

## PRESS INTO THE MESS

We are in a mess, coming out of a mess, or coming into a mess.

We can't make it through a mess alone.

<sup>1</sup>A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup>They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:1-5 (NIV)

When my life's a mess, I need a community to carry me to Jesus.

We need to be a community that carries people with messes to Jesus.

Will we move toward others in a mess and lead them to Jesus?

<sup>6</sup>Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>8</sup>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? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup>But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, <sup>11</sup>"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup>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!"

Mark 2:6-12 (NIV)

- Pride and contentment can keep me in my mess.
- Don't let my mess define me.

TEACHING BIG IDEA FOR THOSE IN A MESS:

**Be willing, in my mess, to follow Jesus and take my next step.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA FOR THE CHURCH:

**We will be a community who moves toward others in a mess and leads them to Jesus!**

Jesus will be our message to those in the mess.

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