

LED INTO A MIRACLE

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Mark 8:22-26

The story of a man in desperate need of a miracle.

Blindness is not limited to the natural eyes of a person.

In these last days, walking in the miraculous is imperative.

How do we walk in and experience the miraculous?

I. Allow God To Lead You.

- A. Jesus took the man by the hand and led him. vs.23
 - 1. Gal. 5:18 *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*
Hebr. 8:9 *...I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;*
Rom. 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
 - 2. Will provide proper leadership.
Prov. 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not u n t o thine own understanding. :6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*
- B. The wisdom of the world cannot provide adequate leadership.
Matt. 15:14 *And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.*
- C. Religiosity cannot provide adequate leadership.
 - 1. Jesus called the Pharisees blind guides.
Matt. 23:24 *Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.*
- D. God will always lead you into faith and victory and away from fear, doubt and unbelief.
 - 1. Permitting God's direction in your life is a matter of choice. vs. 22
 - a. He is not withholding His help.

II. Avoid The Counsel Of The Faithless.

- A. Led the man away from the negative influence of unbelief. vs. 23
 - 1. The attitude of the crowd can have a negative influence on your faith.
 - a. Told him not to go back there. vs. 26
Acts 14:1 *And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. :2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.*

- [1.] The 10 faithless spies, of Num. 33 affected the future of a nation.
- b. You will rise or fall to the level of your associations.
1Cor. 15:33 *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*
- [1.] Be not deceived.
 - [a.] Never think that you are exempt from this law.
- [2.] Iron sharpens iron. Prov. 27:17
- B. Only God based wisdom can produce faith in God.
Job 42:3 *Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?*
 - 1. Develop the God kind of faith. Mark 11:22
 - 2. We choose what we put our faith in.
 - 3. Whatever or whoever we develop faith in will be the god we call on in time of trouble and need.

III. The Progression Of The Miracle.

- A. Miracles are generally not instantaneous.
 - 1. Usually are progressive. Mk. 16:18
 - a. Jesus prays for this man twice.
 - b. We usually don't get in jams overnight and won't always get out of them overnight
 - 2. Don't settle for less than full victory. There is a danger of a limited amount of success. Gad, Reuben and the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead.
 - a. He had attained a limited amount of sight when Jesus first prayed.
 - [1.] Prior to that he couldn't see anything.
- B. Maintain and retain victory.
 - 1. Abstaining from the unbelief of others was key.
 - 2. Don't return to root causes.
John 5:14 *Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

Conclusion:

Put yourself in a position to hear from God.

Don't permit the unbelief of others to rob you of the miraculous.

Don't become discouraged if God doesn't work things out *your* way or even, *right away*.