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**Humanity’s Greatest Need**

Mark 2:1-12

**WHAT’S GOING ON?**

***Three Key Things Happening in the Text:***

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are displayed.

(Verses 1-5)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is given.

(Verses 5-7)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is experienced.

(Verses 8-12)

**WHAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO**

***One Key Truth About Jesus:***

* Jesus cannot be *just* a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he *must also* be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**WHAT WE SHOULDN’T MISS**

***Three Key Life Lessons:***

1. Our greatest need is to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not to get our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Persistent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will always make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heart may be the most well-intentioned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to faith.
4. True friendship will always display \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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1. **FAITH** and **FRIENDSHIP** are displayed.

(Verses 1-5)

1. **FORGIVENESS** is given.

(Verses 5-7)

1. **PHYSICAL HEALING** is experienced.

(Verses 8-12)

**WHAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO**

***One Key Truth About Jesus:***

* Jesus cannot be *just* a good **MAN**, he *must also* be **GOD**.

**WHAT WE SHOULDN’T MISS**

***Three Key Life Lessons:***

1. Our greatest need is to be **FORGIVEN**, not to get our **WANTS MET**.
2. Persistent **FAITH** will always make a **DIFFERENCE**.
3. A **CRITICAL** heart may be the most well-intentioned **IMPEDIMENT** to faith.
4. True friendship will always display **LOVE**, **COMMITMENT**, and **SACRIFICE**.

**For Further Study**

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**Getting Started**

1. What was most shocking to you about Sunday’s text and why?

* The critical hearts of the teachers of the law
* The persistence of the paralytic’s friends
* Jesus initially not healing the paralyzed man

**Digging Deeper**

1. When you see someone who is handicapped, starving, sick, or poor, what do you normally think is their greatest need at that moment?
2. What does Sunday’s text teach about what a person’s greatest need truly is? Why is it important to remember this?
3. Why would the people of Jesus’ day have accepted the healing of the paralyzed man as evidence that Jesus had forgiven his sins? Today, what might serve as evidence of someone having been forgiven by Jesus?

**Driving It Home**

1. In what ways did the paralytic’s friends display love, commitment, and sacrifice? In what ways has Jesus displayed love, commitment, and sacrifice?
2. What does Sunday’s text teach you about Christian friendship and helping others in times of need?