

WALKING WITH JESUS

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For the past few weeks I was in Montana spending some alone time with the Lord and one night He walked with me and discussed a passage of Scripture that I had ministered on under His direction at a church in Oklahoma back in May of 2005. Ev and I had ministered at a conference on Spiritual Warfare at this church for a week and one of the messages—“Expanding Your Possibilities”—is I think the greatest message that the

Lord has ever given to me. The night we ministered as a couple all the people in wheelchairs got up and walked away and many were healed of strokes and other deadly diseases. Many received spiritual gifts and then operated those gifts that night.

Now in all my years of ministry I've never ministered the same message twice. Don't know why that is the case but I prepare for a service by spending 3-9 hours alone with the Lord and getting His mind for what He wants ministered and how He wants it done. That should be the pattern for all preaching but it's not. Why? Because in most churches the Holy Spirit is not in charge—man is. So they tell Him what they are going to do and that is why normally nothing happens—there's no anointing for anything to happen and it's the anointing that brings the supernatural. It's the anointing that is God the Holy Spirit's *sign* of approval. Now as I demonstrated at this same church, there can be many reasons why a service or a portion of a service is not anointed. It may be sin; it may be a lack of preparation—after all, most church services are attended by unprepared people, right?

If they were prepared then what Paul wrote would come into manifestation—each would have a psalm, a revelation, a prophecy, a message in tongues, etc. But since most Christians are spiritually lazy, these things Paul wrote the Corinthian church about don't manifest today. Very often it's due to the leadership also. Leadership often feels the need to control the Holy Spirit so they don't allow their people to develop in their gifts of the Holy Spirit.

But now if you are a pastor or other Five-fold minister then just let me pass something along to you—if your services are not anointed then you need to do something about it because that is out of the will of God! Sometimes in churches one will notice that the praise and worship is anointed but the preaching of the word is not or vice-versa. But regardless just know what the Spirit said to me in June, 1997, "The anointing is my stamp of approval on a service." So regardless of *why* there is no anointing—and if you're smart you will fast and pray until God shows you how to correct it if you're in leadership there—the fact of the matter is that a lack of anointing means that the Holy Spirit just flat does not agree with what you are doing!

Now I am a member of the Body of Christ just like most people are who are reading this—we all need each other's spiritual gifting. There is no

Lone Ranger in the Church today; even Jesus Christ was not during His time on earth because: 1) He “only did what I see the Father do,” meaning He was completely yielded to the Holy Spirit and followed His direction, and 2) He trained the twelve and anointed them by the Spirit to perform miracles, signs and wonders just like He did although they often fell short simply because they did not possess His level of faith or yielding to the Spirit. Remember, the man had been sitting at the Gate Beautiful every day for the 3 and ½ years of Jesus’ ministry and Jesus went to the temple many times but He never ministered to this man.

Now for the message, *Expanding Your Possibilities*, one of the key scriptures I used is found in Luke 8 so please turn there now to verse 40. This is the testimony of Jairus and how his only child—a daughter of 12—was raised from the dead by the Lord Jesus. And if you will spend a few days reading and meditating this text of vv. 40-48, your life will never be the same because it will teach you everything you need to know about being healed or receiving something else you are believing the Lord for. And if you know somebody who needs a miracle then I’d recommend that you order this CD teaching for them and have them listen to it about 12X.

The fact is, my brother and sister, that we limit God—all the time. Normally we do it without even thinking about it. But like I say all the time, “What does the Word say?” And the Word says in Luke 1:37, “For with God nothing shall be impossible.” And in case you’ve forgotten, nothing means nothing!

Now the interesting aspect of this visitation from the Lord at 3 a.m. which is normally when He wakes me up, between 3 and 3:33 a.m., is that He wanted to walk with me through the heavens at night and talk about another man He had walked with—Jairus! So let me share with you what the Lord said because it will encourage your faith and make you realize that *if* you don’t limit the Lord by your words and your actions then He will deliver on His Promises to you just like He said in the Word.

So let’s take up the text from Luke 8 that Jesus spoke to me about. Jesus had just finished ministering to the demonic in whom a legion (2,000 demons) of demons had been in control of but Jesus delivered the man. But when Jesus returned “the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.” And we, too, if we are smart will “wait on the Lord” until He comes to us.

In v. 41 we learn that a man named Jairus, who was a “ruler of the synagogue” came “and he fell down at Jesus’ feet.” Now as I wrote in my journal later that morning when I was doing my morning Bible reading and meditation at 7 a.m., the fact that the text says that Jairus was “a ruler of the synagogue” means that he was in charge of one or more synagogues yet, unlike most of the religious leaders of Jesus’ day who hated Jesus, Jairus actually came to Jesus in broad daylight (not at night like Nicodemus) because he was desperate to get help for his only child who was dying.

