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John 4:43-53 NIV: After the two days he left for Galilee. (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there. Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. **“Unless you people see signs and wonders,”** Jesus told him, **“you will never believe.”** The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” **“Go,”** Jesus replied, **“your son will live.”** The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.” Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, **“Your son will live.”** So he and his whole household believed.

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

Last week we saw proof that Jesus is the Son of God as we studied His first miraculous sign when He changed the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. This sign not only gave proof, but also revealed what He was going to do by replacing the Old Covenant rituals and symbolic cleansing with water to the New Covenant forgiveness through His blood. We have to remember that the miracles John chose to describe were all filled with Spiritual meaning that would help us believe in Jesus. This week, we’re going to look at a miraculous healing that can help non-believers discover why they should believe in Jesus and help believers to be strengthened in their faith.

1A) Let’s put this miracle into context. John 4:43 says that after two days he left for Galilee. Quickly skim John 4:39-42. Where had Jesus been and what had been happening?

1B) What else do we learn about what Jesus had been doing from John 4:45?

How did the Galileans respond to Him and why?

2A) According to John 4:46-47, what was the setting for the second miraculous sign. Who was involved, where was Jesus, and what was the need?

2B) PERSONAL: How do you think this situation proves the pervasiveness of problems for all mankind?

3A) Look carefully at how Jesus first responded in verse 48. What were the two actions that Jesus described?

3B) How did the official respond and how did this reveal that his faith was beginning to grow? Verse 49

3C) Now look at verse 50 to find several miracles that took place. Describe each miracle.

What did Jesus say?

How did the man respond?

How do these things relate to the original answer of Jesus?

4A) How do the following verses confirm what we discover in this miraculous sign?

Psalm 46:1:

John 20:29:

4B) PERSONAL: How does this man's persistence in prayer help you to continue praying even when you don't see an immediate answer?

Re-read John 4:52-53

5A) What proofs was the man given that Jesus had miraculously answered his prayer?

5B) What were the ultimate results of this miraculous sign?

6A) PERSONAL: How would you describe the "Big Picture" that Jesus had in mind by using this miraculous sign?

6B) PERSONAL: Honestly look at your prayer life. How are you doing with being persistent in your prayers especially if you're not seeing God at work?

7) A great verse to memorize is: Colossians 4:2 - **Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.**

ACT: In the first two miraculous signs, Jesus focused on several important principles. We all have problems of various kinds, but we can take all of them to Jesus. He alone can provide the answers that we seek. But we must be careful that we are not just looking for the miracles, but that we are looking for and seeking the Presence of the Miracle Worker. God is at work all the time whether we can see Him working or not and His ultimate goal is to develop and grow our relationship with Him and our fellowship with Him by strengthening our faith in Him.

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's explore passages that describe why it is important for us to believe the signs God gives.

Monday:

Genesis 15:6 NIV

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Tuesday:

Exodus 4:5-9 NIV

"This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you." Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow. "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground." our presence.

Wednesday:

Psalms 78:32-33 NIV

In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe. So he ended their days in futility and their years in terror.

Thursday:

Mark 9:23-24 NIV

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Friday:

John 1:10-12 NIV

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Saturday:

John 3:12-18 NIV

"I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

Sunday:

Romans 10:9-10 NIV

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.



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