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Get Desperate For Your Healing/Blessings!!



“Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven...’”
(Mark 2:3-12)

Dear Chosen One:

This story describes how four men brought a paralyzed man to get healed. When they arrived at place where Jesus was there was a crowd of people preventing these men from going through the front entrance, so they took him up to the roof. This was an awful situation that demanded desperate action.

In this story everyone came expecting to receive something from Jesus, so no one was going to allow someone else to get in front of them. The most amazing thing about this story is that these men took the time to go to the top of the house (roof) and dug a hole in the roof in order to let down the crippled man. They were desperate and when people are desperate, they do desperate things.

I remembered a time in my life when I found myself desperate to have another child. For almost seven years I was trying to get pregnant, and nothing was happening. Then I got desperate, I sought out the best Gyn doctors and tried every remedy that people recommended. That was my desperation! Then finally I got pregnant with my daughter (this year she turned 30). When desperate people pursue what they need they end up getting it.

These men had to be good friends of the paralytic. I don't believe these men were strangers, Why? They went to the extreme to lowering their friend down in the presence of Jesus in order for him to receive his healing. This was a selfless act. These are the king of friends we need around us. Friends that will go the extra mile without complaining and know how to get the job done. They were tired of seeing their beloved friend suffering and they knew Jesus has the solution to his problem.

They wanted to do something extra special for him. So, when they heard that Jesus was in town healing people, they were determined to get their friend healed.

The Bible says in verse 5, when Jesus saw their FAITH, He said, **“Son, your sins are forgiven.”** Now, you would have thought that when this man got healed everyone around was going to be happy for him. In this place there were Law experts and Scribes-those people who cross their “T’s” and dot their “I’s”. These religious people were sitting there and questioning in their hearts what Jesus had done.

Sadly, there are still religious experts and Scribes in our churches today. These are the people who don't want to see other people get healed or blessed. In their religious mind, if God is not blessing or healing them, then He should not be doing it for anyone else. They also sit in church and ponder why some sinners don't deserve Salvation (God's gift), and why some people should not be healed. They also question the criteria people need to follow in order for God to bless them.

Bishop T.D. Jakes said, **“Favor is not fair”** but the Bible says, God is no respecter of persons and **“without Faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”** (Hebrews 11:6.)

The crippled man and his friends were earnestly seeking God. Many people probably did not even see when or how they got in but after the crippled man was healed, he walked out through the front door. He wanted to give hope to those who were still waiting to receive their healing. I don't believe he just walked out, I believe he came out dancing and singing **“look what the Lord has done. He healed my body; He touched my mind. He saved me just in time. I'm going to praise His Name...”**

How desperate are you to receive your healing or blessing from God? My next question is what steps or measures are you taking to accomplish the task?

Nothing plus Nothing equals Nothing! The Bible clearly tells us Faith without action, is dead. (James 2:17.) In many Bible passages we read about some desperate people who wanted something from God. It did not matter what obstacles stood in their path or what circumstances the devil used to prevent them. These individuals continued to be persistent until they received their healing or blessing.

Have you read the story about the “**Persistent Widow**” and the unjust judge in Luke 18:1-8? The Bible says, over and over this woman pleaded with the judge to grant her justice against her adversary. The judge kept refusing but because she was persistent and kept going to him, he decided to grant her request. Yes, God softened the judge’s heart and he acted accordingly. Remember all things are possible with God.

We read about “Blind Bartimaeus” in Luke 18:34. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he started to shout! “**Jesus Son of David have mercy on me!**” But the disciples rebuked him and told him to be quiet. However, the man continued to shout louder until he got Jesus’ attention. Jesus stopped and told His disciples to bring the man. This blind man received his sight because he refused to be quiet and did not allow anyone to stand between him receiving his healing from Jesus.

VICTORY IS SURE WHEN YOU ARE PERSISTENT!

The story about the woman with the “Issue of blood” is recorded in the Gospel of Mark Chapter 5:25-34. This woman had to press her way through the crowd in order to reach Jesus because people were blocking her path—preventing her from getting to Him.

As a matter of fact, she had to crawl on the ground on her hands and knees. If the other people, in the crowd had noticed her they would have stoned her to death. She was unclean and for years her physical condition deprived her from coming in contact with other people.

However, when she reflected on her hemorrhaging condition, for the past 12 years, she got desperate and wanted to be healed. This woman had made up in her mind that nothing or no one was going to stop her from reaching Jesus. The fact of the matter was, when she got to Jesus, she could not even stand up and face Him, so she activated her faith and reached out with her hands and touch the hem of Jesus’ robe.

This woman was very determined to get healed and she did. She was not like some people who would have used various excuses, such as: the crowd was huge, I’m an outcast and should not be in the midst of others, or never mind, I will get to Jesus another time. After 12 years of suffering, I am sure she was dirty, smelling and experiencing low self-esteem but none of that stopped her.

Today most people are not in the kind of predicament as this woman, yet they find all the excuses because they don’t want to use any action with their faith. They are looking for an instant healing, one that doesn’t involve any action. They sit around waiting for some preacher to give them a word because they are too busy/lazy to read their Bibles or to spend time in God’s presence. These are slothful people who only want to receive something from God without following biblical guidelines.

Sadly, most of this young generation want everything for FREE. They are desperate to rob you in order to get what they want. They only pursue the things of this world. There are people who are desperate to get rich without a job. Then there are those individuals who are desperate to climb the corporate ladder the ones who are the career opportunists. Some of them will step on you, lie, and fornicate their way in order to reach the top of the corporate ladder without doing any work. Often, top positions are places where only your godly character would allow you to stay.

My message to you is get desperate for the things of God. Everything that you and I desire, God has. King David says in Psalm 50:12b that the world belongs to God and everything in it. Healing is yours; Peace belongs to you when you have a personal relationship with JESUS the Prince of Peace! Joy is there for the asking. My brothers and sisters only the things of God will last in this lifetime.

If you have been waiting or procrastinating about something you knew you needed to do—this message is for you. Today, I want you to reprogram your way of thinking and start acting. Jesus is waiting for you to pursue Him and ask for what He has in store for you. You may have to get lowered down from a roof or keep shouting after someone has told you to be quiet or get on your hands and knees and crawl until you reach Jesus’ hem. Whatever you have to do, start now and you will be victorious. Your best is yet to come!

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