

Thank You! | Gratitude, Pt. 3

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When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

"Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

[Mark 2:1-5, 11-12 \(NLT\)](#)

I'm grateful for your willingness...

1. To do .

They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, **so they dug a hole through the roof above his head** .

[Mark 2:4 \(NLT\)](#)

God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. And **he's using you**, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

[Ephesians 2:19-22 \(MSG\)](#)

2. To do it for the sake of .

While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. [Mark 2:2-3 \(NLT\)](#)

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other , passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. [1 Peter 4:10 \(TLB\)](#)

3. To bring a so they can be touched by .

Then they lowered the man on his mat, **right down in front of Jesus**. [Mark 2:4 \(NLT\)](#)

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for **you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. [Philippians 1:3-6 \(NLT\)](#)

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Mon—[1 Peter 3](#)//**Tue**—[1 Peter 4](#)

Wed—[1 Peter 5](#)//**Thu**—[2 Peter 1](#)

Fri—[2 Peter 2](#)//**Sat/Sun**—[2 Peter 3](#) & [1 John 1](#)

Join us online or in-person next weekend for:

GRATITUDE, Part 4

Weekend Service Times:

Saturday **6:15 p.m.**

Sunday **10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**