

Williamsville United Methodist Church March 7, 2021

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This week's lesson comes from Mark 2: 1-5 and 2 Timothy 4:2-3. Jesus came home to Capernaum and the people came to him. The curious, the sick, the Pharisees & scribes, the poor, the rich, the common all came to the house where Jesus was preaching. So many came they could not all get in the door.

Four men came carrying a paralytic on a mat. They were not deterred by the large crowd. They carried the man on his mat to the rooftop, tore open the roof, and lowered the mat and the paralytic into the room where Jesus was preaching the word. When Jesus saw their faith he said, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Jesus preached with authority knowing that some would take offense when he forgave the sins of the paralytic. The four men and the paralytic trusted Jesus, and He forgave the sins of the paralytic. Just imagine being there when the roof was being ripped open so the paralytic could get close to Jesus...

To ponder: In whom do you place your trust? What are you willing to do to get close to Jesus?

All are invited to come and hear the Gospel-centered message every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. We are participating with several local churches in the Good Friday service to be hosted by Sherman United Methodist Church. Thank you to all who made our Bakeless Bake Sale for mission a huge success!