Title: Sonroof

Text: Mark 2:1-12

Target: Breakthrough sometimes requires you not to back down.

- I. The <u>Word</u> preaches the <u>Word</u>: "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." (Vs. 2)
- **II.** <u>Compassion is fueled by Conviction</u>: "And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men." (Vs. 3)
 - A. Jesus is the Answer: "to him" (Vs. 3)
 - **B.** No Limits: "they could not get near him because of the crowd" (Vs. 4a)
 - **C.** Counted the Cost: "they removed the roof above him" (Vs. 4b)
 - **D.** Worked Together: "they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay" (Vs. 4c)

III. <u>Faith leads to Forgiveness:</u> "And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven."" (Vs. 5)

- A. Name Change: "Son"
- **B. Status Change:** *"Forgiven"*
- **C.** Perspective Change: "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Vs. 7)
- **D. Heart Change:** "And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, 'Why do you question these things in your hearts?'" (Vs. 8)
- **IV.** A <u>Mat becomes a Message</u>: "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." (Vs. 11)
 - **A. External Validated the Internal:** "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"—he said to the paralytic—" (Vs. 10)
 - **B.** Embrace Your Assignment: "And he rose and immediately picked up his bed..." (Vs. 12)

Takeaway: Jesus isn't asking you to carry your Past, He is asking you to carry your Purpose.