

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
***Doing Life Together – Doing Life Together***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION:** Don't ever underestimate the power of friendship. Friendship is life giving. There are all kinds of studies today that raise a red flag about the lack of true friendship in society today. Thanks to the "social network" and our loosely connecting with "friends" through the internet we are increasingly isolating ourselves from true friendship. Whatever its beginnings, it's clear we are a society moving more and more into isolation from others and losing the value of deep friendships. Friendships are life giving.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION:** Saving faith is what emerges when deep need marries genuine hope and moves toward Jesus with undeterred determination. Jesus' miracles and Jesus' sermons were intended to go hand-in-hand, the one informing the other. However, as we saw in the first chapter of Mark, the people continued to grasp only onto the miracles. It is therefore telling to see Mark's description at the end of verse 2: Jesus "was preaching the word to them." But, in the midst of this preaching, another miracle opportunity presents itself.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION:** Jesus as an inextricable interrelation of word and act and indeed of word and miracle...the teaching, which is, of course, presented here, is not meant to be understood apart from but only through the interpretation of the action which invariably accompanies it...The acts which invariably speak and are to be heard as well are miraculous acts...God's act as it takes place visibly, the totality of a gracious act on man, emphasizes that the word spoken is God's Word...Who is the One who, obviously speaking representatively for this higher authority, can speak thus because He can act thus and act thus because He can speak thus?

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION:** So often in this our present time I know that we wish we had someone in our life that had such faith that they knew anything is possible with them on our side. When our Faith gets low it is good to know that there are others who will be there to lift us up and encourage us. This is what can happen to those who have the faith along with determination.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION:** Question for today, "Am I willing to live my life for Jesus Christ, regardless of the cost, regardless of what obstacles may come at me and regardless of the opposition that I am sure to face? Am I willing to live the new life that God has in store for you, putting behind you the old ways and the old habits and striving toward that which God has planned for you? Am I willing to live out a life of determination or the "stick-to-itiveness" that it will take, because you know what God brought you out of, what HE purchased you out of with the payment of the death of His son Jesus Christ on

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION:** I must keep my eye on God! I must keep my eye on God! I must and you must always remember that God is in the mix. As the pressures of life and the conflicts of life come our way, we must remember that God is in it! The pressures of life can either push you towards God or can pull you away from God!