

Thru the Bible Series

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019

Reading: Mark 2:1-12 Four Friends

Five Things: (after reading)

1. What obstacles did the paralyzed man’s friends face?
2. Do you think they were just doing what their paralyzed friend asked of them, or were the friends also certain Jesus could heal him? (See v.5)
3. Why did Jesus forgive the man’s sins?
4. What questions did Jesus address? (v.7&8)
5. How does Jesus demonstrate his power to forgive sins?

Can you relate? Jesus forgave the man’s sin because he knew that was the biggest need. How does being aware of your greatest need affect your prayer requests? (Read James 5:13-16 for assistance.)

Did you know? James 5:15 uses the Greek word “sozo” for our word “save” or “heal.” This means to save, deliver & protect. Can you accept this as God’s healing in your life if you or someone you love are not completely physically restored from illness? Being saved from, delivered from or protected from an illness are 3 different things, yet aren’t all 3 are positive and affirmative answers to prayer? What do you think?

Conclusion: In 2 Corinthians 12:9, what was God’s response to Paul’s fervent prayer for physical healing? My _____ is _____ for you. That means God also has the power to sustain us in any condition.

Explore: Mark 2:10-11 “So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to _____ sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “_____ up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

- Express:
1. A miracle is something only _____ can do. Jesus performed a _____, so Jesus is _____.
 2. Forgiving sins is something only _____ can do. Jesus proved he forgave sins by healing the man.
 3. Jesus proves he is _____. Engage: Thank Jesus for forgiving you. Ask him to make ___ well.

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Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Reading: Mark 9:14-29 Help Me in My Unbelief

Three Things: (after reading)

1. It is important to notice that the father did not deny God’s promise; he desired it. However, it just seemed too good to be true, so he said, “Help my _____!”
2. What causes recurring “un-belief” for Believers?
 - * _____-less hearts (Philippians 4:6-7)
 - * _____our need for frequent encouragement. (Hebrews 10:25)
 - *Forgetting to _____ & listen to God’s Word. (Romans 10:17)
3. How do we increase our faith? (Reread Romans 10:17)

Can you relate? When you pray or think about a Bible verse, do you come away feeling less discouraged or more discouraged? Do you have an example?

Explore: Mark 9:23 *Anything is possible if a person* _____.

- Express:
1. Believing is ___ doubting.
 2. _____ is not automatic.
 3. Believing is putting our _____ in Jesus.

Corresponding Scripture: How do the following passages correspond with Mark 9:23?

1. James 1:6
You can’t _____ and believe at the same time.
2. Mark 16:16
Unbelievers will not be _____.
3. Hebrews 11:6
No one can please God without _____.
4. John 20:29
We are _____ when we believe!

Engage: Ask God to help you believe when you experience doubt just like the dad from our reading.