



NOVEMBER 2014 DEVOTION

Voice of Care to the Developmentally Challenged \$50,600

Leader: As we prepare for our devotion, consider how the followers of Jesus felt in Matthew 9:2.

Please read together:

Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "take heart, son, your sins are forgiven" (NIV).

Leader: Their faith never faltered, just as chaplains, deaconesses, and volunteers continue to speak with those with developmental and/or physical disabilities. Now take a look at the next reading from Mark 2:3-5. These followers made that extra effort to care for a disabled individual.

Please read together:

Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralytic man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven" (NIV).

Leader: We see in Romans 8:38 and 39 that nothing can separate us from God.

Please read together:

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (NIV).

Leader: It is impossible to get beyond God's loving reach. Please pray with me.

Dear Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus, into this world for all of creation. We praise Your Holy Name. Your Word directs our ways, although, at times we turn away, You pull us back in and we thank You. You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts, soul, and mind to keep the faith, just as followers of old. The Voice of Care see the need, have the faith, and have reached out to those challenged with disabilities. To God be the Glory when one of these understand and know You are the Savior. In Jesus Name, Amen.