Now I want you to notice something from the text that I didn’t mention in that message back in 2005 because it didn’t occur to me but Jesus pointed out some things: Jairus “fell down at Jesus’ feet”; that meant he was worshiping Jesus and worship is always a key ingredient in receiving from the Lord.

I hate to tell you this, my brothers and sisters, but it’s the truth—your attitude is one of the determining factors about whether or not you receive from the Lord. We get emails, phone calls, texts, etc. all the time—and I got such a phone call this Saturday morning—from rude, obnoxious people who need help but by speaking with them for 2 minutes I can tell that they are never going to receive anything from the Lord. And it’s unfortunate that all these Balaam boys in their thirst for cash have indoctrinated the Body of Christ into believing that Jesus is some glorified bellhop sitting at the concierge’s desk in Heaven waiting to meet all their needs and wants. We learn that Israel had developed such an attitude in the days of Malachi to prompt the Lord to ask: “If I be a father, where is my honour and if I be a master, where is my fear?” There is almost no fruit of the fear of the Lord in the Body of Christ today.

People are always coming to us for deliverance but then they think they know more about it than we do so then they start trying to correct what we tell them to do, etc. They want to tell God how to do it and when to do it. You need to always come before the Lord in an attitude of respect, worship and thanksgiving and I will write more about that at the end of this teaching article when I discuss the relational texts in Hebrews.

Now notice the second thing that the Lord pointed out to me because this is also an important key that you should not miss—Jairus “besought him that he would come into his house: for he had one only daughter, about

twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.”

When Jesus walked with me last week in the visitation He pointed this out—Jairus made his request of the Master and Jesus agreed to go to his house and heal her. Jesus said to me, **“Once I said, ‘Yes,’ and agreed to go with him it was a done deal. What he was believing Me for was already accomplished. But son, most of my people never make it to the end.”**

Can you see that? Jesus, being led by the Spirit, never made then nor now any mistakes so Jairus had the answer he was looking for *but now listen closely*, the devil is not dead just because Jesus promises you something. The devil will always—every single time launch a counter attack with one purpose—to bring sin or unbelief into the situation so that you won’t “make it to the end” as Jesus told me. I’ve preached for years that “There’s only two things that can keep you from receiving the promises of God and the devil ain’t one of them. They are sin and unbelief.” So Satan will endeavor to keep you from receiving so that you will blame God and he can only do that by causing you to sin or not believe (which according to the word is sin).

So what we see in the text here is that 1) Jesus agreed to go and heal Jairus’ daughter, 2) There were many, many other people in the crowd accompanying Jesus and the disciples along with many, many others they met along the road who also had needs, right?

As a result the text says, “... as he went the people thronged him.” Next one special woman, the woman with the chronic bleeding problem, interrupts the journey for a miracle of ministry that delays Jesus and Jairus from reaching his house in a timely manner. So while it was great that this woman got healed from an incurable, costly disease but because of the delay, Jairus’ daughter died. Now there is a different problem, right? Actually, there are several problems: 1) a dead person is not in need of healing so the girl no longer needed to be healed, 2) Jairus’ faith suffered a mighty blow when “ ... there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue’s house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.”

In other words, she’s dead now, it’s too late for Jesus to do anything about it because, after all, God is limited and the time has passed for her to be made well. I’m sure the devil was bombarding Jairus’ mind with all kinds of thoughts about giving up on the promise just like he does to us

today. So Jesus helped Jairus out after He heard those words to strengthen his faith.

But notice what Jesus said, He didn't say anything about healing her at this point. He said, "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole." Wow! That's a great promise, isn't it? And like Jairus we should not fear either but the devil will always send the spirit of fear to attack our faith to keep us from "making it to the end" of the text here in Luke 8.

Now one last point from the text and then we will look at some scriptures in Hebrews that go along with what Jesus said. If you listen to the message, *Expanding Your Possibilities*, I really emphasized this because those friends and relatives of yours—including most Christians because they don't understand these concepts—may accuse you of lying so you need to see what Jesus did here in the text.

Let's say you go to the doctor, which I don't recommend unless the Holy Spirit specifically tells you to, because you find a lump on your breast. After x-rays, biopsy, etc., the doctor says, "Mrs. Jones, you have breast cancer. I recommend immediate surgery along with chemotherapy."

You have two courses of action—1) listen to the advice of the doctor (or perhaps get a second opinion from another physician) and go through the surgery, etc., or 2) you can go to the Great Physician for your healing. Now I always follow 2 and like I said when preaching that message, "I'm not against going to the doctor but like everything else in your life you have to be led by the Holy Spirit." Fact is, my brothers and sisters, the devil deceives most people into thinking that they are letting Jesus heal them through the doctor but then they nearly always die. So what happened? Jesus cannot fail so who failed? They were deceived by the Great Deceiver into believing a lie! They thought they were believing Jesus for healing but ultimately they were trusting man.

