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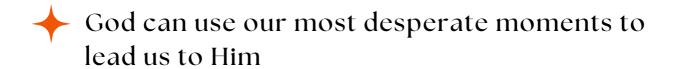
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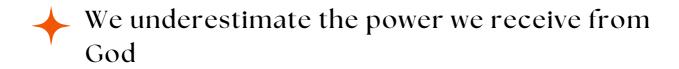
DO YOU
BELIEVE IN
MIRACLES?

Part 5 - Come Boldly to Jesus

"And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse." Mark 5:25-26



"When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering." Mark 5:27-29



"For it is You who have given us the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy." Thanksgiving Prayer "At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?"



To God you aren't just another person in the crowd

"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:2-3

"But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Mark 5:32-34



You can't make Jesus unclean

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Part 4: Submission to Christ Loving Lordship



Recap:

Talk 1: Jesus Calms the Storm where we learn to "Trust God in our Storm"

Talk 2: Healing Ten Lepers we learn "In Everything Give Thanks"

Talk 3: Canaanite Woman we learn "Humility Sparks my Faith to Grow"



Today: Miracle of Healing 2 Blind Men (Matthew 20:29-32)

"Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

Jesus is Lord

- Lord means—one possessing authority, power, and control.
- Real Miracle is & "<u>submission</u> to Christ's loving lordship."

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Persistence in Prayer

• Persistent Prayer "Stops God in His Tracks"

"Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!" 1 Chronicles 16:11 Jesus Prayer - "My Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner." Philippians 2:9-11

Persistent Prayer "Builds us to a Life of Prayer" Persistent Prayer "Brings compassion of God to us" Persistent Prayer "Brings healing to us"

"A servant of the Lord is he who in body stands before men, but in mind knocks at heaven with prayer." St John Climacus



- Action this Week:

- 1. Submit my decisions and choices to the Lord
- 2. Knock on Heaven with Persistent prayer throughout the day {Jesus Prayer}

"Miracles are happening every day all around you and especially in you!"

Part 2 - The Ten Lepers



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Never settle for anything less than a grateful heart

Part 1: "The Storm"



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"Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled." John 6:26

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side...l beg you, father (Abraham), send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "No, father Abraham,"... but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." Luke 16:19-31

"Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary." Matthew 14:22-24



God never stops thinking about you

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you." Isaiah 49:15

"When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus." Matthew 14:25-29



Boldly ask God to help you seek Him

"But when he (Peter) saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." Matthew 14:30-33



God transforms our doubts into a renewed faith

"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4

With Christ no storm will ever have the last word

Part 1: "The Storm"

Truth About Miracles:

- -We do not need to rely on miracles but learn from them
- -We become the Miracle



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Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" Matthew 8:23-27

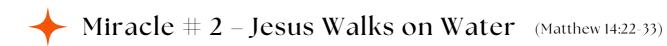
Call Unto Him in the Storm

"Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit." Psalms 34:17-18

Remember:

- -We forget God is Omniscient
- -God is with us in Our Storms



Eyes down we drown / Up at Christ the Rock we Walk

We must trust God in our Storm

"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up." James 5:15

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Part 2: Being Thankful is the Miracle



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Miracle: Jesus Heals the 10 Lepers

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Mindset Shift Change:

- The real miracle is the person living a life of Thanks
- Mindset Shift: In Everything give thanks

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"...we thank You for every condition, concerning every condition, and in every condition" - Liturgical Prayers & Agpeya Prayers



- Being Thankful leads to Trust in God
- Being thankful is the medicine against bitterness and complaint
- -Being thankful for the small things daily is the miracle



What Do the Church Fathers say?

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks - St Ambrose

Lips that utter frequent thanksgiving shall be blessed by God and the grateful heart is visited by grace - St. Isaac the Syrian

We must not let any season pass without Thanksgiving. - St. Athanasius

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

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Welcome

Whether
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stay, it's
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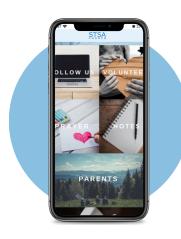
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