

TOGETHER AGAIN

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At some point we will all face something that we cannot overcome by _____.

Some problems require the help of _____.

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. *Mark 2:2-4*

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." *Mark 2:5*

"What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"
Mark 2:7

So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" *Mark 2:10-11*

1. The right friends will _____ your burden for a while.

"In prosperity, our friends know us; in adversity, we know our friends."
– John Churton Collins

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Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2*

2. The right friends carry you to _____.

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hebrews 1:3

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Mark 2:4

"The secret of all life-giving relation to others, and of all that is social, lies in the fact that the primary other for a human being, whether he wants it or not is always God." – Dallas Willard

3. The right friends _____.

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4. The right friends are people of deep _____.

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Do you have the right friends in your life?