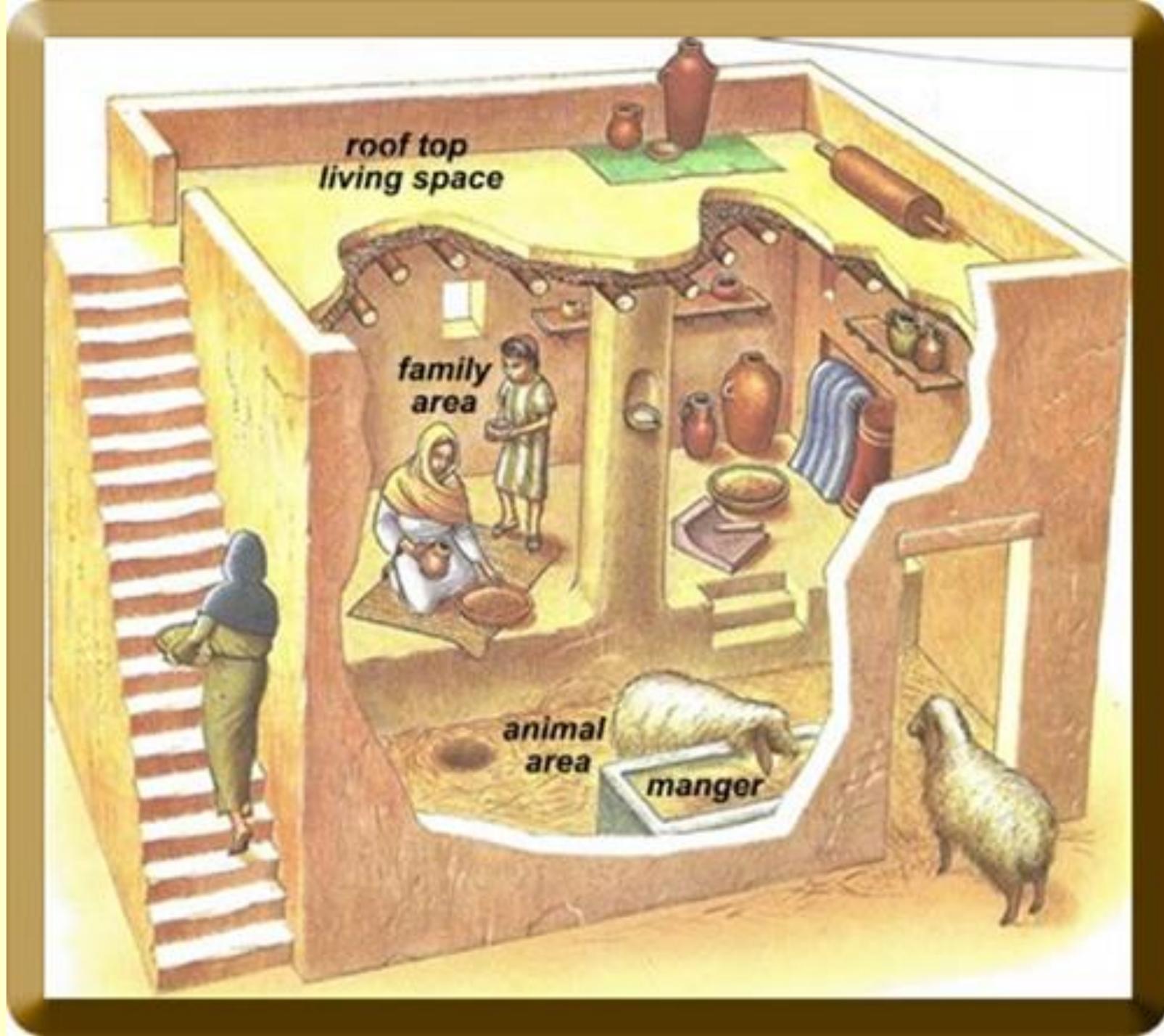


# Forgiveness Matters

Mark 2: 1-12

Verse 1 - 2

**Jesus stays on mission – *He preaches!***



**Crowds came to Jesus – What did He do?**

*“He preached the Word to them”*

**What Word?**

Word = “*logos*” = combining speech, principle, thought, reason, and the mindset of God

