

Sermon Notes

I Believe In Miracles: Part 10

April 24th-25th, 2021

- **I Believe In Miracles: Recap**
 - o Keeping first things first from **1 Corinthians 1:22-24**.
- **Part 10: Fighting for Your Miracle – The Canaanite Woman and Her Daughter**
- Ever feel like everyone else get a miracle but the goodness and promises of God are just not for you?
 - o I think that's why this story is in here: **Matthew 15:21-28**.
 - o This is confusing, but one thing is for sure, this woman fought for her miracle and she got it!!!
- Fight for Your Miracle!
 - o I feel like I've gotten more than my share of miracles in my life.
 - I've prayed for healing and seen it instantaneously. (Stanley, Brandon) I've received visions and direction from God. I've been healed. (left hand, burned ankle) Holy Spirit baptism, etc
 - o But, I've had my share of disappointments as well.
 - I've prayed for people who died, asked for direction but not received, prayed amiss.
- So, how do we fight for our miracle?
 - o Let me start with a basic principle and then we will look at some specifics.
- 1) Align your spirit, understanding, and emotions with God. **John 15:5-8** (emphasis on v7)
 - o If you only read "ask whatever you wish" but miss the first part of v7 that's a problem!
 - Submit your will to God/align your spirit with God. Then 'what you wish' changes...
 - o Sometimes our spirit and our understanding are lined up, but our emotions are not.
 - Great example is **Daniel 3:13-18**. They understood the secret of **Phil 4:12-13**.
 - Fighting for your miracle can be emotionally devastating if you NEED a particular thing to happen. But, if you release it, sometimes that opens the door.
- 2) You've got to have faith!! Back to **Matthew 15:28**.
 - o This type of language is all over the Bible. Another great example is **James 1:5-8**.
 - o But be careful not to believe for the wrong things...
- 3) Ask, and ask with right motives. **James 4:1-3**
 - o This describes not just a lack of faith, but that their spirits/wills were not aligned with God.
 - Remember the "whatever you wish" of John 15:7 is after submitting your will to God.
 - o Spurgeon, "Find God's will and pray that!"
- 4) Don't give up too soon.
 - o This can be hard, but we must persevere. Don't quit just before you get your miracle!
 - You may need to release it to God, but that is different from giving up.
- 5) Hinderances to receiving your miracle:
 - o Undoing your prayers. Speaking against/believing against what you just prayed for.
 - o Unforgiveness or bad heart toward others. **Mark 11:25, 1 Peter 3:7**
 - o The miracle is meant to boost you to the next level. If you aren't ready for that, you aren't ready for your miracle. Ex: financial or relationship miracles.
- 6) Jesus still loves you, he is still trustworthy, he still cheers for you, even if you don't get your miracle.
 - o Many people are hurt or feel rejected by God when they don't get their miracle.
 - This breaks my heart because it adds to your pain. I don't want that for you.
 - Good Christian, don't ever blame someone for not getting their miracle...
 - o Two types of commendable faith from **Hebrews 11:32-40**.
 - Those who get the great victory and those who stay faithful to the bitter end.
 - Don't let this be an excuse to give up believing for your miracle, but let this give you permission to be free to keep believing in the face of disappointment!
- Pray to align our hearts with God. Our spirit, our understanding, and our emotions.
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