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Ministering Like Jesus is written as a practical guide to examining the ministry of Jesus Christ upon the earth as He went about doing good – healing the sick and setting the captives free. Jesus called His disciples to do the same works He did and more because He is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

(John 14:12, NKJV)

Jesus’ disciples learned how to minister effectively to the sick and oppressed people of their time by walking daily with Jesus, watching Him do miracle after miracle, and receiving the authority and anointing Jesus imparted to them. Today, we can do the same works they did as we follow both the exhortation and example of our Lord and Master.



KEY

Jesus is coming soon, so we as believers must step up our efforts to bring people into the kingdom of God. Part of that is demonstrating the power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit as we minister like Jesus. (Read 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 also.)

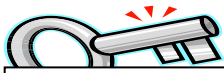
Journey through Scripture

And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

(Mark 6:7, 12-13, NKJV)

- Jesus was already preparing His disciples to carry on His work after He returned to the Father in heaven.
- He sent them out in teams so that they would have mutual support and safety as they travelled about ministering.
- Jesus gave them power over unclean spirits and every evil work.
- They followed the example of Jesus, who preached that people should repent and turn to God because the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. (See also Matthew 4:17.)
- Jesus gave His disciples – and you and me today – authority and power to heal the sick and cast out demons. (See also Luke 9:1-2.)

Do you want to be used by God and follow Jesus?



KEY

We can do nothing apart from Jesus.



KEY

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(Romans 12: 1-2, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing . . . If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

(John 15:1-5, 7-13, NKJV)

- Jesus is the Vine; we are the branches. The vine is the source of power; the branches are only the conduits.
- As we remain in Jesus, we bear much fruit, which glorifies God.
- How do you abide in Jesus? His Word must be in us and we in “Him.” Then, we can ask anything according to God’s will and receive it! Abide in Jesus’ love by obeying Him and loving others.
- Giving ourselves for others is the greatest love. This is what Jesus did on the cross for us.
- God doesn’t usually require us to die physically, but to offer ourselves as a “living” sacrifice. (See Romans 12:1 in the KEY on the left side of this page.) Are you ready to give your time, help, resources, prayers and compassion to others? Ministry means service. Service requires sacrifice.
- We must line up our thinking with the Word of God.
- Then, we will know His will and direction for our lives and in any specific ministry situation.

You must purpose to abide continually, not just occasionally, in Jesus to be fruitful in ministry.

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“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed. . . (Luke 4:18, NKJV)

KEY

Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’” Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” . . . Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. . .

(Luke 4:1-12, 14, NKJV)

- Jesus’ mission, when He walked upon the earth, is still our mission today. (See the first KEY on the left side of this page.)
- Jesus was anointed by the Spirit – and we can be, too – to bring the good news of salvation. . .to heal hurting emotions and sick bodies. . .to deliver those who are bound and set the captives free.
- As we endeavor to minister like Jesus, we must be very careful to follow His pattern and be led by the Holy Spirit. Even Jesus did only what His Father did. (See KEY no. 2 at the left.)
- We can trust God to anoint us just like He did Jesus to do supernatural, miraculous works upon the earth.

So, now we will study what Jesus did in the pages that follow. . .

Miracle #1
Authority



KEY

A vibrant, committed relationship with Jesus will empower you with the bold authority to minister:

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

(Acts 4:13, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

(Mark 1:21-28, NKJV)

- Jesus taught and spoke with authority. This authority was God-given, not the human authority of man. This authority had power to bring results. Evil spirits had no choice but to obey.
- The evil spirit possessing the man recognized Jesus. Do people see the Jesus living in you?
- Jesus gave us, as believers, this same authority. We must learn how to use it! This authority does not come from our human ability or intellect. It comes from having a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus.
- With the authority Jesus gave us, we can, like Peter and John, heal and deliver people. (See Acts 3:1-8; Acts 4:12.)
- Faith without works is dead (James 2:17). We must add action to our faith and walk in God's promises, such as this one:

Behold, I (Jesus) give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

(Luke 10:19, NKJV)

- Are you ready to receive power to minister like Jesus?

Jesus taught with authority and power!

*Miracle #2
Power to Heal*

*Miracles #3
Multiple Healings*



KEY

Authority is expressed and its effectiveness is manifest by the results, not by how loud you yell or how intimidating you act. . .

