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What an awesome service we had on Sunday! I'm so thankful that the Lord understands our needs and meets us where we are. He either heals us in the moment, or He sustains us with His grace. Either way, He pours His love into our hearts. Amen!!!

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Matthew 9:27-34

Jesus had just healed a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years when she touched Him, and He had just raised a 12 year old girl from the dead when He touched her. How cool is that! Jesus is no cookie cutter God. He meets us where we are and He knows exactly how to reach our hearts so that we can be healed.

In this passage, Jesus had passed on from healing those two women... and now He's going to heal 2 men, two blind men. As He was walking, these two men followed Him in their blindness and cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" These two men understood that Jesus didn't OWE them anything. They also understood there was nothing they could do to EARN His help. All they could do was ask for mercy.

They also called Him, "Son of David," signifying that He was a descendant of David... as the Messiah would be. Were they saying they understood that Jesus was the Messiah? That is some massive faith.

Putting the two parts of their cry to Jesus together... these two men understood that Jesus was the Messiah and that He was compassionate. As the Messiah, He would have all authority... and He used that authority, not to domineer, but to show compassion. They were about to find out how true that is.

Jesus arrived at His destination and these two men continued to follow Him there. Jesus looked at them and asked, "Do you believe that I'm able to do this?" Do what? What did mercy

look like for them? They were looking for His mercy to be their healing. Jesus touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes opened.

It's important for me to see that this is not saying that the amount of healing is dependent on the measure of my faith. It's more saying, "Because you trust Me, it will be done for you." This is hard... is it saying that if I don't have faith, God won't heal me? And therefore, if I'm not being healed, it's because of my lack of faith? No. The point is... God wants me to trust Him, and He does all the work.

The only thing my faith does is make me willing to ask Him for help. I won't ask if I don't believe. But the way He answers is up to Him. It could be that He will bring physical healing... or it could be that He will bring spiritual healing while the body continues to waste away. The spiritual healing is more important. The physical healing is only temporary... this body will still die. But the spiritual is eternal... and "with his wounds, we are healed." I pray that I will never question the way God chooses to answer. I pray that my faith will be unshakable no matter what.

But in this case, these men were physically healed. They could see again. Jesus said to them emphatically, "Guys, you cannot tell anyone what I just did for you." They had been calling Him, "Son of David." They understood who He was. But His time had not yet come. He wanted the news of Himself to be held in check for a while longer. Ummm... I don't know how they answered Jesus, but I do know they didn't stay quiet. They just couldn't. They were too excited about who He was. Maybe they didn't understand why Jesus told them to be quiet. Maybe they thought, "No, Jesus doesn't understand. These people need to know about Him!" They didn't understand the big picture. I'm sure they weren't trying to make things harder for Him. They just couldn't contain their excitement.

So Jesus had to move on from there. He wasn't going to take away the healing. He just moved on. And then Jesus cast out another demon from a man who was unable to speak. The people were in awe. "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." In a period of hours, an unclean woman was healed, a little girl was raised from the dead, two blind men were healed, and a demon possessed man was set free. Whoa!

How did they respond to Jesus? They were in awe. They were changed. How did the religious leaders, the Pharisees, who were supposed to love God the most respond? They accused Jesus of doing His works by the power of the devil. Yikes!!! Why would they be so averse to Jesus? All He had done was to be compassionate, loving, kind, and healing? What evil sign did He show? None. They were threatened by Him. Instead of admitting that they were threatened by His authority and even humbling themselves before Him, they accused Him of being evil. Who was really being evil?

O Lord, please help me not to be like the Pharisees! Please help me to celebrate Your authority and power, not be threatened by it. Help me to have so much joy in who You are and so much gratitude for what You do that I can't help but celebrate You. I'm so thankful that You allow

me to share the amazing things You do in my life. I praise You for the healing You've done in my life, to heal me of the fatal disease of sin. That is the greatest miracle. Please help me to never take that for granted.