How many times have you heard Christians say something similar to this, "We prayed, sister Timmons, and we believe God said to have the chemo" so they do and then they die. Or we something like this, "Well, brother Timmons, God uses doctors to heal people too, you know." But does He? Now to the natural mind we would say, sure, if I find a good Christian doctor then God can heal me through him but let me ask you a question: where do you find that in Scripture? There is one such instance in the OT where the king sought the physicians for healing but the king dies. So although the Lord *may* use a physician to heal you you don't have

scripture for that. But you do have scripture for being healed, right? So you use these for prayer, confession, etc. Then *if* the Lord tells you to go to a certain doctor, go. I hope this is not confusing to you because it's really pretty straightforward.

So during your battle, for example with cancer, is it a lie to say, "I don't have cancer" if the doctor said you do? Well, look at the text and you have an answer. You should also go to our website and write down the **Three Steps to Receiving a Miracle** that Jesus gave me in 1998 because it applies to your confession. You should never confess, "I have cancer." When you confess something it means that you believe it; that you have it and you own it. Your actions, words and confession as Jesus said in those **Three Steps** must "be in line with the promise you are believing me for."

Sometimes people say to us, "Well, sister Timmons, that would be lying if I say I don't have cancer." Is Jesus a liar? Yet we see this principle in His life in the text from Luke 8:52-53, "And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; for she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead."

Listen closely! *They* said she was dead—all of them—*every single man, woman and child anywhere around said she was dead.* But Jesus said she wasn't dead. Was she dead or not? Who are you going to believe?

And in your own situation or that of a loved one who are you going to believe, your friends, relatives, the doctors, or Jesus?

Now let's turn to Hebrews and you'll learn a valuable lesson. There are other valuable scriptures such as James that teach this principle—that faith brings the "substance hoped for" whereas unbelief brings nothing.

I wrote a book on Hebrews so I know a lot about it. In chapter 2 we read a very important warning—in fact, the interesting fact about the book of Hebrews is that it's a book *full* of warnings! Notice 2:1 and underline or highlight it in your bible,

"Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." And I can guarantee you that the enemy will be aiming at you to "let them slip." So what have you "heard" today from the Scriptures in this teaching article?

Well, one thing I've preached for years that I've learned from seeing all the miracles of the Bible is this: what you are believing God for, especially

if you are a mature, Spirit-filled person, will not happen instantaneously, often it does if the Gifts of the Spirit such as Working of Miracles or Faith are in operation in a meeting but normally not.

Our part is to believe the Word, confess the Word and act on the Word. God's part is to bring it to pass. We don't tell God *how* to do it (i.e., through doctors) or *when* to do it—He's God, we're not. His part is to do it and He will by the means and timing that He chooses.

Hebrews 3:12 is a key scripture in this regard, "Take heed (again, a clear warning!), brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

How does it say that you can "depart from the living God?" Through "an evil heart of unbelief." And "can two walk together except they be agreed?" No, so this scripture teaches us that we depart "from the living God" through "an evil heart of unbelief." That means, we depart from the Word! Most all of the church world today—because we're living in the time Paul prophesied about in Thessalonians and 1 Timothy 4 (cf. also Revelation) of the apostasy—has departed from the living God because they've departed from the Word.

So it's important for you to get your thinking straightened out and not let a religious spirit through another Christian or your pastor talk you out of staying on the Word because if you allow "an evil heart of unbelief" in you will not receive and it may cost you your life.

Finally, the last scripture I want to share to summarize this teaching from the Lord is Hebrews 4:12 that we all know but nobody ever taught us how to obey it:

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Remember, when you are obeying this scripture in your "time of need" with your petition for healing or whatever else you are bringing to the Lord, always come before the King's throne with an attitude of humility and worship (like Jairus did). Always come before the King's throne with a grateful and thankful heart. Why? Because you have so much to be thankful for and you expect your petition—one of the "exceeding great and precious promises" Peter wrote about—to be granted. Never be fearful.

This verse doesn't say anything about being fearful and what does the Word say, "God hath not given us a spirit of fear ..."

And remember, your being thankful demonstrates your faith that the King has already granted your request. Praise the Lord!

So whenever you encounter a "time of need" just remember, God will deliver you just like He did Jairus *if* you continue to walk with the Lord to the end and don't allow a spirit of unbelief or fear to distract you. Often Christians begin to wail and whine about "why" God allowed it to happen. Listen, the Word never said we would not be attacked but it does give us wonderful promises such as Romans 8:28 to comfort us and help us "make it to the end" of the trial.

Praise and Worship the King of Kings! He is worthy! He overcame and He told us how to overcome with the word of our testimony as we walk with the Lord Jesus who paid the price for victory in every area of our lives.

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