



Miracles

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: If you were to see a miracle happen before your eyes, what would it be and why?

READ: John 4:46-54

FOCUS: God works miracles as we hear and believe His Word.

OBSERVE:

- In the story of the miraculous healing of the official's son, we find three things that characterize a miracle.
 - A miracle is inexplicable; can't be explained from a natural point of view. For example, the conception and birth of Jesus, as well as His resurrection from the dead, was a miracle. The change we experience when Jesus comes into our lives, and we surrender to Him, is a miracle. All of these things can not be explained from a natural or earthly point of view.
 - A miracle is surprising; it is not something that would ordinarily happen and often transcends the natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.
 - A miracle is welcoming; it is something fortunate that is welcomed by the recipient of it and is a chance to welcome the God of the miracle that took place.
- Miracles are necessary because they show God's existence, power and goodness. Christianity can easily be explained away as a man-contrived concept without miracles. Miracles should humble us to realize that we are nothing without God's power.
- The miracle in this story took place in response to the desperate cry of a father for his son. The officials/father's desperation or hunger allowed for his faith or "believing" to grow; it started with coming to Jesus, pushing past offense, and then trusting what Jesus said would happen. As a result of one person's belief in Jesus, he received his miracle and his whole family was impacted and came to know Christ.

TAKING ACTION:

- Take specific time this week to listen to what God is trying to communicate to you and pray about how you can follow Him in obedience.
- Share with a couple of close fellow believers what you believe God will do this year in your life for them to partner with you in prayer.
- Like the official, bring your needs to God in prayer this week. Whatever needs they are, find verses in God's word that help you in that area, and then pray those scriptures out loud.

REFLECT:

- What areas do you need a miracle in?
- Who are the people God is showing you that are in need of His help right now?

PRAY: Lord, we thank You for Your provision and how You show up in ways we can not even imagine. We ask You to create a greater hunger for Your Word in our hearts. That we would desire to be in Your Word constantly. We ask for more opportunities to hear Your voice. We pray for more faith to obey You and to follow Your lead. We pray that our family and friends come to You. That they would receive the saving grace You provide. We ask this in Your Heavenly name. Amen.