So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: (and to you and me) 'Not by (your) might nor by (your) power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. . ."
(Zechariah 4:6, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.
(Mark 1:29-31, NKJV)

At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.
(Mark 1:32-34, NKJV)

- Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law from a high fever by taking her hand. Healing power flowed from Jesus into her. This transference of healing anointing not only took away her disease, but imbued her with strength to get up and start serving!
 - Jesus lives in you. As you abide in Him and yield to His indwelling Holy Spirit, the healing power of God can flow through you to others, too.
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- Jesus healed many types of diseases in the people who came to Him or were brought to Him by their family and friends. No disease or condition – no matter how serious it seemed – was incurable to Him.
 - 2. He took authority over the demons and cast them out, setting many free from the oppression that had held them in bondage.
 - The crowd watched as Jesus healed people, but that did not intimidate Jesus. It only brought glory to God!
 - Do not be afraid of what people may see or think or how you appear before man when you minister.

There is no disease or demon that can defy the healing power of Jesus – or of you when you go forth in His Name and authority and minister like Jesus!

Miracle #4
(Speaking the Word)



KEY

**It is always
God's will to
heal.**

*Beloved, I pray
that you may
prosper in all
things and be
in health, just
as your soul
prosper.*

**(3 John 1:2,
NKJV)**



KEY

*And they
overcame him
by the blood of
the Lamb and
by the word of
their testimony.*

**(Revelation
12:11, NKJV)**



KEY

*... Faith works
through love.*

(Galatians 5:6)

Journey through Scripture

Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

(Mark 1:40-45, NKJV)

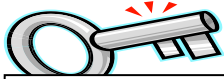
- Jesus was moved with compassion when this humble leper approached Him to ask for healing. Walking in God's love and compassion brings faith. (See the bottom KEY at the left side of this page.) Faith is a necessary ingredient to minister like Jesus.
- The man knew Jesus could heal, but wondered whether He was willing to heal him. It is important that the person to whom you are ministering understands that it is always God's will to heal and that their situation is no exception. Assure them of God's love and desire for them to be whole. (See the first KEY at the left side of this page.)
- Jesus spoke tenderly to the leper, "I am willing," reassuring him that it was His will to deliver him from the dreaded disease of leprosy.
- This is another example of the authority of the spoken word to bring the desired result. Jesus told the leper, "Be cleansed," and immediately it came to pass.
- Jesus further instructed the man who was now healed to go to the religious leaders and testify to them about his cleansing. Sharing what God has done for someone is a powerful weapon to defeat the work of the devil. (See the middle KEY at the left side of this page.)

Share the Word that it is always God's will to heal.

Miracle #5
Forgiveness



KEY
True faith
always brings
results.



KEY
Don't worry
when people
persecute you.

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**(Matthew 5:
11-12, NKJV)**

Journey through Scripture

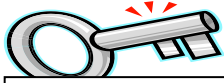
And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

(Mark 2:1-12, NKJV)

- The crowd around Jesus was so dense that four men lowered their sick friend down through the roof in front of Jesus.
- When Jesus saw their faith He stopped and addressed the sick man. We must be alert in the Spirit to discern when faith is present. Faith can exist in three places: (1) You, the one who is ministering; (2) the one who is sick or afflicted, or (3) those who are around the sick person or somehow involved in the situation.
- Sin may be at the root of the sickness. The sick one needs to know that God loves him and his sins are forgiven. He also may need to forgive himself or to forgive others.
- Some criticized Jesus and they may criticize you too when you minister like Jesus. Don't worry; just focus on the need. The results will be well worth any persecution you experience.

Usually it is best to allow the Holy Spirit to deal with sin unless God tells you to say something.

Miracle #6
Compassion Acts



KEY
God may show you to give an instruction to the sick person that may prove to be the key to their healing.

Journey through Scripture

And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

(Mark 3:1-5, NKJV)

- Jesus was filled with compassion toward the man with the deformed hand and angry at the lack of compassion exhibited by the religious leaders.
- Jesus stood for what was right. He became angry at those who cared more about being and acting religious than about a hurting individual with a need.
- Let's examine ourselves. Do we have true compassion for others or do we focus more on finding fault and judging others?

