

“The Power of Partnership”

(Mark 2:1-12)

Introduction – Something Happens when Jesus is in the House! It is true in our Marriages, in our Homes, and in our Churches! (unity, excitement, expectation – love coming to church)

I. The Presence of the *Master*. (“it was noised that Jesus was in the house” – people were talking!)

Context: Sleepy little fishing village of Capernaum; many times – a central hub of operations for his ministry.

Key: Story is told in 3 of the *Gospels* (Matthew 9; Luke 5)

- ✓ Atmosphere of *Supernatural* Energy
- ✓ Atmosphere of *Spiritual* Expectancy

II. The Partnership of the *Men*.

- ✓ Burden for their Friend.

Question: How did they know? Possibly from their own Experience (former leper, blind, lame, etc.)

- ✓ Creativity in the face of Adversity – would not take no for an answer! *They found a way...* (Dust and *Debris* falling; and then Daylight as they broke through the ceiling)
- ✓ We are always better together!

Note: They shared a *common mission*; shared their resources; a *collaborative effort* in working together (Tennessee Baptists are in Partnership like never before!)

- ✓ Persistence of their Faith (Jesus saw their faith)

III. The Priority of the *Ministry of Jesus*.

- ✓ This was a Divine Interruption that was Pivotal in the ministry of Jesus. (His mission – to seek and to save those who are lost)!

Note: Jesus dealt with the *primary* issue first (sins are forgiven)

Hymn: “The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment, from Jesus - a pardon receives!”

- ✓ The Scribes shared their Criticism (they knew the Scripture – “Only Yahweh can blot out transgressions”) – a defining moment (they sat there), never lifted a finger to help. **Jesus did both** - he also healed his body!

Call to the church – a Burden for Broken people; a call to Creativity and Partnership in ministry!

Illustration – My brother Mike; fishing in a large lake; family struggling in the water... (Rescued a Family from drowning)

Hymn: I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more...

合作的力量 (馬可福音 2:1-12)

引言－當耶穌出現時，就會有奇妙的事發生！這在我們的婚姻、家庭和教會中都是真實的！（合一、興奮、期待－喜歡來教會）

I. 主的同在（「有人傳話說耶穌在房子裡」- 人們在說話！）

背景：迦百農這個沉睡的小漁村；很多時候，這裡都是耶穌傳福音事工的中心。

關鍵：故事取材自三卷福音書（馬太福音 9 章；路加福音 5 章）。

- 超自然能力的氛圍
- 屬靈期盼的氛圍

II. 人的合作

- 他們願意幫助朋友

問題：他們怎麼知道的？可能是從他們自己的經驗（曾經是癱瘓病人、瞎子、癩子等等）

- 逆境中的創意－他們絕不放棄！他們找到了方法…（塵埃和碎片落下；然後，陽光從天花板透進來）
- 我們同心協力總是比較理想的！

注意：他們有著共同的使命；分享資源；一起努力合作（田納西浸信會信徒前所未有的合作關係！）

- 堅強的信心（耶穌看見了他們的信心）

III. 耶穌事工的優先次序

- 這是神聖的介入，是耶穌的傳道事工重要的一環。（祂的使命－尋找並拯救失喪的人）！

注意：耶穌首先處理了主要問題（罪得到赦免）

詩歌：「你罪惡雖極重若真信不疑，就立時蒙赦免永遠不再提。」

- 文士們提出了他們的批評（他們熟悉聖經：「唯有耶和華能塗抹過犯」這句話）－這是一個決定性的時刻（他們坐在那裡），卻沒有伸出援手。耶穌卻做到了－祂還醫治了病人的身體！

對教會的呼召－為破碎之人背負重擔；在事工中發揮創意和合作關係的呼召！

例證－我的兄弟麥克；在一個大湖裡釣魚；一家人在水中掙扎…（救出一個溺水的家庭）

詩歌：「我曾陷溺罪海中，遠離了安全港，被罪惡壓身深重，心中痛苦失望。」