

MARK 2:1-4

HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO?

¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.

How far are you willing to go to share what you have learned about Jesus Christ with another person? What are the obstacles that you encounter whenever you try? Where is the real focus of your concern...the other person, Jesus or yourself?

On the other side of the equation; how willing are you to allow those around you to help you grow in your Christian understanding?

It has been said that we are all beggars helping other beggars to find bread. That illustrates that we are dependent upon one another. That is the way we are designed – to be a unique and necessary element of the whole – the Body of Christ. In our interdependence, at times we will be called upon to carry the paralytic to the healer and at other times we will need to be carried. In either circumstance, we need to have the faith in Christ that will encourage us to overcome the obstacles of pride, fear, sloth and self-centeredness.

How far are you willing to go to grow in your relationship with Jesus and as a part of his community, the Church?

Jesus, overcome my resistance to your call to help others come to know you and your call to allow others to help me to come to know you better. Banish my pride, fear, sloth and self-centeredness so that I might be free to follow you with my whole heart, body and mind. Amen.