

A Crazy Thing Called Love

Mark 2:1-12

Introduction:

- A. Love causes us to do some pretty crazy things, doesn't it?
- B. When we love someone, we don't mind doing those things that others consider "crazy."
- C. If love causes us to do "crazy" things from a physical standpoint, how much greater should love cause us to do crazy things from a spiritual standpoint?

Love Propelled the Friends to Act (v. 3)

- A. These friends did not just feel sorry for their friend; they felt a sense of responsibility.
- B. These friends were not burdened because of their paralyzed friend.
- C. Our love for others who are in need of Jesus should propel us to act on their behalf in spite of any perceived burdens (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Love Propelled the Friends to Stay Committed (v. 4)

- A. These faithful friends were met with obstacles along the way.
- B. When these friends were met with obstacles, they didn't just throw in the towel.
- C. Our love for others who are in need of Jesus should propel us to stay committed no matter what obstacles we encounter (Eph. 6:10-12; Jn. 10:10).

Love Propelled the Friends to do the Uncomfortable (vs. 4-5)

- A. His friends were so committed to getting him to Jesus, that they were willing to do even that which was uncomfortable.
- B. The healing of their friend mattered more than being uncomfortable.
- C. Our love for others who are in need of Jesus should propel us to act even when that makes us uncomfortable (Jn. 4; Jn. 19).

Conclusion:

- A. Our crazy love for others can change people's lives and cause God to receive glory.
- B. Who in your life right now needs you to demonstrate a crazy kind of love for them?
- C. When something is truly done out of a heart of love, it's not so crazy after all.