

**Pastor Brandon Sales • May 11-12, 2024 • [Fill-In Online Bulletin](#)
The Power to Forgive • [Mark 2:1-12](#) (ESV)**

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he said to the paralytic— 11"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (Mark 2:1-12)

Two responses to Christ's forgiveness:

- 1) Unbelief toward God's forgiveness (Scribes).
- 2) Pre-occupied with something other than forgiveness (paralytic, crowd).

Restore to me the joy of your salvation... (Psalm 51:12)

The power of God's forgiveness:

- God's forgiveness quiets our soul's demand for earthly solutions. ([Psalm 23:1](#))
- God's forgiveness silences our judgment toward others and ourselves. ([John 13:34](#))
- God's forgiveness helps to calm the anxiousness within. ([Romans 8:28-31](#))

Recalibrating life around God's forgiveness:

- Worship around the cross.
- Confession around the cross.
- Community around the cross.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2)

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)

BIG POINT:

"God doesn't want you to dream about nicer things, larger bank accounts, or perfect circumstances. Instead, God wants us to dream about becoming men and women so convinced that we are forgiven and loved by God, that our awareness of God's mercy would overshadow the pains of our earthly life."

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:12)

What's happening with the Lighthouse family...

Because relationship with one another is at the core of being a disciple of Christ, we invite you to find community and experience spiritual transformation through LCC's groups, classes, events, and service opportunities.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

THANK YOU to our moms...and mom figures...for all you are, for all you do, and for how you make us better! We pray that every mom will be especially blessed by the presence of God and the love of family over this Mother's Day weekend. In honor of our mothers, join us after worship for Italian sodas and cold brew coffee outside in the main building portico.

BRUNCH & BELONGING

Please note: Brunch & Belonging is pausing for this weekend. See you May 19! Visit www.lighthousehome.org/connect for more ways to find community at LCC.

THIS WEEK

- [Young Marrieds Group](#) (20s-30s) meets at 7:00pm on Friday, May 17.

COMING UP

- Registration for July summer camps for kids and students (4th-12th grade) is now open. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/summer-camp.

ONGOING

- [The Well](#): A community gathering for young adults 18-25. 7:00pm on Mondays.

ENEWS

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