

MSG: DOIN' THE MOST

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12, Mark 10 :13-16

SZN: GIVE LIKE JESUS

Mark 2:1-12 NIV

“A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!””

Mark 10:13-16 NIV

“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”

Giving is a vehicle to God uses to extend His Kingdom to people.

You can never do too much when God’s kingdom is your priority.

The early church met needs radically out of a generous heart will and affections

-Giving in early African Church Cyprian- “dissipated youth”, Cyprian was baptized when he was thirty-five years old. 245 AD. After his baptism he gave away a portion of his wealth to the poor of Carthage, given his Status was significant.

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

The Kingdom of God is at Hand!

1. THE CROWD WATCH THE MOST

THE CROWD WATCHED THE POWER OF GOD BUT RARELY USED THE POWER OF GOD

“There will always be people who are simply ok with blending into the, maintaining the status quo

-the status quo of the spiritual climate, the status quo of safe, convenient church, the status quo, “Luke warm”

THE CROWD EXPERIENCES THE KINGDOM OF GOD BUT RARELY SPREADS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

They are watching the power of God, grateful, but will not see the effects of radical trust

-They are limited because they have not put a demand on God to use them powerfully

THE CROWD WANTS BLESSING FOR THEIR OWN NEEDS RARELY INTERESTED IN BLESSING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

-Takers, eating here getting spiritually obese

-They struggle to see or even believe God past their own needs. Often time remain in the shallow waters of mediocrity in God, lack the depth of trust to really believe

2. THE CRIPPLED NEED THE MOST

-Those that are in need and cannot help themselves

-The state of our society, the ills of our generation

STOP BLAMING THE CRIPPLED FOR THEIR CONDITION, START BELIEVING FOR THE CRIPPLE'S HEALING.

Pointless to blame the crippled. (Stop blaming your addicted relative, This is an opportunity for the Glory of God to be demonstrated)

CRIPPLED PEOPLE NEED KINGDOM PEOPLE

CRIPPLED FAMILIES NEED KINGDOM PEOPLE

CRIPPLED COMMUNITIES NEED KINGDOM PEOPLE

CRIPPLED NATION NEED KINGDOM PEOPLE

Crippled people will always be in need of Kingdom women or kingdom man that know God enough to know there is more for them and knows how to lead them to Jesus to address both their physical and spiritual needs.

3. THE CONFIDENT DO THE MOST

THE CONFIDENT IN GOD PRODUCE AN UNUSUAL LIFE.

THE CONFIDENT IN GOD ATTRACTS OTHER CONFIDENT IN GOD.

- You need others that can walk and believe God for the miraculous like you do!

JESUS IS MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR TRUST THAN YOUR MONEY

Confidence in God gives more than money! they gave their complete trust! "Sometimes God is requiring your trust and not your money.

-The Four men clearly had a familiarity with Jesus's reputation.

Their desperation to bring Jesus their t their needs but the

TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO BRING HIM YOUR UNCONVENTIONAL GIFT

Men that came brought to Jesus The needs of another man.

4. THE CRITICS GET IN WAY THE MOST

CRITICS DOUBT THE POWER OF GOD BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW GOD.

-Critics that don't understand the power of God working because their faith is simply in denial of who Jesus is.

-Don't waste your time or energy trying to convince critics of your burden to serve, meet needs and the miracles your trust God for

LET GOD DEAL WITH YOUR CRITICS

5. CHRIST IS THE WORTH OUR UTMOST

He sees your faith and can do the miraculous for those you love

He has no problem with your unconventional methods

CHRIST CAN HANDLE YOUR CRITCS

CHRIST WILL REVEAL HIS POWER TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

CHRIST MEETS YOUR UNCONVENTIONAL FAITH WITH UNCONVENTIONAL REVELATION OF HIS CHARACTER AND NATURE.

(This is not be confused with slot machine” blessing”, I’m talking about knowing him in a way that is raw, so authentic , so real, IN THE FLESH, His word is made flesh in your life!)

Are you willing to look silly, unconventional and even controversial for DOIN THE MOST FOR THE MOST HIGH? To bless on your friend, Community and family, your church.

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