



RENEWING
GRACE



REDEMPITIVE
COMMUNITY



RELENTLESS
MISSION

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WATCH SERMON



LINK TO LISTEN
TO SERMON



GRACE — REDEMPITIVE **COMMUNITY** — MISSION

Warm-Up Question:

What do you feel is the most difficult thing and the most wonderful thing about being really known and loved in a small group of other believers?

READ: Mark 2:1-5

I. THE NEED FOR REDEMPITIVE COMMUNITY

- Discuss why this paralytic really needed a community of other believers?
- You may not be paralyzed, but what are some other things that reveal your need for doing life with other believers?

II. THE OBSTACLES TO REDEMPITIVE COMMUNITY

- What were the obstacles to getting the paralytic to Jesus? (Think about personal reasons they might have before and after seeing the crowd)
- Read the following obstacles and discuss which you most identify with:
 - 1) Fear of being vulnerable, of others seeing my sin or failure
 - 2) It takes work and effort and time
- Read the list in the sidebar and discuss which one you most identify with

III. THE FAITH OF REDEMPITIVE COMMUNITY

- Why do you think Jesus referred to “THEIR faith” in v. 5? What do you think is the significance of this?
- How does this relate to the story of when Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses as he held up his staff in his arms to win the battle?
- Have you ever had a moment or season of weak faith and you needed someone else to have strong faith *for you*? Share.
- Discuss how Jesus left community in heaven and what he accomplished by it.
- How does this motivate you all the more to live in real community with others? Do you need to take any step now to experience it more?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

- Easy to simply spiritually drift without intentionally
- Easy to disappear safely into the crowd and hide
- Easy to not understand a passage or sermon
- Easy to listen passively and avoid accountability
- Easy to withdraw when discouraged or suffering
- Easy to want to change but not know how
- Easy to forget how loved & accepted I am in Christ
- Easy to avoid telling others prayer requests

For Prayer:

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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.**”

For More Study

Hebrews 10:24–25 — “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 — “Two are better than one... For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.”

Galatians 6:1–2 — “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Proverbs 27:17 — “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

Acts 2:42–47 — “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Eph. 4:11 — “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”