

Capernaum: Serving God

INTRODUCTION

The question I want us to consider today is this: how do we love and serve the God who saved us? After all, I firmly believe that when you truly experience God, you should naturally want to serve God. In this message, we're going to look at a couple of different ways we can serve God based on what we learn from those who served well in Scripture. The people we're going to look at today set a great example of what it looks like to serve with the love of Jesus, so I think we would benefit to learn about and follow their example.

So, these four men are carrying a paralyzed man on a mat, but what I want us to see is that serving this man didn't begin with bringing him. It began by seeing him. You won't bring someone until you truly see someone.

If we're going to serve others well it begins by us seeing people the same way God sees them. You see, these friends didn't look at this paralyzed brother and just see his limitations or problems. They saw his potential! And they believed that Jesus could meet him at his point of need and heal him.

Therefore, if we want to serve God, we must serve others well. And serving starts with seeing.

Don't minimize the power of your faith today. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Now without faith it is impossible to please God." You know what that tells me? It tells me that our lack of faith displeases God, which would also indicate that when we DO have faith, it pleases Him!

In today's key passage, we see that God not only likes it when we have faith, but He responds to it and rewards it. He responded to the faith of these four friends and rewarded that faith by saving and healing their friend. Think about that. Without them serving their friend by demonstrating their faith, this miracle most likely doesn't happen.

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As I've thought about this, it's made me wonder how many miracles have I missed out on because of my own lack of faith? I don't know about you, but I don't want to miss out on God's miracles or blessings or favor. But the truth is, if I have a lack of faith, the Bible indicates that lack of faith is displeasing to God. And if God is displeased, then why would I expect Him to respond or reward any of my requests?

As I've reflected on that recently, I've told the Lord repeatedly, "God, allow me to have a faith that catches your eye! Allow me to have a faith that is worthy of a response from You."

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How often do we encounter people and completely lock in on their deficiencies, defects, and flaws?
2. Do you think you've missed out on any miracles because of your own lack of faith?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the strength of your faith right now? How should you move forward based on that rating?
