

Message: Radical Dependence (An Introduction)

Scripture: Psalm 121, Mark 2:1-5 (ESV)

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1. Radical Dependence vertically. (Psalm 121)

Psalm 121 (ESV)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

*² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

*³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

*⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.*

*⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.*

*⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

The path of idolatry:

Distraction, Dreaming, Desperation, Dependence, Disillusionment, Destruction

The path of radical dependence on God:

Distraction, Dreaming, Desperation, Dependence, Dispossession, Delight.

2. Radical Dependence Horizontally. (Mark 2:1-5)

Mark 2:1-5 (ESV)

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.

⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay.

⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."