

## The Story of the Hole in the Roof Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

<sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes\* were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

### Reflection Questions:

#### Part 1:

1. Where do we see the evidence of brokenness and/or oppression?
2. Where do we see resistance?
3. Where do we see healing, mending, grace?

#### Part 2:

4. How does this speak to life in the world now?

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