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And now for 7824, "The Miracles of Jesus Part 9".

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the word.

Well, we welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live, welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful, delight and joy to have you to tune in.

I would like to share just a little humor. A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. And as they approach Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth and then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blond waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us. Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burger King."

We are doing part 9 today of something that we've been studying, "The Miracles of Jesus". We've been going through the four gospels and we've been looking at different miracles that Jesus performed and we've just been gleaning from them, gleaning some principles, some truths, some things that we can apply in our lives and also believe God for his miraculous power to work in our midst and this day and in this time. Amen.

Flip over, if you will, over to the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 2, we'll read now Verses 1 through 12. Mark chapter 2, verses 1 through 12. When you get, there, say, "Amen."

Mark Chapter 2:1-12 and it reads there and it says, "And again, he entered into Capernaum after some days and it was noise that he was in the house. And straightaway, many were gathered

together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door, and he preached the word unto them. And they came unto him bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was. And when they have broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." But there were certain of the scribes sitting and reasoning in their hearts, "Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?" And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they saw reason within themselves, he said unto them, "Why reason ye these things in your hearts?" Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," or to say, "Arise and take up thy bed, and walk?" But that ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. He saith to the sick of the palsy, "I say unto thee, "Arise and take up thy bed and go thy way into thine house." And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all insomuch that they were all amazed and glorified God saying, "We never saw it on this fashion."

Praise God. I believe God wants to do something, so we can say the same, but we've never seen it on this fashion. We've never seen it like this. And so, Jesus did some things there that they had not seen before, things that had not been done. Of course, especially, in their time, they had not witnessed this type of power and this type of authority, this type miracle. They literally saw the Kingdom of God being manifested in the earth.

And so, we are studying the Miracles of Jesus, this is part 9, and we're just going through these accounts and I'm filling out (00:05:02).

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And we're just sharing truths and principles, things that speak to us, things that we can apply and learn to our lives.

Notice when he was in Capernaum, again, when he entered into the Capernaum, Verse 1, Capernaum, that was his headquarters. Jesus actually -- if you noticed when he was in the house, that's where he lived, that was his house. Some scholars believe that was his house or Peter's house. So, he was either in his house or

his home or house of Peter. He knows that he was hanging out either at Peter's house or that was his house. So, he came home, that was his headquarters at the time, that's where he lived, he lived in Capernaum.

And so, he came home and when he got home, the people came from everywhere. How would you like it, if you got home and everybody just showed up at your house and pack the place? Well, that's what they did to Jesus, they didn't wait till Sunday or the Sabbath to come here to see God. Man, they heard he was back in town and they showed up at the house and packed the place out. Praise God.

And so, they were just so excited. Some people came because they had a need. Some people came because they were sick, wanted to be healed. Some people came out of curiosity, they had heard about him because reputation preceded him. They had maybe never had a chance to be up close because he was always traveling, so some people came out of curiosity. Others came, who were skeptics, they were scribes, Pharisees. They were coming to trap him. They would come and try to get something on him, so others were there to trap him. Some were there just as spies or some were there as spectators. So, you had a lot of different people in the crowd.

People were there for various reasons, but for whatever reason, the place was packed and Jesus was preaching the word. I like that, Jesus just preaching the word wherever he was. He didn't have to be in the Church. He did it right there at his house or at Peter's house, whichever the house it was, he just used it, and he used the opportunity to share and to minister the word and the people were being blessed.

I guess at this point, they have realized that this was the messiah, this was the son of God. They knew it was something different about him because nobody did what this man had done and they knew this was something special. They were living in the prophesied time and they knew that Christ had come and so they packed the place out.

Now let's notice this. So, when this invalid, who was brawny and -- notice this, he had a need. He needed someone to carry him and it also showed for man who care at him, so he had need and then there four who carried him. So he had a need and there were four

who had compassion, who showed charity, who served. And it let us know how we have to always be cognizant of the fact that we are here to serve. We are here to serve those who are in need. We are to be charitable. We are to be a blessing to others. So, notice that it speaks of the compassion that we need to always have for others. I like this.

In just about every miracle that we have studied so far, there's always been a big portion about caring for others. That has been the constant thing I've noticed through all of these miracles. It was highlighted how we are to care for others. We are to care for others. You know when this life boils down, I believe one of the preemptive questions is going to be, "What did you do for others?" So, we are here to serve others. We are here to purposely be a blessing to others.

And so, those four men were blessed into this invalid. They care at him and they care at him to Jesus because I believe that they knew that if they carried him just one time, they wouldn't have to carry him again. They could just get them to Jesus, so they could just carry him successfully this one time, they would never have to carry him again.

