



The “How” Behind Night to Shine

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What is the approach and posture that we want to embody as we welcome Honored Guests with disabilities to our Night to Shine event?

Mark 2:1-5

“A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralyzed man, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’”

The Mutuality of Ministry

- It is easy to see that, if not for the mat holders, the paralyzed man does not see Jesus, however, often overlooked is the fact that, but for the man on the mat, the mat holders also do not see Jesus.
- There is no US ministering to THEM, there is only **WE**.
- We are here to serve at Night to Shine, but we are also being served by the ministry and offerings of our amazing friends with disabilities.

2 Corinthians 12:21-23

“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you!’ On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor.”

Upside Down Kingdom Values are on Display at Night to Shine

In the world, we reserve esteem and honor for those who earn it, for their accomplishments, power, prestige, and popularity. In the Kingdom of God and in the Body of Christ, we lavish honor onto all, especially those deemed less by the world. We proclaim that all humans deserve honor because they are made in the image of God.