



Sermon Notes

Lazarus Series – It's All About God
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Matthew 9:27-30

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; ³⁰ and their sight was restored.

It's one thing to ask Jesus for a miracle – it's another thing to believe He can and will do it.

Ask, believe, and receive.

James 1:5-8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Prayer: Ask God. Believe, and don't doubt.

God does the miracle. Our part is belief and obedience.

Acts 26:8

⁸ Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

We may believe God created everything, but do we really believe He can do anything?

Matthew 9:28 Amplified Version

Do you believe [with a deep, abiding trust] that I am able to do this?

God is calling us to be unwavering in our faith and hope in Him. He is about to do something extraordinary, and we must pull ourselves out the ordinary or we will miss it!

Pulling ourselves out of the ordinary means choosing to believe.

When we have a hard time believing for these reasons, we are making it about us.

It's all about God and Him glorified!



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Romans 4:17

¹⁷ ...the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

The God who creates out of nothing - can do anything!

John 11:1-4

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

Shame says we don't deserve it.

Insecurity says you'll mess it up somehow.

Woundedness says you will always be left disappointed.

Bitterness says people, including God, will let you down.

Doubt wonders whether God will really come through.

An independent spirit says "make your own miracle".

When we realize our miracle is ultimately for God's glory, our qualifications and experiences are irrelevant.

God is about to create something out of the nothingness you feel in your situation. And He is about to give life to something dead!

And it is for His glory! It's all about God and not about us!

When Jesus asks, "Do you believe?"

We no longer must filter our answer through our feelings of ourselves!

By faith, we can say "Yes, Lord. Because it's about You!"

Yes, Lord, I believe. Because it is about You.

Mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve, and instead does a miracle!

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