



" D O N ' T D R O P M E ! "

(MARK 2:1-5)

DROP- TO CEASE TO BE OF CONCERN; TO BREAK OFF AN ASSOCIATION OR CONNECTION WITH, TO DISCONTINUE

Intro: The Grace and Mercy of Jesus Christ is to be emulated [*ENDEAVOR TO EQUAL*] in the Body of Christ. As a family in Christ Jesus what knits us together is always greater than what tries to tear us apart.

- ✦ We're Knit Together By The Love Of God, The Sacrifice Of Christ, The Sealing Of The Holy Spirit And As A Family Of Faith

The Obligation Of Loving One Another

- ✦ We are *Commanded* To Love (John 15:12a)
- ✦ We are given the *Criteria* of Love (John 15:12b)
- ✦ We are Called to the highest *Calling* of Love (John 15:13=*A FAMILIAR COMPANION, BELOVED, OR DEAR*)

These men who carried this paralytic had to be his "friend". Even more so, they treated him like *FAMILY*.

- ✦ *Like FAMILY*, They were concerned about his hopeless situation
- ✦ *Like FAMILY*, They were content to just pray about it but did what they could
- ✦ *Like FAMILY*, They did not allow circumstances to discourage them

3 DONT DROP ME POINTS

1. Even Though I Have _____, *DONT DROP ME!* (vs. 3 "*...bringing one sick of the palsy [A PARALYTIC POSSIBLY UNABLE TO WALK OR MOVE AT ALL]...*")-Sometimes the cares/issues of life can figuratively paralyze a brother or sister into an *unproductive place*. When that happens...
 - a. Do you have enough *selfless compassion* to carry me until I'm in the place where I need to be (Romans 15:1)?

2. Even Though There Are _____ To My _____ *DONT DROP ME!* (vs. 4
“...when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press [or crowd] they uncovered the roof...they let down the bed...”) - Sometimes there may be the “3P” Barriers to your brother or sister’s healing [*Par, Personal, & Principality*]. When that happens...
 - a. Do you have an anointed determination to do something *radical* or *outside of your comfort zone* to help me see *WHO I need to see* (1 Corinthians 2:2)?

3. Even Though This Situation Is _____ *DONT DROP ME!* (vs. 5
“...He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”) - Sometimes the mess that I’m in is not due to spiritual warfare but biblically bankrupt, poor decision making on my part! When that happens...
 - a. Do you have the holy boldness to hold me accountable but not get “*stuck*” on my failure (Galatians 6:2)?