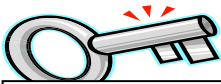
"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

(Matthew 7:1-2)

- Jesus instructed the man to hold out his withered hand. As the man obeyed, his hand was restored to health.
- Sometimes the Holy Spirit may lead us to give an instruction to the sick person. The instruction may not make sense to our natural human mind.
- Be quick to obey the Spirit. The instruction may hold the key to the sick one's healing or it may build or test his faith in God to heal him.

Be sensitive to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Miracle #7
No Distance in God



KEY
You can pray for someone at a distance to be healed and yield the same positive results as though you were praying for them in person.

Journey through Scripture

So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

(John 4:46-54, NKJV)

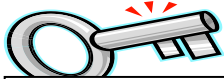
- A government official came to Jesus and begged Him to heal his son, who was dying.
- Jesus responded to the officer, "Go your way. Your son lives."
- There is no distance in God. Prayer can have the same powerful effect though spoken from a distance as it would in person. The government official believed and took Jesus at His word. His son was healed the same hour.
- Minister whenever the need is revealed. You can pray by email, over the phone, or in person with someone who is requesting prayer in behalf of his family member or friend.
- As great as they are, the emphasis should not be on signs and wonders, but upon Jesus, who is the Great Physician.

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

(Luke 10:19-20, NKJV)

You can pray for someone or speak to a situation at a distance through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Miracle #8
Healing Command



KEY
Find out if the
person to
whom you are
ministering
truly wants to
be healed.

Journey through Scripture

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

(John 5:1-9, NKJV)

- Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to be healed?" This may seem like a silly question, but it's true that not everyone wants to be healed. Every person probably thinks they want to be healed, but asking this question (if led by the Holy Spirit) really gets to the bottom of their heart. . .their faith. . .and any obstacles that exist to block their healing.
- Some are content to just live with their illness and make the best of it because they think that is the only choice they have.
- Some like the attention and sympathy they receive as they endlessly rehearse their symptoms and pain. Sadly, there are some people, especially those who are older and whose friends and peers have already passed on, and perhaps their family does not pay much attention to them. So, to mask their loneliness and get the attention they crave, they get joy out of describing what they are going through to their doctor or anyone who will listen.
- Upon asking the lame man this pointed question, designed to get his eyes off himself and the obstacles and onto God's ability to heal, Jesus spoke the healing command. The man got up healed!

Sometimes, we must minister to the heart and mind of a person before they can receive healing.

Miracle #9
Casting Out Demons



KEY

You have no need to fear devils. If you take your authority in Christ Jesus, devils will be afraid of you!



KEY

This is a good Scripture to confess over someone who has been delivered from mental anguish or demon control:

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

(2 Timothy 1:17, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

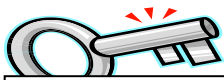
Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

(Mark 5:1-13, NKJV)

- The demon-possessed man could not be restrained even with chains. But, demons are no match for Jesus though there were many of them.
- The man with the demons ran to meet Jesus and bowed before him. Even they (the demons) knew Jesus was the Son of God. The demons obeyed His command and came out of the man, who then became sane and "fully clothed."
- What society calls "mental illness" is often demonic oppression or possession. When we see someone acting crazy or even violently, let us remember that the man is being victimized by the devil. Inside, he may be crying out for help. Jesus is the only sure cure for every ailment – spiritual, mental, physical.
- You have no need to fear devils. If you take your authority in Christ Jesus, devils will be afraid of you!

Demons must obey the authority of Jesus Christ!

Miracle #10
Touching Jesus



KEY

Encourage the sick one to speak and act in faith.

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.
(James 2:17, 24, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

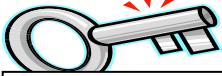
Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

(Mark 5:25-34, NKJV)

- As ministers, we must share Scripture with those for whom we are praying that shows our trust must be fully in Jesus. Doctors do what they can, but they cannot always bring a favorable result as in this woman's case: She had spent all that she had (on doctors and presumably medical treatment) and was no better, but rather grew worse.
- Making contact with Jesus brought healing. Reaching out to touch Jesus' garment was an act of faith as was her being out in public when considered by law to be "unclean." Jesus perceived the woman's faith, saying, "Daughter, your faith has healed you."
- Jesus asked a question to get the woman to verbalize her faith. Try to get the sick person to make statements of faith (from the heart, not just repetition) as you reveal God's healing promises.
- Jesus felt the healing power go out from Him. You may feel a release of God's healing power or your hand may tingle or feel hot when you are praying for someone. This is God's anointing.
- Jesus encouraged the woman, "Go in peace. Your suffering is over" (NLT). Encourage the sick one to believe God for their healing. If it has already manifested, reiterate that. Say, "You are healed," or something equally affirming.

