

Miracles: Part 3- Obedience is Key To Miracles

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. If you had to describe how you're feeling right now as a weather pattern, what's your forecast?
2. Do you work better with or without music? What are you listening while you go to work?

WORD

Great things happen when we obey, great things happen when we follow his word and respond to his voice with our obedience.

John 5:1-15 (NIV)

*1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “**Do you want to get well?**” 7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” 8 Then Jesus said to him, “**Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.**” 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” 11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” 12 So they asked him, “Who is*

*this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” 13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, **“See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”** 15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.*

What hinders us from receiving and experiencing miracles?

1. Not Knowing Who Jesus Is

Let us not assume that everyone knows Jesus. Not all people knows him, the worst is not all Christians knows him. The paralyzed man doesn't know Jesus. He called him “Sir” in *verse 7*.

2. Being Religious and Legalistic

Scholar said that the angel stirring the water in the pool IS NOT true. The paralyzed man has faith to be healed by getting to the pool when the water is stirred. What a coincidence that our nature is putting our trust on something else instead of God.

3. Sin

Sin caused us not to see the truth. What a strong word when Jesus says, “Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”

DISCUSSION

What are the hindrances that cause you not to obey God?
Share one and Why?

LIFE APPLICATION

OBEDIENCE needs our *willingness* to hear and follow his word, Jesus asked “Do you want to get well?” Jesus asked if the man is willing to get well.

OBEDIENCE needs *trust to follow his word*. The man trusted Jesus in spite of not knowing who he was and knowing that Law forbids him to carry his mat.

OBEDIENCE needs *a continues walk with God*.

DISCUSSION

Describe a time when you obeyed God? What happened to your life after you obeyed him?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Isaiah 1:19 (NIV)

“If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;”

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

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