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## Releasing the Power of Heaven

Title: Part 4 – be courageous

Date: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Reading: Mark 2:1-12

### **Hesitation**

It is not always the obvious things in life that can cause us to hesitate/feel nervous – pressing a gadget's 'on' button for the first time, officially speaking in front of a group of people, facing a little spider, driving a new car, etc. What things make you hesitate? Why does this happen?

### **Courage begins with believing**

In one sentence, how has Jesus impacted your life? Does speaking and hearing about Jesus encounters effect your faith/courage? What is the difference between sharing 'theory' and sharing 'personal experience'?

### **Courage always involves risk**

Is this true? Would you view 'embarrassment', 'looking stupid', 'potentially upsetting people' as risks to avoid? Mark 2:5 clearly connects courage with the power of heaven. What happens if we don't take risks? What 'roof ripping risks' might you take to allow people to see Jesus?

### **Jesus is the one who saves**

Releasing the power of heaven mustn't be confused with trying to control the power of heaven. Have you ever argued with God or got upset with God because He has not done what you want Him to do? Can our attitude stop the power of heaven being released? How do we allow Jesus to be Jesus when we bring people to Him?

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