

- 1  **James 2:17---** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead.
- 2  **The Faith of the Four men**  
Mark 2:1-12
- 3  **Background of Mark 12:1-12**
  - Who: Jesus
  - What: Preaching the word to the people
  - Where: A home in Capernaum (A Full House)
  - When: Jesus Ministry
  - Why: The Kingdom of God is at hand---Repent and believe in the Gospel (1:15)
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- 4  **Jesus Heals a Paralytic**
  - Jesus is preaching the word to them.
  - Four men attempt to bring this paralytic man to Jesus, but they can't get to him.
  - They then decide to lower him through the roof.
  - Jesus heals this man.
  - The Scribes accuse Jesus of Blaspheming
- 5  **Jesus shows the power of His Deity**
  - He forgave the man his sins
  - He read the scribes hearts
  - He healed the man
- 6  **What can be said about these 4 men?**
  - They knew & realized their friend's desperate state.
  - The trust this man must have had in his friends.
  - They all persevered and did not give up (They lowered this man through the roof!!!!)
  - They were sure that if they could just get this man to Jesus, he would be healed.
  - Their actions revealed their faith.
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- 7  **The Faith of the 4 men**
  - Wise* Faith
  - Persistent* Faith
  - Sacrificial* Faith
  - Unashamed* Faith
  - Humble* Faith
  - Loving* Faith
  - Active* Faith
- 8  **How can Jesus see our Faith?**
  - Hebrews 11:6---But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.