And so, that was the fervency of why they were so determined to get into Jesus because they knew that they will bring him on a bed, he would leave walking on his own, and they knew that. And so, that what drove their determination, their action, their faith. That drove him because they knew one encounter with Jesus would change everything. One encounter with Jesus would change everything, and they knew that. Praise God.

So, it spoke of not only their faith, but it spoke of their fervency. They were determined to get him to Jesus. So, in Verse 5, notice this, "Jesus saw their faith." Notice this, didn't say Jesus saw his faith, I'm talking about the invalid, says "Jesus saw their faith," isn't that interesting? He saw the faith of the four that brought him.

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It lets us know that we can have faith for others. We can believe God to do great things for other people. So often, we only use our faith for ourselves, but no. Remember that we talked about the centurion, he came for his servant. He was using his faith for his

servant. And so, we are seeing that we can use our faith to believe for other people to get saved. We can use our faith to believe for other people to get healed or delivered or blessed and so forth. So, we can use our faith to pray for others, to believe for others, to stand in the gap for others. Praise God.

So, Jesus saw their faith. Their faith impacted what Jesus did for him. So, if we can use our faith for others. Then in Verse 5, notice this, when Jesus saw their faith, he said unto to the sick of the palsy, he called them son. That was -- he was relaying fatherly care, tenderly love. He was showing his care and affection for him. This shows us how much Jesus loves us. He called them son. That was an intimate affectionate word, relationship word, son. And guess what, those who believe in Christ, we are now sons. We are children, we are sons, we are -- and if sons, then heirs, we're children of God.

So, we receive sonship, if you're believer in Christ, you have received sonship. God deals with us now as sons. We're in the family. He called them sons. And then he says in Verse 5, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." I love that. God is always ready to forgive. In fact, Psalms 86:5 says that, the Lord is good and ready to forgive. God is good and he is always ready to forgive. I love that. He says, "Sons, your sins are forgiven."

Before the man could even ask, there is no record that he asked for forgiveness. Jesus forgave and before he could even ask. That shows the generosity and how God longs to forgive us. He is ready to forgive us. He forgave him before he even asked. "Sons, your sins are forgiven." So, God forgives generously, lavishly, he lavishes his forgiveness on us and he forgave them generously, he's ready to forgive.

Forgiveness flows freely from God. Now notice this, notice how describes and the Pharisees, they had a problem with that. They said, you know, who could forgive sin but God. What audacity do you have? And so, Jesus was able to hear their thoughts so he heard their inner conversation that they have within themselves.

Now, I don't know if he did that as God, or if he did it -- you've heard me say that Jesus, he lived as a man, so he took off his heavenly glory and he came as a man. He emptied himself of his divine privileges and he came and lived as a man. So, Jesus could have been simply operating in the spiritual gifts that we're able

to operate in which is called the word of knowledge. Word of knowledge is when you know an intimate detail about somebody's life that there's no other way you can know it, but by the spirit.

And so, Jesus knew their thoughts, that could have simply been a word of knowledge. Because remember, he did not know who touched them, when he said, "Who touched me?" See the word of knowledge didn't operate at that moment, but it's operating right here because he knew exactly what they were thinking on the inside. It's the word of knowledge, spiritual gift.

So, Jesus lived as a man. He was filled and overflowing with the Holy Spirit, so he had all the spiritual gifts and operation. We can operate in the word of knowledge. Word of knowledge, word of wisdom -- word of wisdom is more or so about inside, about a future event. Future is something that is going to take place in the future. Word of knowledge is about something happening now, or that happened in the past. So, and that's why, you may see somebody and they can point somebody out and say, "When you were a little girl, you were abused." That's a word of knowledge. When you know something about someone's past, that's word of knowledge. Or if I say something about your present. If I see you or thinking about this or that, that's a word of knowledge because word of knowledge deals with what's in the present and deals with what's in the past. Word of wisdom is concerning the future. It's similar to prophecy, so it's concerning a future event.

But those are two of the spiritual gifts. So, Jesus, he walked in all of these spiritual gifts, so I'm not sure if he knew what they were saying, because he was the son of God, or he was simply operating in the spiritual gifts as a man. Either one will work, honestly. Because see, you got to understand the spiritual gifts are from God. So, either way is from God whether he didn't ask God or as a man operating under the spirits, either way is from God.

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We don't have any gifts unless God give them to us, so we can use it, it's all from God, it's all from God. So, whether he did it as God or as man, anointed by God, still from God. So, anyway, he knew that also what they were thinking.