Touch Jesus with your faith through His Word.

Miracle #11
Great Faith



KEY

Jesus never refused to minister to anyone who came to Him in faith.



KEY

This story is a good example of the humble attitude, we as Christ's servants and ministers must possess.

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. . . For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. . .

(Mark 10:43-45, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

(Luke 7:1-10, NKJV)

- A Roman officer – a gentile considered an enemy to the Jews – was worried about his servant who was sick and dying, so he sent Jewish elders to go and plead with Jesus to heal his servant.
- Jesus was willing to return with the elders to the man's home to heal the sick servant. Are you and I willing to give our time and effort to minister to someone in need? Do we ever feel "above" others spiritually and let pride get in the way of doing good? Jesus didn't even though He is the Son of God!
- Jesus was impressed with the centurion's faith and humility rather than the worldly credentials of the officer. Jesus acknowledged the centurion's faith before the crowd as greater than any faith He had seen in Israel. What a tribute!
- In addition to great faith, the Roman officer had a strong understanding of the power of authority since he himself had authority over soldiers and servants. How much more the power of the authority of the Son of God, who possesses all authority!

Authority and faith are an unbeatable combination!

Miracle #12
Word of Knowledge



KEY

It appears that here Jesus healed through speaking a word of knowledge (a gift of the Spirit) when He said to the woman, “Go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”



KEY

Jesus’ first response may have seemed harsh, but remember at this time before His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus Himself was still operating in the law.

Journey through Scripture

From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.” Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

(Luke 7:24-31, NKJV)

- This story is the closest we come to Jesus saying, “No” to someone when they asked Him to heal. People have been taught in some churches to believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit passed away with the Early Church disciples; therefore, they believe that it is sometimes God’s will to heal and sometimes it is His will to refrain from healing by “allowing” sickness.
- When ministering to someone who expresses this type of mindset, this is a good Scripture portion to share with them. In this gentile woman’s situation, her desire to see her daughter delivered was so determined that her faith and persistence overcame the seemingly, initial unwillingness of Jesus to fulfill her request.
- This woman kept asking Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. Even when He referred to her as a “dog,” she didn’t become offended, but humbly agreed and responded wisely. Offense, unforgiveness and bitterness can stop a person’s healing. We must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s direction when He reveals offense is at the root of someone’s affliction.
- Jesus responded with compassion to the gentile woman’s request, similar to the time of His first miracle – turning water into wine – at the wedding in Cana where He complied with His mother’s request even though it was not yet His time (John 2).

Jesus’ compassion and mercy toward a hurting soul overruled the limited letter of the law.

Miracle #13
Unusual Method



KEY

God does not always heal in the same way. We see this again and again in Jesus' earthly healing ministry as well as that of His disciples.



KEY

Jesus said:
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
(John 10:27, NKJV)

Maintaining our personal relationship with Jesus is our number one priority.

Journey through Scripture

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

(Mark 7:31-35, NKJV)

- Often Jesus healed people in front of crowds that gathered so that God was glorified by His miracles. This should always be our motive – to glorify God and restore wholeness to hurting people, never to build a ministry or our own reputation.
- This time though Jesus took the deaf man away from the crowd to get his attention off the crowd and his problem and to focus his faith on Jesus.
- Jesus did what seemed like a strange thing, putting His fingers in the man's ears and touching the man's tongue with His own fingers after spitting on them. This action probably served as a point of contact.
- Jesus was a flesh and blood man, so there were no healing properties in His own saliva. But, the healing anointing flowed as Jesus touched the man's ears and tongue.
- Again, the primary mode of healing Jesus used here was His authority and the spoken word, "Be opened."
- As you are ministering, don't just do "what you always do" without first asking God for wisdom for the situation and need at hand. Wait on the Holy Spirit for His instruction; then obey swiftly what He tells you to say or do.
- However, do be sure that any words you speak or action you take line up with the truths of the Word of God and the pattern of Jesus' ministry.

