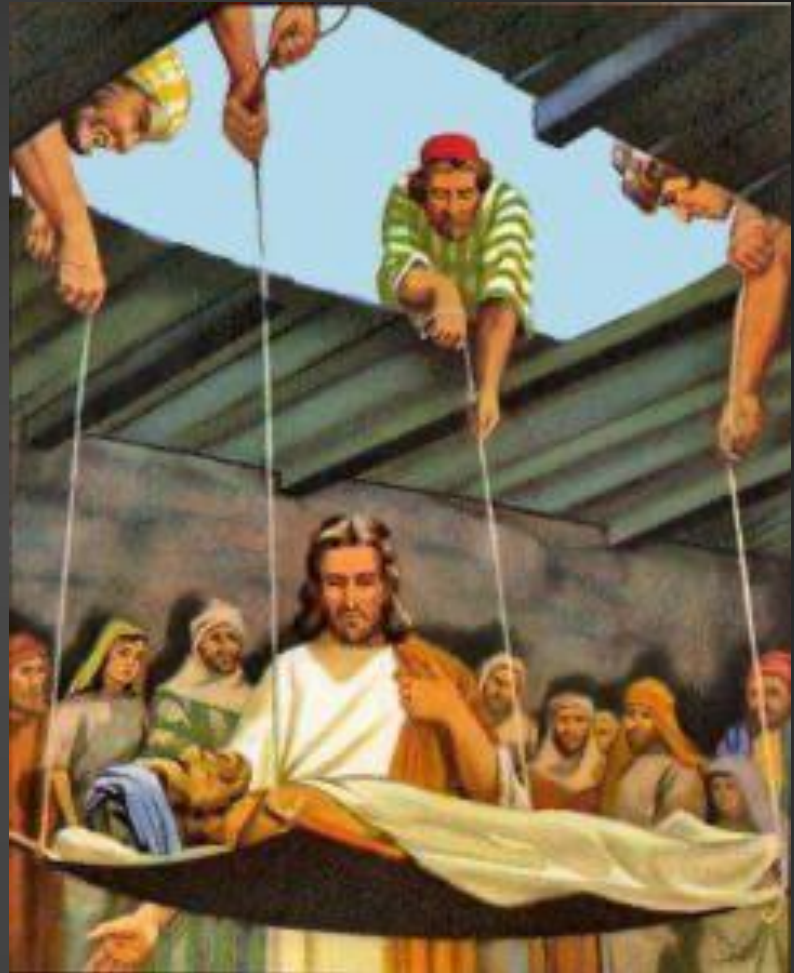


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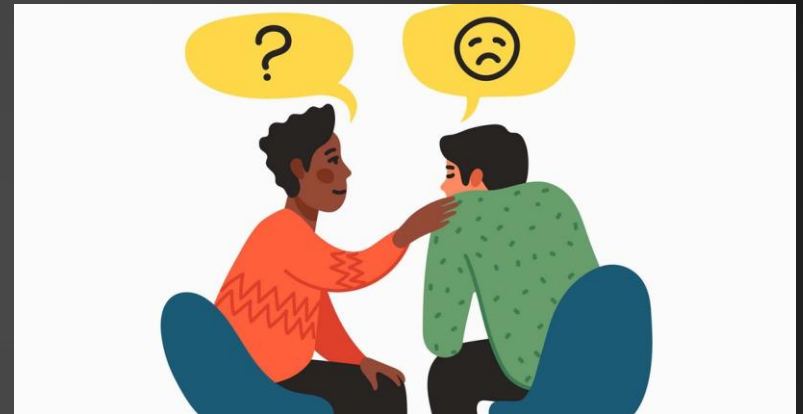
CARRYING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

THE PARALYSIS AROUND US

THE NEED TO NOTICE (1)

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
(Galatians 6:2)

“And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:26)



**THE
PARALYSIS
AROUND US
THE NEED
TO
NOTICE
(2)**

- **“And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:26)**
- **“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 27:17)**

**THE
PARALYSIS
AROUND US
THE NEED
FOR
COMPASSION**

- “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?” (James 2:15–17)
- “Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble.” (2 Corinthians 1:4)

THE POWER OF TRUE FRIENDS (1)

- **“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35)**
- The four friends worked together to bring their friend to Christ.
- This could mean:
 1. To know Christ
 2. To repent
 3. To see His blessings

THE POWER OF TRUE FRIENDS (2)

- Their friendship led to healing and salvation, not just entertainment.
- They did not make his weakness or problem worse.
 - Job
- God values communal faith.
- **“When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you.’”**
(Mark 2:5)

THE POWER OF TRUE FRIENDS (3)

- He values the acts of faith we do for one another: Prayer, Fasting, Encouragement
- **“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”**
(James 5:16)

OUTCOMES (1)

- **“Your sins are forgiven you.”** (Mark 2:5)
- When we faithfully carry one another’s burdens, the following may occur:
 - Forgiveness
 - Healing
 - Freedom
 - Testimony



OUTCOMES (2)

- “Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and **glorified God, saying, ‘We never saw anything like this!’**” (Mark 2:12)