

Creating an

“ ATMOSPHERE ”

For Change
PRAYER.PRAISE.POWER

*...A Faith
That Lifts The Roof Off*

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MARK 2:1 (LUKE 5:17)

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"





**FIVE KEYS TO
A FAITH THAT
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ROOF OFF!**

- 1) Expectation**
- 2) Partnerships**
- 3) Courage**
- 4) Initiative**
- 5) Action**



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1. There has to be **expectancy** in the atmosphere for faith to operate V2

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2. Power of **Partnerships** (Verse 3)

These sort of people get their ACTIONS rewarded:

They are **DETERMINED**
(not easily dissuaded)

They are **DESTRUCTIVE**
(to structures of resistance)

They are a **DISTURBER** of the status quo

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. **1 Cor 4:20**



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Galatians 5:7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?

3. The Ability to dodge those **keeping you OUT** of your destiny (V4, 6)

RESISTING the pull of the crowd takes **COURAGE**

CROWD thinking is always MORE POPULAR than those that **WILL LIFT THE ROOF OFF**



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4. The Ability to **LOWER** someone into Gods **PRESENCE**(V4)

After all the hard work getting someone into Gods presence, the real power is released through taking the **INITIATIVE**

FAITH is **RISK** amidst opposition

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you **trust in him**, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the **power of the Holy Spirit**.

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5. **Get up** off your circumstances and **into** Gods provision

Get **OFF** and **INTO** is a change in security

We have to leave our **PAST** in order to **ENTER** our **FUTURE**

Luke 14: ¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. ¹⁸ And they all with one consent began to make excuse. **Investments** – **Work** – **Relationships** –
But the ones who recognised their need were brought in

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