The Holy Spirit's direction may vary. Keep close to Jesus and sensitive to His voice!

Miracle #14
Second Time Around



KEY

Don't give up if no results are seen at first. Continue to minister and/or instruct the sick one on how to stand in faith until the healing fully manifests.



KEY

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

(Galatians 6:9, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

(Mark 8:22-25, NKJV)

- Similar to the healing of the deaf man in Mark 7:31-35, Jesus performed another action that may seem strange on the blind man in this portion of Scripture. The difference in this situation is that the blind man's healing only partially manifested the first time Jesus laid hands on him. The fault did not lie with Jesus, but most likely in the blind man's inability to believe and receive his healing.
- Jesus asked the man if he could see. Don't be afraid to ask someone how they feel after you've prayed for them, or if they see or feel any change or improvement in their condition.
- It is also good to instruct the person to do something they couldn't do before; i.e., walk, bend, raise their arms, read small print, hear a soft voice or whatever was impossible or very difficult for them to do prior to your ministering to them.
- This "faith action" will validate the person's healing to themselves and also as a testimony before others that will bring glory to God and raise the faith of others to receive the miracle they need.
- People have different levels of faith and understanding. Some will receive their healing miracle instantly and effortlessly, while others struggle to believe and receive.
So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
(Romans 10:17, NKJV)
- Patiently continue to minister the Word of God to the sick one so that their faith is built up. Continue to pray and instruct according to the healing promises in God's Word.

Be faithful to minister until the healing manifests!

Miracle #15
Obedience



KEY
Faith and obedience are powerful weapons for good, both in the one ministering and the one receiving the ministry.



KEY
Believe that Jesus can work through you!

*Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
(John 6:28-29, NKJV)*

Journey through Scripture

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

(John 9:1-7, NKJV)

- Jesus stated that the man's blindness had not been caused by the sins of the man or his parents. This shows that sin is not always at the root of sickness. But on the other hand, there are Scriptures that attribute sickness to sin such as with the paralyzed man in Matthew 9:2 and others.
- Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." This conveys the importance of carrying out our assignments from God especially during these end times.
- Jesus concocted a mixture of dirt and His own saliva to place on the man's eyes similar to what He did in previous Scriptures that we've studied.
- This time, Jesus went a step further and required the blind man to take action, too. This stretched his faith as it was no easy task to walk to another destination to wash when he couldn't see where he was going.
- In addition to expressing his faith in Jesus to heal him, the blind man also was quick to obey Jesus' instruction. God always rewards our obedience.
- Reading further on in the story, where at first He did not really know who Jesus was, but after another encounter with Jesus, the healed man said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him. Miracles lead unbelievers into a saving relationship with Jesus.

It is time to "work the works of Jesus" now!

Miracle #16
Command Evil Spirits



KEY
Help people believe God will heal them.



KEY
Be prepared through prayer and communion with God before you battle evil spirits. Also, knowing and being able to share the Word of God is vitally important to being successful in ministry.

Journey through Scripture

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

(Mark 9:17-29, NKJV)

- This story illustrates how Jesus helped a man believe that it was His will to heal his tormented son. It is important to take time to help people overcome their unbelief. We can do this by showing them the Bible promises that fit their need, sharing testimonies of others that have been healed, and praying for them.
- After the evil spirit left the boy, Jesus helped him to his feet. We may need to reach out and help the person act in response to receiving their healing. CAUTION: Be sure you are led by the Holy Spirit and do not try to force results.
- Jesus instructed His disciples that some demons would only come out through prayer (and some translations add, "fasting").

Allow plenty of time for prayer and worship and you will begin to see victory over evil spirits.

Miracle #17
Faith of the Receiver

Miracle #18
Casting Out Demon

Miracles #19
Multitude of Miracles



KEY
Discern the level or lack of faith in the sick person.



KEY
No disease is beyond the reach of God's healing power.

Journey through Scripture

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. . .

(Matthew 9:27-30, NKJV)

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. . .

