

“Pray for One Another”

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- ▶ Read Rom. 8:26-27 and 2 Cor. 12:9-10. What type of weakness do you feel in your spiritual life?
- ▶ What does the Spirit of God do to help us pray? How have you felt this?

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- ▶ What type of things do you normally ask prayer for from others, and how might your prayer requests communicate what you find most important in your life?
- ▶ What does Jesus communicate is the main problem in our lives from what he does first to the paralytic in Mark 2:5?
- ▶ How is Jesus providing a type of healing that is infinitely more valuable than that of physical healing? How should such healing influence the physical needs?

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REMINDER

Try to leave more time to linger in prayer during this series.

DISCUSS

- ▶ What is most difficult about praying out loud in your small group?
- ▶ What is the value of praying together in a group vs. praying alone?

For Prayer Time:

- ▶ Go around and pray for any area of weakness or needed healing for the person to your left.



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Scripture Passages Used:

Mark 2:1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. **2** And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. **3** And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. **4** And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. **5** And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “**Son, your sins are forgiven.**” **6** Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, **7** “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **8** And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “**Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**”—he said to the paralytic— **11 “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” 12** And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Eph. 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

2Cor. 12:9 But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **10** For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Additional Thoughts for Leaders