



## FACE TO FACE

### Part 3: What's the Problem?

*When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them*

*- Mark 2:1-2*

**Jesus comes to you right now with TRUTH**

*...four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.*

*- Mark 2:3*

**SUFFERING motivates us to come before God**

*They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.*

*- Mark 2:4*

**Faith in action removes ROADBLOCKS**

*Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."*

*- Mark 2:5*

### Big Idea:

Healing is good, Heaven is better

*But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins."*

*- Mark 2:6-7*

*Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk?'"*

*- Mark 2:8-9*

*So, I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins."*

*- Mark 2:10*

**Jesus' AUTHORITY is the real issue**