A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. **2** They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. **3** Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. **4** Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, **7** "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" **8** Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? **9** Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? **10** But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, **11** "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." **12** He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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Holy Demolition and Heavy Lifting

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Where are you in this story?

"They made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it"

Where are your friends? What are the barriers before them? Are there people in the way? Issues in the way? What might be your role in demolishing barriers?

"They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left"

What are the barriers in front of you that need to be demolished for you to come closer to Jesus?

"We have never seen anything like this"

What would it mean for you to cultivate a "Godly wonder"? What new thing might God want to do? Find a quiet spot to pray and wait. Ask God to give you his vision.