

# **Matthew 9:1-8**

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## **Intro -**

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## **1. Jesus looked up and saw their faith.**

**Mark 2:1-4** - When Jesus returned to Capernaum, 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, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't get 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.

### **a. They had persistent faith**

**Jesus said,** "The kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and *forceful men lay hold of it.*" (Matthew 11:12)

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### **b. They had a creative faith**

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## **c. They had sacrificial faith**

**Martin Luther**: *“A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.”*

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## **d. They had loving faith.**

*The love of Christ compels us*, because we're convinced that One died for all, and therefore all have died. (**2 Cor. 6:4**)

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## **2. Jesus looked down and saw the need.**

*“In life God doesn't give you the people you want, instead He gives you the people you need. To teach you, to hurt you, to love you, and make you what you should be.”*

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## **3. Jesus looked around and saw the critics.**

**Mark 2:5-7** - When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." But some of the teachers of the law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "Why does this man speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

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## **4. Jesus looked inside and saw their hearts.**

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