

**Second Baptist Church of Doylestown**  
**40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**  
**DAY 28 – June 3, 2017**

**We Have Never Done It This Way Before!**

*“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 see anything like this!’”*

*Mark 2:12*

Ancient sailors recorded many times that in the midst of a coming storm the top of their ship’s mast would be circled with a mysterious circle of light. Many times their hair would begin to stand straight out as this light appeared. They called it St. Elmo’s Fire. Experienced sailors knew it was time to take cover because the air was so electrically charged that a lightning strike was imminent.

The air must have been so charged in Capernaum at the time this Scripture passage took place. There was a crowd and this crowd was curious about the ministry of Jesus and the scribes were scowling as they watched this new Rabbi hoping to catch Him in an error. The room was charged with excitement. Everyone knew something dramatic was about to take place – not St. Elmo’s Fire, the King of King’s fire. When He is present, miraculous things happen. Sure enough, excitement mounted as four men tore up the roof to let a friend down in the presence of Jesus so he could be healed.

The Bible says they literally “took off the roof.” When we gather it should be a “roofraising experience” and we should be able to say, “We’ve never seen anything like this before!”

According to this passage these three things are needed to have a “roof-raising” experience with Jesus: a Savior who can save; a preacher who can preach; and a flock who has faith.

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that our church will be filled with people of faith like these four roof removers, for they did everything possible to bring their friend to Jesus. Ask the Lord to make you like one of these four.