

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 14, 2021:  
*The Things we do for Love: The Paralytic's Friends*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with  
CGS Community or family**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. How has God used someone at Royal Redeemer to grow your faith and impact your life?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*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." 6 Now 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?" 8 Immediately 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? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But 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." 12 He 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**

1. What motivated the paralytic's friends to bring him to Jesus? What obstacles did they have to overcome?
2. Deep trust in God comes from God's faithfulness to his character. How have you experienced God's faithfulness?

- **SERVE** *others*

*We are invited to live with the big love of Jacob and the deep trust of the paralytic's friends. what irrational act of love is God leading you toward today?*

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**