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The Miracles of Jesus: Part 2



“But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”—John 20:30–31

“It is well when trouble leads a man to God, instead of away from God.”—A.W. Pink

Desperation opens up an opportunity for faith to work. Faith at work opens the way for miracles.

John 4:46–54

Putting Faith to Work

1. Take time to look _____. (John 4:46)
 - Our faith is stirred through the miracles of the past.
 - Remembering how God *did* work helps us to believe how God *will* work.
2. Don't be afraid to embrace times of _____ . (John 4:47)
 - Faith has the opportunity to grow in times of desperation.
 - In desperate times we should not ignore reality. We run to God and not away from Him.

3. Faith moves us beyond the _____ of the situation. (John 4:50–51)

- Faith is not about what we feel. It is about what we do.
- Our faith is challenged through a call to action.

4. Recognize the _____ picture. (John 4:53)

- Our faith should not be based simply on what Jesus can do.
- Our faith should be grounded in our experience of who Jesus is.

5. Don't be surprised at the _____ of your faith. (John 4:53)

- Our faith in action has the power to influence the faith of others.
- Our encounter with the miraculous has the ability to help others see Jesus and believe.

Though the father could not see it in advance, his son was brought to the point of death for a reason. Through desperation the father put faith to work. As a result, his son was healed and his entire family experienced life-changing faith that led to eternal life.

Answers: back; desperation; emotion; big; impact



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GOING DEEPER

Read John 4:46-54

As Christ followers, we are encouraged to live by faith. However, we typically don't welcome or like situations that require great faith.

The royal officer in John 4 is desperate to see Jesus heal his son.

Have you experienced a time of desperation in your life when you reached out to God to intervene?

What was the outcome? How was your faith impacted?

In verse 50, Jesus replied to the officer, "Go, your son will live." The man took Jesus at His word and departed.

Believing the words of Jesus and acting according to them is significant if we are going to receive what He has for us.

Is it challenging for you to believe the words of Jesus, revealed in scripture?

In James 2:17 it tells us that faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. How might a deeper relationship with Jesus influence your ability to believe His words and act on them?



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