



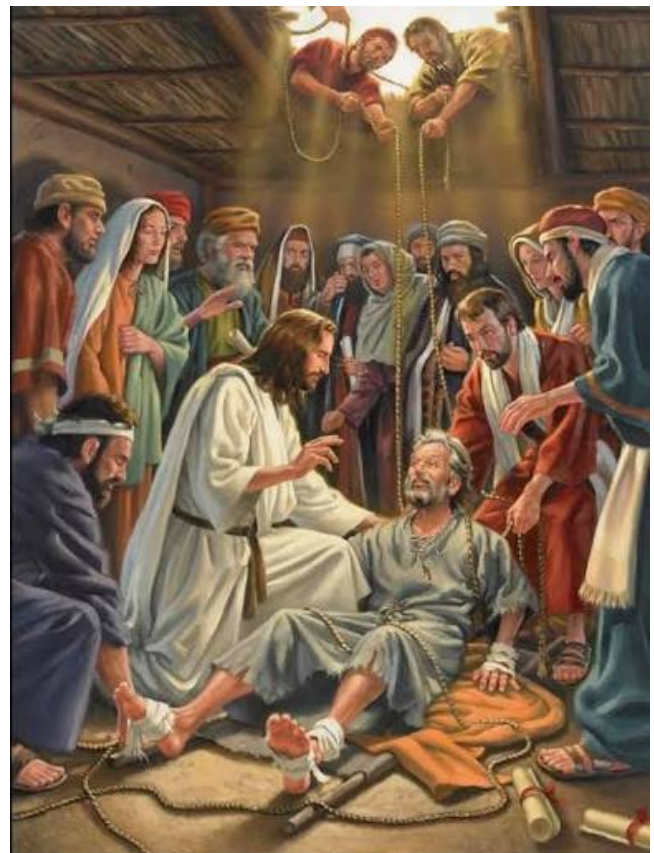
"...stop and consider the wondrous works of God." - Job 37:14

BARE MINIMUM (PART 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. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 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. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven (**Mark 2:2-5**)."*

I'm sure you're familiar with this story. It's recorded in 3 out of the 4 Gospels (**Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5**).

Friends of a paralytic wanted to get their friend to Jesus because they knew He could and would heal him. Unfortunately, they couldn't get inside the door because it was so packed. So, instead of giving up and telling their friend it just wasn't his day, they took matters into their own hands and ripped the roof off of a building. They then lowered their friend down through the ceiling directly in front of Jesus. Jesus, because of the faith of the paralytic's friends, not only healed his paralysis, but forgive him of his sins.



These friends didn't do the **BARE MINIMUM**, they did **WHATEVER IT TOOK** to get their friend to Jesus.

Last week, we talked about doing the **BARE MINIMUM** in our work and day-to-day activities. This week, I'm challenged with the thought that we do the **BARE MINIMUM** in getting the people we know to Jesus.

Consider these four friends of the paralytic.

What if they had decided that the crowd was too big, it would be too hard to get through, or that they would have to stand all day and wait hoping to see Jesus.

What if they had decided to do the **BARE MINIMUM**?

- Their friend wouldn't have gotten healed of his paralysis,
- Their friend's sins wouldn't have been forgiven,
- Their faith wouldn't have increased,
- Their story wouldn't have been told over millennia.
- Their act of faith wouldn't have encouraged billions of people over the next 2000+ years



It's a good thing they didn't settle for the **BARE MINIMUM**.

Instead, they did whatever it took to get their friend to Jesus—even to the extent of tearing up a stranger's roof!

Are we simply settling for the **BARE MINIMUM**, or are we ripping off roofs to tell others about Christ?

There was determination, a refusal to take no for an answer, and a sense of urgency.

They weren't going to come back another day. They weren't going to wait to see if Jesus would pass by and they might have another opportunity in the future.

They were urgent. It was going to be that day or never, and they weren't going to let anything stand in their way.

Are we this urgent and determined?

We believe that Jesus could return any day (**Luke 12:40; 1 Thess 5:2; James 5:8-9**). We believe that we are not promised tomorrow (**James 4:14**)...yet, we don't act like it when it comes to telling others about Jesus.

Let us not settle for the **BARE MINIMUM** when telling others about Jesus.

Let's be like the friends of the paralytic and do **WHATEVER IT TAKES**. Let us be just as determined and just as urgent

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