(Matthew 9:32-33, NKJV)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

(Matthew 9:35, NKJV)

- Jesus asked the blind men a question designed to determine whether they had the faith to be healed. You can do the same. If they don't have faith, then work on building up their faith. If they do have faith then, like Jesus, you can put the responsibility for their healing on their own faith.
- The blind men had cried out to Jesus, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" If people appear to be suffering from guilt or a feeling of unworthiness to be healed, remind them that just like with salvation, we receive healing because of God's mercy by grace through faith, not through our own efforts or goodness.
- In the second miracle shown here after Jesus cast out the demon, the mute man was able to speak.
- As Jesus travelled and taught the good news about the kingdom of God, he healed every kind of disease. No condition was too hard for Him to heal.
- Nothing will be too hard for you either because Jesus lives inside of you, empowering you to do the same works He did!

God's Word -- His written Word and His living Word, Jesus Christ in you -- still heals today!

Miracle #20
Responded to Faith



KEY
Always be sensitive to hear and be obedient to the Holy Spirit's revelation and instruction.

Journey through Scripture

Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

(Mark 10:46-52, NKJV)

- Jesus heard blind Bartimaeus crying after Him, pleading for mercy, so Jesus stopped and called for the blind man to come to Him. Wow! Jesus gave all of His attention at that moment to one blind beggar. Every individual is important to God.
- We must treat everyone with respect and consideration.
- Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus what he wanted, though of course He knew what the blind man's problem was. What people ask you to pray for does not always reflect their true need. Be alert to the Spirit as He may lead you to the root of the real need if it is different than what the person says.
- Conversely, what appears to be the obvious need is not always the heart-felt need the person desires to fulfill. Listen intently to the person, to your own heart, and to the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus honored the faith of blind Bartimaeus and spoke his desired end result into being, saying, "Go your way. Your faith has made you well." And immediately Bartimaeus could see!
- When Bartimaeus had received his sight, he followed Jesus. Miracles are part of God's goodness, which leads men to repentance and draws them to want to follow Christ.

Don't ignore a need because you're busy. Jesus took time for one that people didn't consider important.



KEY

There are stumbling blocks such as fear, unbelief, unforgiveness and other negative emotions that can get in the way of prayers being answered.

Journey through Scripture

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

(Mark 11:22-25, NKJV)

- In this often quoted portion of Scripture, Jesus is teaching His disciples that if they truly believe, they can have whatever they ask. This illustrates the power of both our faith and our words!
- Conversely, the opposite is true as well. Fear, unbelief, anger and worry can prevent our prayers from being answered. These can be major stumbling blocks to the one who wants to minister like Jesus and to the sick person hoping to receive a healing.
- Another major obstacle to answered prayer is unforgiveness. When a person is having trouble receiving or you feel a block while ministering, hidden unforgiveness may be in their heart.
- If the Lord leads you, it is appropriate to ask them gently if they have been holding unforgiveness in their heart toward someone who has hurt them. If they say yes, you can share this Scripture and the ones below, and pray for them to release the hurt and the one who caused it so that they can receive their healing.

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

(Matthew 1:20-22, NKJV)

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, And you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

(Luke 6:36-37, NKJV)

When physical healing does not seem to come; look deeper and minister to emotional roadblocks.

Miracle #21
Set Free from Evil Spirit



KEY
Compassion caused Jesus to take the initiative to reach out and touch the life of a hurting person.

Journey through Scripture

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

(Luke 13:10-13, NKJV)

- Jesus saw the bent-over woman bound by an evil spirit and called her to Himself. Again, Jesus was moved by compassion.

- First, Jesus spoke to her the healing word.

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

(Psalm 107:20, NKJV)

- Jesus laid his hands on her and she was instantly healed. Jesus promised that in His Name, we can lay hands on the sick, too.

In My name they will cast out demons. . . they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

(Mark 16:17-18, NKJV)

- Her immediate response was to praise God! Always give glory to God and encourage the one to whom you've ministered to praise God for what He has done for them.

- Question: If you see someone in a wheelchair, walking with a guide dog or obviously sick in some way, what do you do? Do you feel compelled to minister to their need, or do you quickly look the other way, hoping God won't ask you to pray for them?

- Here are a few guidelines:

- Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you.

- Be bold but gentle; as you ask if they would like you to pray.

- Don't feel guilty if you do not feel led to approach them.