And so, they had a problem with him forgiving sin. And now, he did forgive sin as God. So, he was the son of God and so he was God incarnate, he was God in the flesh. And so, he had the right to forgive sin and he forgave sin. But since they had a problem with it, he said, "Well, if you're having a problem with that, how about I just tell him to get up and walk? I can just heal him." Because Jesus was equating forgiveness of sin to physical healing, because sin is the root of sickness, you know generally speaking, all sickness is a result of sin entering the world.

Before sin entered the world, there was no sickness. So, sickness is a result of the curse of the fall of man as a result of punishment of sin, so sin is the cause, sickness is the effect. And so, Jesus knew the implication there, so Jesus will simply say, "I can heal him which is the effect. And you know if I heal the effect, that will let you know I've already dealt with the cause." And that's what Jesus was saying, he knew they view sin as sickness as one in the same. So, Jesus said, "Which is easier for you, I can heal them or I can tell him his sins are forgiven? It doesn't matter because if I heal him, that means I have gotten rid of his sin."

Sickness cannot attach itself to righteousness. And so, when believers get inside and revelation of that, you won't allow sickness in your body, because you're the righteousness of God and Christ Jesus. Now somebody got to say amen right there. I say you are the righteousness of God and Christ Jesus. You have received righteousness. You received the gift of righteous and Jesus became sin for you that you might be made the righteousness of God and Christ Jesus. So, sickness cannot be attached to righteousness, and that's what Jesus was saying. "I can forgive his sin or heal his body," because sin is the root cause of sickness. So, if I get rid of sin, sickness can't dwell.

And so, by him getting rid of the sickness, he's saying I've already dealt with the sin. So, you are the righteousness of God and the devil doesn't want you to know that because he want to keep you sick. You are the righteousness of God. And when you get awareness and the enlightenment of that, then you'll realize sickness has not right in your body, now you can command it to go. Sickness, I'm the righteousness of God and Christ Jesus and you cannot attach yourself to the righteousness of God and Christ Jesus. So, you leave my body right now in Jesus name. You take your place, man. Take your place, take your place in Christ. Take your place in Christ. You're the righteousness of God and Christ

Jesus. So, sin has no legal right to attach itself to righteousness. It has no legal right to attach itself to righteousness. And so, Jesus, he let them know, he said, "I can forgive him or I can heal him, because there one in the same."

Here's another look at it, Psalms 103, you got to look it right here, Psalms 103:3, "Blessed the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine inequities, who healeth all thy diseases." They're one in the same.

1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, shall live unto righteousness by who stripes ye were healed." So, you see it all through scriptures when we were forgiven, we were also healed because sickness has no legal right or authority to attach itself to righteousness. So, when you walk in the righteousness that has been given to you as a gift, you tell sickness to take a hike. Praise God.

Anybody with me on that? Praise God, praise God, amen, amen. Thank you for the three of you that are with me. And so, this man, he not only got up, but he grabbed his beard, so that was a show that he was not only healed, man, but he was in perfect strength. He grabbed his beard and picked it up and cared (00:19:47). So, notice what Jesus told him, Jesus said, "Get up." That says to us to get in the game. Don't stay on the sidelines, get in the game, get back in life, live again. Get up, engage, activate, participate.

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Get in the game of life, don't be on the sidelines. Get in the game. So, He told me to get up. He said, "Pick up your bed." Now, his bed represented his past. He had been sick in that bed. That represented his past sickness. Jesus said, "Pick up your bed, clean up your life. Get rid of all the old negative, bad stuff that happened to you. And don't let that keep you bound. Pick up your bed. Clean up your life and forgive yourself, forgive others and move on. Get up, pick your bed." Then He said, "Go." That's direction, that's vision, that's destiny. Go, go. Get up. Everybody say, "Get up." Pick your bed and go. Man, that was the instruction that Jesus gave him. And every once in a while, we need that same kick. Because every once in a while, we feel sad

and down, and we feel stuck, and we feel -- we have a pity party. No, you get up. Pick up your bed and go. Get up pick your bed. Say it again. "Get up, pick up your bed and go." That is it. Man, just forgive yourself and forgive others. Sometimes we beat ourselves up. We won't forgive ourselves. No, forgive yourself and forgive others and go. Get up. Pick up your bed and go. Praise God.

