

**For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field,
God's building.**

1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶Now 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?” ⁸Immediately 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?

Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹²He 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!”

Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

WALK IN MERCY

Four Types of People At the House of Mercy:

- 1. Those Wanting to Receive from Jesus**
- 2. Those There to Watch**
- 3. Those Wanting to Push Back**
- 4. Those Who Brought the Man to Mercy**

Gatekeeping

the activity of controlling, and usually limiting, general access to something; When someone takes it upon themselves to decide who does or does not have access or rights to a community or identity.

**When We Walk in Mercy,
We Understand Mercy**

**But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'
For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'**

Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

“If I withhold mercy, I have lost touch with the gospel. I have lost touch with God’s undeserved kindness and pardon.”

John Stott

...mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:13b (GNT)

“Mercy, detached from justice, grows unmerciful.”

C.S. Lewis

Mercy doesn't dilute, deny, or violate the truth.

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MY JESUS MERCY

**When We Walk in Mercy,
We Bring People to Mercy**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

We are on this planet to bring people to the throne of grace.

By forgiving another, I am trusting that God is a better justice-maker than I am.

Philip Yancey

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power.

Psalm 110:3a (ESV)