Jesus did not often approach others; usually they came after Him. They may not be ready to receive or may be resistant to your offer to pray, especially in public. You can still pray for them privately from a distance.

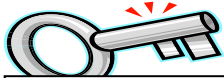
Teaching, compassion, a healing word and laying on of hands combined to bring freedom to this person.

Miracle #22

Mercy

Miracle #23

Instruction



KEY

Both of these instances show the wonderful mercy of God. When you are praying for someone who feels unworthy to be healed, remind them of these and other Scriptures that reveal the mercy of God.

Journey through Scripture

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go.

(Luke 14:1-4, NKJV)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

(Luke 17:12-19, NKJV)

- The first story of healing shows how compassionate Jesus is; this is the glory of the New and better Covenant compared to the Old Covenant: God's mercy triumphs over strict adherence to the Jewish ceremonial law.
- In the second story, ten lepers also asked for mercy and healing. Jesus gave them an instruction, and as they obeyed it, they were healed.
- One of the lepers, an outcast and foreigner, came back to thank Jesus and praise God. Encourage the person you are praying for to praise God and be thankful. This brings great blessing!
- Jesus told the one man who praised God that he was made whole. While the leprosy was removed from all ten, only this one was restored to wholeness in his body.
- Jesus called this man's response "faith," to which He attributed the man's healing.

Be grateful. Praise God with a sincere heart!

Miracle #24
Creative Miracle



KEY

Daily seek
God's wisdom,
perspective and
purposes.



KEY

*If any of you
lacks wisdom,
let him ask of
God, who gives
to all liberally
and without
reproach, and it
will be given to
him. But let him
ask in faith,
with no
doubting, for he
who doubts is
like a wave of
the sea driven
and tossed by
the wind. For
let not that man
suppose that he
will receive
anything from
the Lord; he is
a double-
minded man,
unstable in all
his ways.*

(James 1:5-8,
NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

(Luke 22:49-51, NKJV)

- Jesus performed a creative miracle. The man's ear didn't need simply to be healed; it actually had to be reattached.
- Jesus' disciple acted brashly and foolishly even though his intent was to protect Jesus. Another time Jesus told Peter:
... "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."
(Matthew 16:23, NKJV)
- It is important to "see" according to God's perspective rather than our own human understanding. Therefore, let's daily be sure to ask God for wisdom in ministry and in all matters. (See the second KEY to the left.)
- Jesus showed compassion during the hour of his suffering even toward the man that was "one of the enemy," who had come to arrest Jesus. He quickly put the man's ear back in place.
- Jesus also walked in a deeper understanding of God's plan, knowing that He must suffer to redeem and reconcile man back to God, His Father.
- We too must be aware of the eternal significance and purposes of God.
- All too often, we get distracted and burdened down by fears about our future or present needs. We must resist this!

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

(Colossians 3:1-2, NKJV)

Seek God's divine perspective when ministering.

Miracles #25
*Confirming the Word
with Signs*



KEY

The disciples learned from following and observing Jesus as He ministered. Now they are sent forth to do the same works that He did!

See again
John 14:12:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Journey through Scripture

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.
(Mark 16:15-20, NKJV)

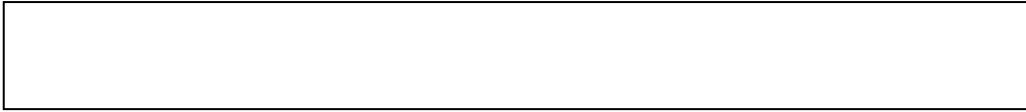
- This portion of Scripture is a description of Jesus’ “Great Commission” to His disciples then – and now to us today.
- Jesus commanded you and me to share the good news of His saving grace. This is the first and foremost part of ministering like Jesus!
- In these Scriptures, Jesus went on to describe the “signs” and miracles that would manifest when we believe!
- Jesus promised that when we believe and lay hands on the sick, they will recover. No exceptions here! The sick will recover! The criteria is that we believe.
- Much emphasis is placed on the faith of those who are seeking healing, but here the Word states that we (the ministers) are the ones who must believe.
- When the faith of the one praying and the one being prayed over are joined together, great things happen! There is power in agreement.

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”

(Matthew 18:19, NKJV)

- In the Scripture above, we see our mission: It is to “go. . .”
- The key is in this promise: “the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.”

