

**INTRODUCTION**

It was a crowded room, and I'm guessing that the action of these four gained a lot of attention.

They "crashed" the party, but it was their faith that brought Jesus' blessing to the man with palsy.

**1. JESUS SAW FOUR MEN WHO CARED (v3)**

They cared enough to overcome any obstacle to bring their friend to Jesus: "many were gathered" "no room" "not so much as about the door" (v2)

Someone said, "Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal."

Another said, "I don't care how much you know until I know how much you care."

(1 John 3:17; Gal. 6:10)

**2. JESUS SAW FOUR MEN WHO TRIED**

The present obstacles didn't stop them; they tried another way: (v4)

Sign in my classroom: "TRIUMPH is TRI with a little UMPH behind it"

(Rms. 8:31; Phil. 4:13)

Edgar A. Guest poem: Somebody Said That It Couldn't Be Done

**3. JESUS SAW FOUR MEN WHO WORKED TOGETHER**

In (v3-4) the word "they" is found 5 times.

(1 Cor. 12:12-21; Psalm 133:1; Ecc. 4:9-12) Strength in numbers.

**4. JESUS SAW FOUR MEN WHO DEMONSTRATED THEIR FAITH**

(v5) "When Jesus saw their faith ... " - our faith needs to be seen when bringing one to Jesus.

These 4 men did not need Jesus to heal them, they were healthy; however, they brought one who needed to be healed.

(John 1:40-42; Psalm 107:2; Acts 4:20; Acts 8:4) Keep teaching!

**CLOSE:** Jesus still looks for brethren who CARE for the lost, TRY to bring them in, WORK TOGETHER for the cause, and will BRING OTHERS to Jesus.