



DEFINING
MOMENTS

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A person wearing a dark jacket is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. The sign has the text "What is our Mission?" written on it in a black, handwritten-style font. The background behind the person is a blurred cityscape with many buildings, suggesting an urban setting. The sign is the central focus of the image.

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The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

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But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

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6. Jesus has the POWER to change lives!



The graphic features a white central area with a black border. The top and bottom corners are filled with light gray, and the bottom edge is a solid black bar. The text 'DEFINING MOMENTS' is centered in the white area. 'DEFINING' is in black, 'MOMENTS' is in blue, and a blue cross symbol is placed between the two words. The background includes several gray geometric shapes: a large triangle pointing down from the top left, a trapezoid at the top right, a triangle pointing up from the bottom left, and a trapezoid at the bottom right.

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