

# *The Paralytic's Amazing Friends*



## Ponderings & Reflections

### Chapter Four — A Faith That Wreck's a Roof!

1. How do you typically react to the “ends never justify the means” argument? Are there ever exceptions? What about smuggling Bibles into Eastern Europe (an “Illegal” activity) during the Cold War?
2. When things really get tough and discouraging in your approach to ministry, how do you discern whether to “pack it in” or to press on with a new controversial “hole in the roof” approach?
3. Have you bet everything on Jesus? Or is your faith a “Jesus + something” faith; e.g. Jesus + my 401K, Jesus + my abilities, Jesus + my family?
4. There are times when we all need to be carried on the wings of the faith of others. That is part of what the Body of Christ is all about. Are you willing to let the Body carry you during those times and seasons of faint faith in your life?
5. Surprised at how Galilean roof construction deepens our understanding of this passage? Agree or disagree: Context ALWAYS matters! What happens when we choose to defy or ignore this interpretive “Law of Gravity”? This interpretive reality is always at work whether we realize it or not, or like it or not. As we all know, defying gravity can get you hurt!
6. What speaks to you in this Reflection?