will not get out of the way for others to work. cf. Nehemiah 5; 6:3, 10
- ▶ Criticize and complain. Galatians 5:15

#### **The hypocrisy of the Jews.**

- ▶ Questioned Jesus' authority to restore the man's health.

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### Jesus Still Seeking Men Like These Four

- ▶ **Men who care.**
- ▶ **Those who try.**
- ▶ **Those willing to work together.**
- ▶ **Those who want to share Christ with others.**

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