

Breakthrough Lessons for Bold Believers

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Mark 2:1-12

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BOTTOM LINE

- Q: Having heard and seen for yourself the account in Mark 2, how would you summarize the primary message(s) you took away?
- Q: Before getting into the written prompts, what things did the Lord challenge you? What stood out, stuck with you?

BOLD BREAKTHROUGH NO.1: Friends make a difference.

(vs. 1-3; JOHN 15:13)

Question: *What kind of friend are you?*

- Q: Describe the steps these friends went through to demonstrate commitment. List the traits that ought to compel us to greater Gospel-like love.
- Q: Are there friends that the Lord has placed in your path that could use a hand?
- Q: Read John 15:13. What is Christ's heart and how is our response to His call?

Perhaps you'd use the list from the message to begin some further investigation of your heart and love for others—as you have been loved through Christ.

FRIENDSHIP 101

1. DO I SEEK TO BRING OUT GOD'S BEST IN OTHERS—EVEN IF IT MEANS THEY WILL ME?
2. DO I DO UNTO OTHERS AS I WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO ME?
3. DO I MAKE SACRIFICES FOR OTHERS OR ONLY MAKE EXPECTATIONS OF THEM?
4. DO I CREATE OPPORTUNITIES OR OBSTACLES FOR OTHERS?
5. DO I BELIEVE THE BEST OF MY FRIENDS?
6. DO I OPEN MY LIFE UP TO MY FRIENDS?
7. DO I CHALLENGE MY FRIENDS WHEN NECESSARY?
8. DO I REMAIN CONSISTANT AND CONSTANT IN MY FRIENDSHIP?
9. DO I PRAY REGULARLY FOR MY FRIENDS?
10. DO I LEAD THEM TOWARD JESUS?

Anything else?

BOLD BREAKTHROUGH NO.2: Frustrations are normal.

(v. 4; JAMES 5:10-11; 1 PETER 4:12)

Question: *What is in your way?*

- Q: Put yourself on the ground outside Peter's house. What was it like? What challenges did they face? What might most people have said seeing the challenges?
- Q: What makes me want to quit the push and dig "through the roof"?
- Q: Name the thing in your life and relationship that present challenges—and what can/should you do about these?

Anything else?

BOLD BREAKTHROUGH NO.3: Forgiveness is primary.

(v. 5; MATTHEW 7:1-6; 1 JOHN 1:9; ACTS 4:12; LUKE 23:24)

Question: *Have I received Jesus' forgiveness and do I give it to others?*

- Q: What is your story? How did the Gospel arrest your heart and life?
- Q: How would you share your story with someone seeking what only Jesus can offer? Open to Colossians 4:2-6 and survey what Paul says about the way we'd live intentionally as aliens and operatives for Christ's Kingdom.

Anything else?

BOLD BREAKTHROUGH NO. 4: Fruit must be visible.

(vs. 6-12; LUKE 3:8-10)

Question: *Am I walking in God's truths?*

- Q: What is my action plan? How might our small group think and pray?
- Q: How does Luke 3:8-10 further our understand and action plans?

Anything else?