

Miraculous

The Miracles of Jesus

Lifted Up

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law in Mark 1:29-31 provides insight into the miraculous power of Jesus. Though she is the benefactor of the healing, the focus of the story is on the compassion of Jesus.

In regards to healing there is not a paradigm for how Jesus heals in each situation, but as we will discover today there are four elements in this story that are relevant to our lives.

1. The Severity of the Situation

"Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever."

The symptoms of sicknesses can be treated but wholeness comes when the source of the sickness is healed.

Sickness keeps us from the abundant life that Jesus longs for us to have.

2. The Concern of the Caring

"They told Jesus about her right away."

Caring people tell Jesus about the needs of others and waste no time in doing so.

The power of intercession is an important part of the process of healing for many.

3. The Movements of the Master

"So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up."

Three actions of Jesus based on this story:

- When Jesus shows up in our circumstances there is the potential for something to happen.
- When Jesus touches our lives there is power that something is happening.
- When Jesus helps lift us up there is proof that something has happened.

4. The Response of the Recipient

“Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.”

When we encounter the miracles of Jesus we are motivated to service.

Conclusion

As we rejoice in the compassion of Jesus expressed in this woman’s healing, we also long for that healing in our lives and in the lives of others in whom we care. May you realize today that Jesus is the answer for all physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.