

Dirty Church 2.0
The Church Becoming...
BELONG
Mark 2:1-5

F.A.L.L.

Forget yesterday.

Ask God to work.

Lease some margin.

Live intentionally.

*We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do,
and more in the light of what they suffer.*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Behave - Believe - Belong

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******The traditional church often expects people to clean up their lives before coming to church. Jesus called himself a friend of sinners and each of us fall into that category. He never expected us to clean up before meeting him. He accepts each of us exactly the way we are and loves us so much - he won't let us stay that way.

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers 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 paralyzed man, 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 by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:1-5

Capernaum: Jesus' home base.

The home: Simon Peter's house?

Paralyzed man: Talked 'about' - not talked 'to'.

Introduce Prayer Time

Music

Sermon Part 2

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Four Friends Everyone Needs

The compassionate friend.

Compassion is a key characteristic of a Christian.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38

The accepting friend.

'Accept' people. (Love)

'Except' sin. (Hate)

The loving friend.

****Agape** wants the best for someone else - no matter what. It is not a love based on feeling, convenience or response, but a choice of the will. I will do whatever it takes, no matter how long it takes to love _____ well.

The **faithful** friend.

**Steady in allegiance or affection.
Loyal and constant to someone and ultimately to God.

If you show me your friends, I will show you your future.

**Do you know who determines whether the church is dying
and will even be around for the next generation?

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— The dirty church is come as you are.
The dirty church allows the rough end to drag.

**Jesus loves you and I love you.
You belong here and So do your friends.

I can't wait to meet them.