

## There is Another Door

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Have you ever felt that all doors closed on you? The harsh truth is, if it doesn't open for you, it is not for you. However, don't be disheartened, the story of the Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2) shows us that there is another door!

### Life's greatest opportunity is not always obvious –

It is a principle illustrated in Mark 2. Who would've thought that Gideon, who was a farmer, is called by God a 'mighty warrior' to defeat the enemy? If you are in a hard place right now, it doesn't mean that there is no opportunity.

- "I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut" (Revelation 3:7-8).
  - No obstacle can stop God from opening doors of opportunities for us.
  - We tend not to see the open door of opportunity that is in front of us.
- We want proof before we do things, but God's ways are above our ways (Isaiah. 55:8).
- "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived – the things God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).
- God is going to wrap miracles with responsibility, crisis, mystery, or with an impossible situation in our lives. To illustrate, salvation came through the way of Calvary, not from a king's robe or a victory march.

### Discover Four Doors that are not obvious

#### 1. The Door of Disappointment (Mark 2:2-3)

When we are met with disappointments, we wallow in it and tend to turn around. The four friends and the paralytic man pushed their disappointment aside and moved forward to look for alternative ways to get in.

- God calls us to a better door to avoid heartache and pain in life, and we get to discover a better door that is apt for us.
- This door is for determined people. For us to get through, it requires firm and unwavering faith.

- The attitude should be: "When we are down, there's no other way but up."
- Jesus saw that the four friends acted on their faith. "Faith without action is dead" (James 2:17).
- Faith is something we can see in response to something that we cannot see. They kept on finding a way to get in to receive healing. Before God can change *our* situation, He wants to work within us first.

#### 2. The Door of Opposition. (Mark 2:8)

- When Jesus is busy blessing us, the enemy is also busy destroying us.
- **Opposition proves opportunity.**

#### 3. The Door of Obedience (Mark 2:11-12) Trust God in the most impossible, unreasonable, and inconvenient situation.

- The paralyzed man acted on his faith. We are not meant to be lying down on the mat all the time. We have the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead. Let's take the step of obedience (Mark 2:12) and enjoy the good things in store for us.

- **Obedience brings blessings.**

#### 4. Door of Revelation. When God wants to show people who He is, He picks people with an issue.

- Abraham was old and had a barren wife, but he became the "Father of all Nations." Paul persecuted Christians, but he became one of the greatest apostles; and the Paralyzed Man couldn't walk, but he became a miracle ground.
- Be excited if you have an issue because it is an opportunity for God to reveal Himself to you.

Don't let conflicts and disappointments paralyze you! Walk by Faith, not by sight. It's time to get up, take your mat and go home to experience God's best, because there is another door waiting for you! "I Am the door, if you want to come in, come on in" (John 10:9).

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