

THE MIRACLE OF JESUS

NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRADITIONAL PRESSURES OF THIS HOLIDAY CAN SOMETIMES WEIGH PEOPLE DOWN. PRESENTS TO BUY WITH A LIMITED INCOME, LIMITED TIME TO GET IT ALL COMPLETED, AN EMPTY CHAIR WHERE A LOVED ONE ONCE SAT AT CHRISTMAS DINNER, AND TRAUMA TRIGGERS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS THAT SEEM TO REMAIN THE SAME AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TODAY TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS AND YOUR SALVATION IN HIM. I AM NOT TRYING TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECT THAT PAIN, SADNESS, AND ANXIETY HAVE ON US. WHAT I AM SAYING IS, GOD LOVES YOU AND HE IS FOR YOU. SO MUCH SO THAT HE GAVE PART OF HIMSELF IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST TO PROVE THAT ULTIMATELY; THE BLIND WILL SEE, THE DEAF WILL HEAR, THE BROKEN WILL WALK AGAIN, THE SICK WILL BE HEALED, AND THE DEAD WILL LIVE FOREVER IN GLORY. SALVATION HAS COME TO THOSE DESPERATE ENOUGH TO FULLY SURRENDER TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD. THE MIRACLE OF JESUS CHRIST IS THIS; HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF A VIRGIN NAMED MARY. HE LIVED A SINLESS LIFE IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. ILLUMINATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE DREW OUT THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE AND PREACHED THEM BETTER THAN ANYONE EVER HAS OR EVER WILL. THEN, HE CHOSE TO TAKE THE PLACE OF PUNISHMENT ON THE CROSS FOR THE SINNER BUT BECAUSE NO SIN WAS FOUND IN HIM, DEATH COULD NOT KEEP HIM DOWN. HE ROSE AGAIN TO GO BEFORE US INTO THE RESURRECTED LIFE. SO

THAT, ALL THOSE WHO PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST SHALL BE SAVED!! TODAY, I WANT TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE MIRACLE'S JESUS PERFORMED AND THE ETERNAL MESSAGE THAT IS CONVEYED BY THEM. JESUS DID EVERYTHING ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE. BLESSED BE HIS NAME!! LET'S GET INTO IT

THE MIRACLE OVER CIRCUMSTANCES:

Mark 4:35-41 NIV

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

GOD WILL ALLOW STORMS TO COME INTO OUR LIVES SO THAT WE ACTIVATE OUR FAITH AND TRUST HIM

NOTHING HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF GOD'S SOVERIGN WILL

AS HARD AS IT CAN BE SOMETIMES, WE CAN REST IN THAT

THERE ARE 3 QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED HERE

1. DOES JESUS CARE?
2. WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?
3. WHO IS JESUS?

Matthew 14:22-32 NIV

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

ADVERSITY IS MEANT TO BE A FAITH BUILDING EXPERIENCE

THE SUPERNATURAL IS WITNESSED WHEN WE GET OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS, NOT THE SITUATION

EVEN IF YOU BEGIN TO SINK, THE LORD IS FAITHFUL AND HE LOVES YOU

THE MIRACLE OVER DISEASE:

Luke 17:11-19 NIV

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

9 WERE HAPPY WITH THEIR HEALING AND WENT ON WITH THEIR LIFE. 1 RETURNED BECAUSE HE WANTED FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HEALER

WELL/SOZO/SAVED, DELIVERED, RIGHT WITH GOD

THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF HEALING AND CLEANSING IS TO BRING US TO A SAVING FAITH

Mark 5:25-34 NIV

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

SHE SPENT HER LIFE SEEKING HEALING FROM WHAT THE WORLD HAD TO OFFER, HEARING OF JESUS AND HIS MIRACLES, SHE PUT EVERYTHING ON THE LINE, AND ONE TOUCH ON SOMETHING ATTACHED TO JESUS, SHE WAS IMMEDIATELY HEALED/SOZO

JESUS WAS AND IS DOING MORE THAN JUST HEALING PHYSICALLY, HE IS SAVING PEOPLE'S SOULS

THE PHYSICALLY HEALED AND RAISED FROM THE DEAD, STILL PHYSICALLY DIED

Mark 2:1-12 NIV

2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ 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. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are

you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² 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 seen anything like this!"

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FRIENDS IN YOUR LIFE THAT WILL NOT GET DISCOURAGED WHEN OBSTICLES SEEM TO BE BLOCKING YOUR BREAKTHROUGH. HAVE FRIENDS THAT WILL TEAR THE ROOF OFF TO GET YOU TO JESUS

JESUS SAID THE EASY PART FIRST, "YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN" THEN HE DID THE HARD PART TO PROVE THAT HE IS GOD BY THE POWER AND REVELATION OF SALVATION AND FORGIVNESS OF SIN, WE ARISE FROM PARALYSIS

THINK ABOUT PETER AND HIS WIFE, THEIR ROOF JUST GOT DEMOLISHED, BUT A LIFE WAS CHANGED FOREVER. HOLD ON TO YOUR "STUFF" LOOSELY, IN FACT, MAKE A DECISION TODAY THAT EVERYTHING YOU OWN IS GOD'S TO USE AT HIS WILL. BY DOING THIS, YOU WILL BE TRULY FREE MATERIALISTIC FOMO

THE MIRACLE OVER THE DEMONIC:

Luke 4:40-41 NIV

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

Luke 4:31-35

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

³⁵ “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

EVERY DEMONIC SPIRIT MUST OBEY THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST. JESUS HAS GIVEN US THE AUTHORITY TO USE HIS NAME WHICH CARRIES THE AUTHORITY AGAINST THE DEMONIC

NO LONGER DO WE NEED TO FEAR EVIL. GOD HAS HIS SOVEREIGN WILL THAT CAN NOT BE MESSED WITH. WE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND IT, BUT IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL IT'S GOOD

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