**Jesus is teaching them about Himself, possibly referring to Psalms or Isaiah**

## Verse 3 - 4

**Here we go again – Jesus' preaching is interrupted**

**Four men arrive carrying a paralytic on a bed**

**The place is packed, no way to get him to Jesus through the front door**

**What do they decide to do?**

*Take the steps*

*To the roof we will go*



**THEN:** These guys are lowering someone to Jesus to be touched by Jesus

**TODAY:** We lift people up in prayer to be touched by Jesus  
**Hebrews 4: 16**

God graces us and mercies us, *over and over*; this is characteristic of God – **John 1: 16**



For of His fullness we have all  
received, and grace upon grace.

John 1:16

the-end-time

**We are to do the  
same!**

**Truth be known,  
we are  
situational  
grace givers,  
and  
situational  
mercy givers –  
*“if I feel like it!”***

## Verse 5

Jesus reveals who He really is – *GOD!*

Jesus reveals who He is with a few simple words:

*“Son, your sins are forgiven you”*

**FOLKS:** Only God can forgive sins

**Exodus 34: 6-9**

**Psalms 103: 3**

**Isaiah 43: 25**

**Isaiah 44: 22** . . . . . *and on it goes!*

**Forgiven** = *“aphiemi”* = to let go; get rid of;  
refuse to let it hinder

AS FAR AS  
→ ..... →  
*east*  
IS FROM  
*west*  
← ..... ←

SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED  
OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.

*Psalm 103:12*



**What does this mean?**

*God chooses to not see our sins anymore*

**Forgiveness is letting go of the sin, the awful thing done to you, so that you can move on in life**

**Verse 6 - 7**

**The Jesus way creates hostility in  
non-believers**

**The scribes are complaining in their hearts, their thoughts are not verbalized (*we do this*)**

**Jesus makes a God claim, and they complain in their minds, "*who can forgive sins but God alone?*"**

## Verse 8 - 9

**Jesus knows what they are thinking**

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**God knows our thoughts**

**Hebrews 4: 13 is revealing**

Verse 10 - 12

The moment of truth – *prepare to be amazed!*

Looking at the scribes, right between the peepers, He says,  
*“So you may know the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”*

CODE: I AM GOD!

To the paralytic, rise and go home

It is stunning to me how our world feels threatened by Jesus

Kings and dictators, all fear Jesus, are terrified by Him, and seek to silence, even kill His followers

Your job is to speak the truth and live out the truth!

1 Corinthians 15: 58

**CLOSING: *Forgiveness Matters!***

**Failure to Forgive:**

**Imprisons you in your past**

**Gives Satan an open door to harass you**

**Hinders your fellowship with God**

“For if you forgive men  
their trespasses, your  
heavenly Father will also  
forgive you. But if you do  
not forgive men their  
trespasses, neither will  
your Father forgive your  
trespasses.

Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV

**UNFORGIVENESS  
BLOCKS YOUR  
FELLOWSHIP  
AND CLOSENESS  
TO GOD**



The Heaviest

Thing

To Carry

Is A

**GRUDGE**

If you do not forgive, your relationship with God will suffer and those you love will suffer

**YOU MUST FORGIVE TO BE WELL AND TO LIVE WITH JOY!**

**STEPS TO FORGIVENESS:** (C. Swindoll – Counseling Insights)

- **Cancel the debt:** Forgiveness means to send away, dismiss the debt
- **Pray:** Express to God that you are relinquishing the right to extract vengeance upon the offender
- **You are releasing your hold on bitterness and revenge**

**FIDO** = Forget it and drive on!

**You can forgive, you must forgive, so you will not live with torture!**

**REMEMBER: *Forgiveness sets you free!***

Forgive anyone who  
caused you pain or harm.

Keep in mind that forgiving is not  
for others. It is for you.

Forgiving is not forgetting.  
It is remembering without anger.  
It frees up your power, heals your  
body, mind, and spirit.

Forgiveness opens up a pathway  
to a new place of peace where you  
can persist despite what has  
happened to you.

*Jesus came to set the captives free!*

**FORGIVE and be set FREE!**

***FORGIVENESS IS GOOD FOR YOU  
AND THOSE YOU LOVE!!***