Going into the harvest field to do the works of Jesus is the most exciting and rewarding life!



Miracle #26
Raising a Dead Girl



KEY
Nothing is too hard for God – not even raising a girl from the dead!

Journey through Scripture

And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

(Mark 5:22-24, NKJV)

While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When He came in, He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

(Mark 5:35-43, NKJV)

- Our first “Advanced” miracle that goes beyond healing to actually raising the dead is the story of a 12-year-old girl.
- Jesus initially started heading to the girl’s father’s home when she was only sick, but had not yet died.
- Before they arrived at the home, messengers brought the bad news to the father: “Your daughter is dead.”
- Jesus immediately reassured the father, “Do not be afraid; only believe.”

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KEY
**Join with
others who
have strong
faith!**



KEY
**Speak directly
to the sickness
or to the
situation what
you want to see
happen!**

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- It is good to encourage people to believe for their miracles according to God's promises in His word and not according to what they see, feel or what others have told them.

- This helps build their faith.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(Romans 10:17, NKJV)

- Jesus' word was filled with authority and power, giving the distraught father hope.
- The crowd that had gathered at the dead girl's home was weeping and wailing. This did not help. Encourage those you pray for to believe God's Word over the negative opinions of family, friends, and even medical professionals.
- Jesus brought the father, mother and three of His closest disciples into the room where the 12-year-old girl lay dead.
- There is power in surrounding yourself with believing people and in having others join in prayer with you.
- Jesus took her hand and spoke with authority: "Little girl, I say to you, arise." She stood up – alive and well!
- Remember, because Jesus has given you His authority and power, you can speak directly to a sickness or into a situation –even to death – the desired result, and it will come to pass.
- A good Scripture to confess over someone that is expected to die or has already died is this:

I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord.

(Psalm 118:17, NKJV)

- Jesus then told them to give the girl something to eat. We can always depend on God to heal, but it is also important for those who have been healed to follow through both spiritually and naturally; i.e., to forsake sin and obey God, or to stop overeating, drinking and other harmful behaviors.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in giving instruction.

*Raising someone from the dead is no harder for God
then healing someone from a headache.*

Miracle #27
Speaking Life to the Dead



KEY

We must keep our hearts tender toward those who are hurting. Never become impatient or judgmental.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass (or sickness, habit, etc.), you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

(Galatians 6: 1-3, NKJV)

Journey through Scripture

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

(Luke 7:11-15, NKJV)

- Jesus' brings a widow's son back to life. A funeral procession passed by Jesus, who when He saw the widow grieving for her son, His heart overflowed with compassion toward her.

- Compassion for others and obedience to God are two of the greatest foundations that must exist in your life if you want to walk in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power and do the works of Jesus. This is how the Bible defines love:

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NLT)

- Often, we put our focus on spiritual gifts, but here God actually rates love above spiritual gifts. Some translations sum this description up in this way: "Love never fails!"
- Jesus stopped those carrying the coffin and just like with the 12-year-old girl, He spoke life into the young man: "Young man, I say to you, arise."
- The dead boy sat up – alive and healed, and Jesus gave him back to his rejoicing mother.

Love never fails! We can make mistakes, but if we walk in love, God will make everything right.

Miracle #28
Glory of God



KEY

Jesus did several things here: (1) He raised their faith level. (2) He gave instruction to set the stage for the miracle. (3) He prayed to the Father not for His own need but so that they would believe He came from God. (4) He spoke the desired end result with authority and power: "Lazarus, come forth!"



KEY

Don't let the objections or unbelief of others get in the way of your own faith as you minister like Jesus!

Journey through Scripture

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. . . Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." . . Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

(John 11:17. 21-23. 32-44. NKJV)

- After Lazarus had been dead four days, Jesus was met by both Martha and Mary, who admonished Him for not being there to prevent their brother from dying. Remember to gently minister the truth of God's Word to the loved ones of the dead, too.
- Jesus wanted the sisters to believe that nothing was impossible – not even bringing their brother back to life – if they put their faith in Him. Jesus wanted them to understand that He is not only the Resurrection of the future but now in the present, too.
- In spite of Martha's unbelief and objection, Jesus told them to move the stone. And, He called Lazarus forth from death to life!

If you believe you will see the glory of God!