

Richmond Hill Baptist Church

April 11, 2010

Summer 2010:

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Pray & Welcome: Good morning and welcome to the Hill. It's good to have all of our spring break travellers back – I hope you had a great time. We have some guests here today; if you are a guest please take a Connect Card and fill it out and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. Let's take a moment and greet one another!

Sing:

Children's Corner: (Alyssa Baker)

Offering:

RMMOG want you to be aware of an opportunity on Saturday morning. Dan Gaynor, former president and publisher of the Calgary Herald will leading a conference at Ambrose University entitled, "Leading by God's Design." Cost is \$30.00 advance online at First Alliance Church. Show DVD clip.

As our ushers come forward would please join me in prayer?

Sermon: Summer 2010: Amazed!

Mark 2:1-12:

*A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> 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 paralyzed man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*

## Analysis:

### 1. The paralytic was physically & spiritually sick.

Paralytic: young, unable to walk, poor, beggar, sinner, carried off saved  
My Dad: young, polio, sinner who came to Christ, share in the hot tub

### 2. The 4 men demonstrated great: compassion, conviction, cooperation, creativity, & confidence (faith) in God.

### 3. Jesus knew that a physical healing would over shadow a spiritual healing.

Jesus knew that the greatest miracle was salvation.

### 4. The critics did not know that Jesus knew their very thoughts.

Blasphemy: Only God can forgive sin. Jesus is God in the flesh.

### 5. The crowd came to the house in hopes of seeing a miracle and left praising God.

Mark 1:40: Jesus healed a man with leprosy, filled with compassion, touched him

## Application:

### 1. Have you been forgiven of your sins?

Acts 3:19: *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*

### 2. Who can you help bring to Christ?

### 3. Do you struggle with a critical spirit?

1 Thessalonians 5:11: *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

### 4. Are you more of a spectator or a participant in the Kingdom?

### 5. How will you demonstrate your faith in Christ?

James 2:26: Faith without deeds is dead!

### Mark 2:12

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Response: Summer 2010 Opportunities Brochure, Card, & Tables

Kid's Connect Class Summer Program  
Summer Youth Celebration: Sr. High (July 12-16)  
Kids Sports Camps (July 13-16)  
Pancake Breakfast (July 17)  
First Nations Kids Camp (July 18-23)  
Summer Youth Celebration: Jr. High (July 19-23)  
Vancouver Mission Trip (July 24-31)  
Smeaton SK Mission Trip (August 14-21)  
Rock the River Tour West (August 21)  
Shine Fest 2010 (August 28)

New Members & those who were Baptized:

Damisi Latilo  
Fisayo Latilo  
Nicolas Bladen  
Christopher Bladen (transfer for Renfew Baptist Church, Calgary)  
Kathy Bladen (transfer for Renfew Baptist Church, Calgary)  
Stephanie Burgess (Grace Community Reformed Baptist Church, Lethbridge)

Tables: Ask questions, Pray for God's Direction, Sign Up