I'm going to take a few more minutes and I'm going to try to close this up. Man, I got about five pages left and two-three minutes left. How do you make that work? Well, here are some other things we learned from this account. When these men brought this paralytic, they couldn't get in the house because it was so crowded. They couldn't get in. They couldn't get in. Everybody say, "Couldn't get in." They couldn't get in.

Now, here are some points I want to make and that speaks to us sometimes when there is no way, you have to find a way. That's what this account is saying. "When there is no way, you have to find a way." You have to think, you have to be creative and you have to be resourceful.

I remember Pastor Craig Groeschel, he said he had a problem once and he was just complaining to God about it. And God told him, he said, "Stop complaining. You're smart. Figure it out." He said God told him all those three things. He has stopped complaining. You're smart, figure it out. So, that's what these men had to do. They couldn't complain that they couldn't get in the house. They had to figure it out. You have to find a way.

Everybody say, "Find a way." You have to find a way. You have to be willing to take some risks. It was a risk what they did. It was a risk. They risked several things. They risked this man's life. See, he was on the bed and they were going to carry him vertical. So, they were risking his life so that man had to allow them to risk his life. Sometimes you have to risk what you have in order to get something better. So, he had to risk a little life he had to get a better life. So, you have to be willing to risk.

A person who refuses to risk change, fails to grow. If you refuse to risk change, you fail to grow. But sometimes, people are adverse to risk because they want to stay where they are. And they're comfortable in their old problems. And don't they want to try to come up with new solutions. And so, you have to be willing

to take a risk. You have to be willing to take a risk. You have to do something new in order to get out of an old situation. He was in an old situation. He could've been complacent and stayed there. But he was willing to do something new to change his situation.

So, I want you to see the mindset of the paralytic and the men that were helping him. He was in an old situation. He wanted to change it. He wanted to change him. He had to be willing to do some things. He had to be willing to be resourceful. He had to be willing to think. He had to be willing to be creative. He had to be willing to take a risk. He had to be willing to take action. It also lets us know that anytime there is something worthwhile in life, you have to have determination, you have to have persistence, and you got to be willing to do some hard work. This was work. This was work to lift a man up on the roof. That was a lot of work. On the bed -- so they weren't just carrying the man, they had the bed as well. So, that was awkward. Trying to turn this bed without dropping the man. That was a lot of work. Taking this grown man up to the roof in a bed, that was a lot of work.

So, it's letting us know, don't be afraid because life is not a cakewalk. Life is not easy. So, this is letting us know. To get the results you want is going to take hard work, it's going to take some determination, it's going to take some perseverance, and it let us know that life isn't always easy.

Listen where Alexander Graham Bell said, he said, "When one door closes, another door opens." But we so often look so longed and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us. They couldn't get in the house; the door was closed. Somebody else said this, "When a door closes, another door should open. But if it doesn't, then go through the window." And that's what they did. They went through the roof. They went through the roof.

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And so, it let us know that not everything is going to be easy. It's not going to be all the time convenient in order to change our lives and to get the requested miracle or change we want in our lives.

It's going to take some work, determination, perseverance, not going to be just rolled out for us all the time. Nobody's going to

just open the door, invite you in through the front all the time. Sometimes, you have to take a rougher route. But you have to be determined, you got to be willing to do what it takes, do whatever it takes, got to be willing to sacrifice, and you got to be willing to hang in there and get it done. Go ahead and stump your feet. I'm not going to run over them. I got a couple of minutes, but I'm preaching right on up to my dismissal. Praise God, praise God.

But there's just so many wonderful things in this account. I love this account. This account talks about choosing your associations. He got with the right people. He got with people who are willing to help him to get where he wanted to go. So, he got with some positive people. It also lets us know you're going to have to help somebody. And then there'd be times when somebody would have to help you.

I think there are times in life where we are the paralytic on the stretcher. And then there are other times, we're one of the four carrying the paralytic. And so, that's why you have to be willing to carry because you never know when you are on the stretcher yourself. So, we have to be willing to be one of the four who carried him, and then there are times where we have to be carried ourselves. Also, it lets us know don't worry what people think or say. You know people talked about them when they were tearing that roof up. Praise God. I'm going to stop right there. I'm going to stop. Praise God. Let's pray.

Father, we just love you and praise you. We rejoice in you. We give you thanks. We love you so much. Thank you, Father, for just sharing wonderful truths and wisdom and principles to help us in life. Help us to be determined and help us to persevere. Help us to be willing to work hard, not give up, not allow fear to stop us from taking courageous steps to change our lives. And we thank you that Jesus is in the house and we can just make it to Him. We thank you, Lord. It changes everything, and we love you and praise you. And in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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