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John 4:43-54



The Long Walk between Asking and Answered

“ ¹² After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples. ¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem.”
~ JOHN 2:12-13 (NLT)

“ ⁴³ At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. ⁴⁴ He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown. ⁴⁵ Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there.”
~ JOHN 4:43-45 (NLT)

A _____ for Help.

“ ⁴⁶ As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die.”
~ JOHN 4:46-47 (NLT)

Lay your _____ before God.

“ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”
~ HEBREWS 4:16 (NLT)

2 Other Fathers who came to Jesus _____

Demon Possessed Boy

Paralyzed Child

“ I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”
~ MARK 9:24b (NLT)

“ Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened. And the young servant was healed that same hour.”
~ MATTHEW 8:13b (NLT)

A Warning against _____ .

“ Jesus asked, ‘Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs?’”
~ JOHN 4:48a (NLT)

I will believe _____

I will believe _____

“ For we live by believing and not by seeing.”
~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 (NLT)

The _____ in Prayer is not to _____ ,
but to _____ God.

The _____ miracle.

“ ⁴⁹ The official pleaded, ‘Lord, please come now before my little boy dies.’ ⁵⁰ Then Jesus told him, ‘Go back home. Your son will live!’”
~ JOHN 4:49-50b (NLT)

Jesus _____, but are you willing to _____?

“ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”
~ 1 PETER 5:7 (NLT)

“ Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action.”
- Dallas Willard, (*The Great Omission*)

A Response _____.

“ And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.

⁵¹ While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. ⁵² He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, ‘Yesterday afternoon at one o’clock his fever suddenly disappeared!’ ⁵³ Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, ‘Your son will live.’ And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. ⁵⁴ This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.”
~JOHN 4:50b-54 (NLT)

He doesn’t have _____, he has _____.

SO WHAT?

“ Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.”
~ JOHN 16:33b (NLT)

BUT...

“ I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”
~ HEBREWS 13:5b (NLT)

When people _____, they want to know _____,
and will go to _____.

“ God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.”
~ PSALM 46:1 (NLT)

Do you have _____? (and pray)

DISCUSSION Questions:

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- 1- When was a time in your life where you were desperate? Where did you go looking for help?
- 2- What obstacles might prevent us from turning to God with our desperate needs, and how can we overcome them?
- 3- What role does faith play in the official's interaction with Jesus? How does it relate to our own approach to God with our desperate needs?
- 4- Read Mark 9:14-29 and Matthew 8:5-13. What role does faith play in the other 2 Father's interactions with Jesus? What do we learn from these passages?
- 5- How does this story invite us to examine our own expectations and attitudes when seeking God's intervention in our desperate situations?
- 6- What is your "long walk to Cana" in your desperate situation? How can you take the first steps? How can you come alongside others in their desperate situations?

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