



Miracle – Physical Healing

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26, NIV

I. Review:

PREPARING FOR A MIRACLE

1. Admit that you have a **NEED**
2. **HUMBLE** yourself – ask God to help you
3. Be willing to do what God **IMPRESSES** on you
4. Be open to **CHANGE**
5. Look for something **UNEXPECTED**

What CONSTITUTES a Miracle?

“A popular but wrong, definition is to say that a miracle is a point in time in which God intervenes in the world.... That definition fails for one good reason: It gives the false impression that God only occasionally intervenes in the world. ... A miracle happens when God, who is continuously active in the world, breaks His usual pattern and does something extraordinary.”

[Erwin W. Lutzer. “Seven Convincing Miracles.” (Chicago: Moody Press, 1999) pp. 16-17.]

What is the PURPOSE of God’s Miracles?

Usually miracles help someone in need. But the meaning is always **DEEPER**: God gets our attention so that we are invited to look beyond the event to the **MIRACLE WORKER**

II. Miracle of **PHYSICAL HEALING**

“And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately

her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' " But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."" Mark 5:25-34

III. She **EXHAUSTED** her personal ability

"She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse." Mark 5:26

IV. Desperation created **FAITH**

"When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak," Mark 5:27

Her decision to **ACT** resulted in the destruction of **FEAR**.

Her **RISK** was covered with **HUMILITY**.

V. The power of **"IF"**

because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

VI. **IMMEDIATELY**

"Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering." Mark 5:29