



“Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.”
– Mark 2:3

Good Friends

1ST SUNDAY OF BABAH

Introduction

- ▶ 4 Friends symbolize the church
- ▶ Story: Friends influence each other
- ▶ The impact of my actions are far reaching
- ▶ There can be negative ripples

I ALONE CANNOT
CHANGE THE WORLD,
BUT I CAN CAST A
STONE ACROSS THE
WATERS TO CREATE
MANY RIPPLES.
MOTHER TERESA



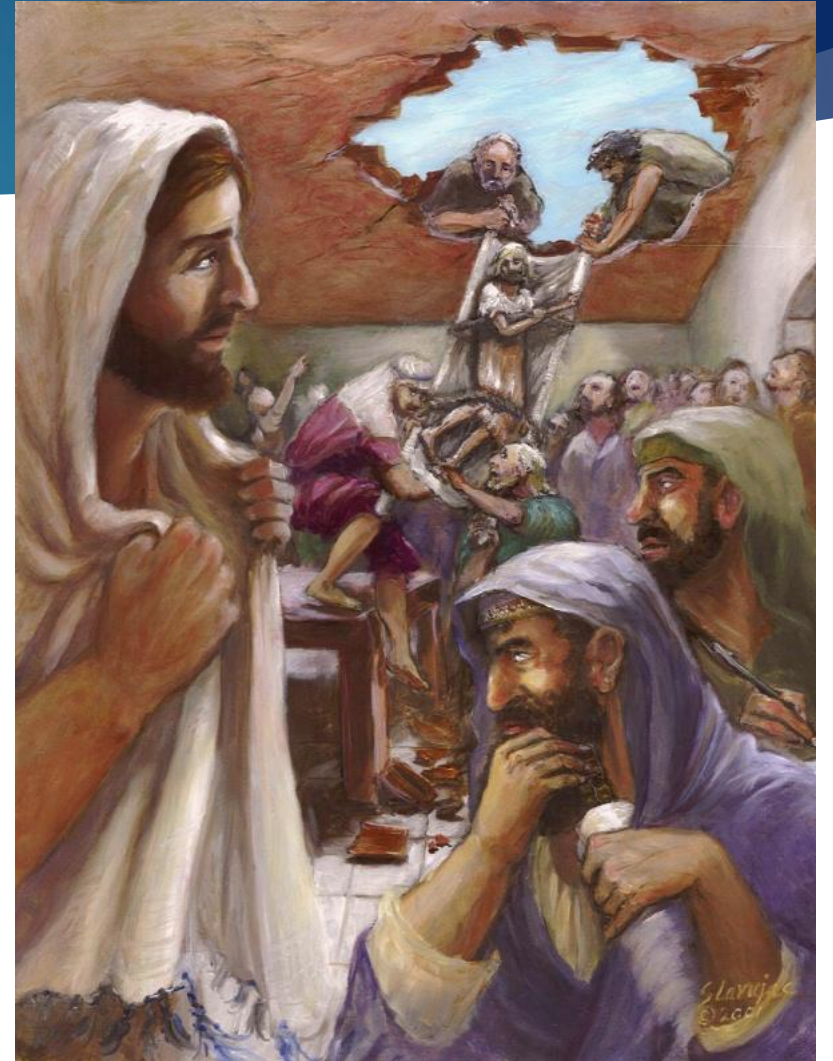
1. Care for the wellbeing of others

- ▶ “A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” (Prov. 18:24)
- ▶ “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.” (Lk. 10:33)
- ▶ “But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” (Lk. 15:20)



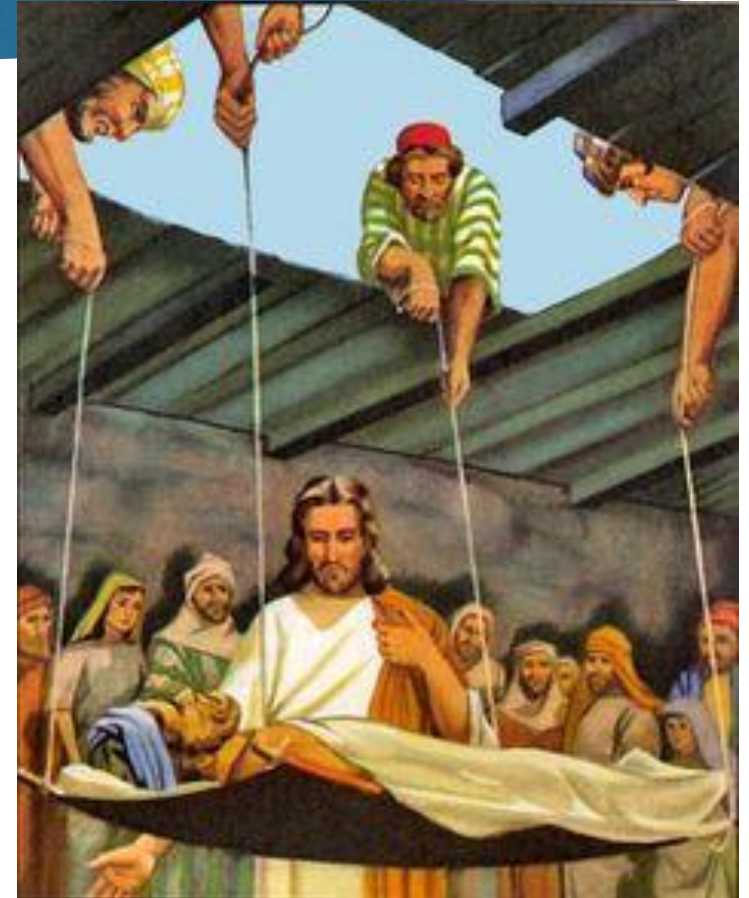
2. Godly Persistence

- ▶ These 4 friends were not defeated when they met with challenges
- ▶ They were persistent in finding solutions



3. Team player

- ▶ Despite a difference of opinion these men were able to agree on one course of action.
- ▶ They were willing to yield their will



4. Faithful

- ▶ They believed that Christ was able and willing to heal him
- ▶ We often present the solution to God, not the problem.
- ▶ “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”
(Rom. 1:11-12)

