

The Gospel of Matthew
“Miracles – Part 2” – Matthew 9:1-38
March 7, 2010

Sermon Series on Matthew

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Summary of Matthew 9: We have a God who does miracles!!!
 Jesus does 5 more miracles as He continues to call people to faith and followership.

Five Ways We Can Express Our F.A.I.T.H. according to Matthew 9

F – _____ my sins! (9:1-8)

- “his own town” = Capernaum
- “their faith” = the faith of the friends
- “knowing their thoughts” = Jesus can read minds!!!! Very cool!!!!
- Notice Jesus’ technique: He doesn’t pray for healing, rather He speaks authoritatively to the man to “get up.”
- Although the paralyzed man and his friends came to ask for healing, Jesus cuts to the heart of this man’s greatest need – the forgiveness of his sins. This is the greatest need for all of us!
- How can we get forgiveness of our sins? The “Romans Road” tells us:
 - **Romans 3:23** – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 - **Romans 6:23** – The wages of sin is death....
 - **Romans 5:8** – But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- **Romans 10:9** – If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- **Application #1** – Take a step of F.A.I.T.H. and cry out to Jesus Christ: “Forgive my sins!”

God, I confess to You that I have sinned and that I deserve eternal separation from You. I am deeply sorry! Please forgive my sins through Your Son Jesus Christ. I confess that Jesus is Lord and that Jesus has been raised from the dead. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my life and to make me into the kind of person You want me to be.

- By mentioning the place of this miracle (v.1), there is a warning imbedded in this passage.
- **Matthew 11:20-24** – Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. 21 “Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”
- **Application #2** – WH-Katy, let’s not be like Capernaum! Instead, let us repent! Repent as individuals, a church, a city, and a nation!
- Video: “Haiti – A Call to Fasting and Prayer” from YouTube.com (3:22)

A – _____ my paradigm (9:9-17)

- Notice: This is the (human) author’s calling (v.9)
- Tax collectors were hated by Jews because they were traitors (selling out to the Romans and collecting taxes for them) and they were thieves (collecting more money than they were supposed to).
- Jesus’ invitation to Matthew was actually an invitation to apprenticeship.
- **Application #3** – Jesus, I want to follow You. I want to be Your apprentice. I want to go where You go and do what You do. I want to be like You!
- Jesus is called “friend of sinners” (Matthew 11:19).
- Paradigm shift (Matthew 9:12-13):

Typical View of the Church	Jesus’ View of the Church
Church is a place for “well” people	Church is a place for “sick” people
You should get cleaned up before you come to church.	Come as you are, and Jesus will help you change.

- **Application #4** – Grace Fellowship, let’s be a hospital that welcomes sick people. Let’s be a “come as you are” place of love and acceptance.

- Important Note: Throughout the Bible, Jesus' message is "Come as you are... but don't stay that way. I will help you become the person I created you to be." Thus, once a person unites himself with Christ's church, God calls the church to love that person even to the point of providing "tough love discipline" when that person strays from God's moral standards (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13).
- The question of John the Baptist's disciples (Matthew 9:14).
- Jesus answers with 3 analogies (9:15-17) – all of which make a distinction between time periods (dispensations):
 - (1) ANALOGY #1 – **Wedding**: You don't mourn (fast) while the Groom is with you (1st Coming). Instead, you mourn (fast) after the Groom leaves (between 1st Coming and 2nd Coming).
 - (2) ANALOGY #2 – **Clothing**: You don't use new, unshrunk cloth (new covenant) to patch a tear in an old garment (old covenant).
 - (3) ANALOGY #3 – **Wineskins**: You don't put new wine (new covenant ways) in an old wineskin (old covenant).
- Bottomline: You need to change your paradigm – your way of thinking and living. A new dispensation (time period) has arrived. It's called the new covenant. Think and live new covenant.

Old Covenant	New Covenant
You achieve right standing with God by obeying rules and laws.	You are given right standing with God as a free gift (grace) as you place your faith in God's Son.
Follow rules. Imitation of God's ways.	Faith. Trust. Surrender. Inhabitation by Christ's Spirit.

- Application #5 – Am I living in a new covenant paradigm or an old covenant paradigm? Am I trying to live in my power or His?

I – _____ am desperate! (9:18-26)

- We know from Luke 8:41 that this ruler is Jairus, the leader of the local synagogue. It was a big deal for Jairus to entreat Jesus publicly. He could lose his job!!!! But Jairus was desperate enough to risk losing his job. His daughter was on her deathbed.
- Likewise this hemorrhaging woman was desperate. She was desperate enough to reach out and grab Jesus' cloak.
- As a matter of fact, the one thing that all 10 miracles of Matthew 8-9 have in common is a sense of desperation. All other remedies have been tried and none of them worked. In God's economy, desperation is a good place to be. It is one step away from a miracle!
- Application #6 – Am I desperate? Am I willing to look like a fool or to even risk losing my job for the sake of reaching out to Jesus for help? Will I pray the prayer of desperation? Will I take by-faith steps of desperation?

T – _____ me to Jesus! (9:27-34)

- Jesus is looking for faith (9:28-29).
- **Acts 14:9-10** – Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.
- A predominate theme in the 10 miracles of Matthew 8-9 is the theme of faith (8:10,13,26; 9:2,22,28,29). However, we have also seen Jesus do miracles with "little faith" (8:26) and one or two miracles with no faith expression (8:14-15; 8:28-34). But, predominately, Jesus does miracles in response to faith. Faith, however, does not guarantee a miracle (1 John 5:14-15; Matthew 6:10; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Galatians 4:13-15; 1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20). And, in several cases, Jesus uses the faith of someone else (Matthew 8:5-13; 9:1-8, 18-26, 32-33). Sometimes you don't have enough energy to express faith yourself. In times like those, turn to someone else and say, "Take me to Jesus!" Ask them to have faith on your behalf.
- Application #7 – Come to the prayer altar. Cup your hands. And ask for someone else to take you to Jesus by praying for you.
- Application #8 – Pray: "Have mercy on me, Son of David!"

H – _____ us with more workers! (9:35-38)

- Because Jesus had compassion on the crowds, He... ??????????
- Application #9 – Pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up workers for...
 - Reaching the Ban*jar people for Christ
 - Reaching WH-Katy for Christ
 - Grace Fellowship to fulfill its mission in the above. Specifically, pray that God will raise up all the laborers necessary for...

Children's ministry	Worship ministry	Care ministry
Prayer ministry	Connection ministry	Missions ministry
Small groups ministry	Administrative ministry	Special Needs ministry
Jr. High ministry	Sr. High ministry	

- Application #10 – Be an answer to your own prayer. Sign up to serve at Grace Fellowship by going to www.whatisgrace.org; click on "Living Stones" and sign up to serve in one way.

Questions to Discuss with Your Family, Friends, and Small Group

1. Who is the person of greatest faith that you have ever known? Why was their faith great?
2. Read Matthew 9 aloud and discuss its meaning and applications using these notes. Share your applications with each other and pray for one another.