

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Scriptural Ways to Minister Deliverance, Part 2
Thursday, August 25, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: *“Scriptural Ways to Minister Deliverance,” Part 2*

POINT 1

We are continuing our study of “Scriptural Ways to Minister Deliverance.” In the Gospel according to Mark 9:17, we see another example of Jesus dealing with an evil spirit, this time in the lunatic boy. Let’s examine how Jesus dealt with this evil spirit?

The Gospel according to **Mark 9:19-24** reads: *17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; 18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.*

It didn’t say they would not, it says they could not.

Verse 19 goes on to say, *“He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.”* He says faithless because faith is required in everything we do and everything we encounter.

Verse 20, *“And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and*

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he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.” Notice how that evil spirit was trying to get a reaction out of Jesus. He thought Jesus was going to have the same reaction as the disciples. This is a little out of my pay grade.

Verse 21 *“And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. 22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”*

It wasn't the mother that brought the child to the disciples like we see today. NO, it was the father! The father cried out with tears. The father recognized his level of faith wasn't there yet. He believed up to a certain point but for him to go to next level he had to deal with the unbelief that was still lingering in there somewhere.

Sometimes you have ask the Lord help you get past the unbelief that's still lingering in there. Help you get past your senses, what you see, hear and feel. Because seeing and hearing what his son was going through made him feel helpless. His feelings of helplessness are compounded by the fact that he took his son to the people he thought could help, only to be disappointed. When all else failed he turned to Jesus as a last resort. Even though he had no right to be there.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did the spirit tare the boy and have him foaming at the mouth in front of Jesus?
2. Have you ever felt like your level of faith wasn't where you wanted it to be? Can you give an example?
3. What should be your reaction?

Let's continue, the disciple should have been able to deal with this evil spirit. **Verse 25-29** says, **25** *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*” How did Jesus handle it? He rebuked it and cast it out of the boy. And he told it don't come back! **26** *“And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. 27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. 28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? 29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

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Jesus specifically said in this instance that this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. Prayer is communing with God to find out what you are supposed to do in this situation. Fasting ensures you're not acting out of your flesh and only by your spirit connecting with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was able to cast out that spirit with the same power of the Holy Spirit that enabled Him to touch and loosed the woman bound by the Spirit of Infirmity.

QUESTIONS

1. Explain why couldn't the disciple cast out this demon spirit?
2. What does Jesus mean by this can only be done by prayer and fasting?

POINT II

As we have learned during our study, sickness and disease is not always the result of the presence of a demon. The Gospel according to **Mark 7:32-37** says, "*And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue. It better be by the Holy Ghost if someone is going to spit and touch your tongue. Verse 34, And looking up to heaven, he sighed, [He's getting a confirmation from the Father] and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. Evidently, an evil spirit wasn't involved in this infirmity because Jesus just put his finger in the man's ear and said Be opened! Verse 35-37, "And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; 37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."* Jesus didn't deal with an evil spirit at all. Evidently the man's deafness resulted from natural causes, so he just needed to be healed.

QUESTION

1. Explain the process Jesus used in dealing with this case of sick and disease.

But in another instance, Jesus ministered to a man who was dumb or couldn't speak. This time before Jesus could get the man healed, he had to cast out an evil spirit.

Matthew 9:32

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

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The point we're trying to make is that Jesus didn't set a pattern as he dealt with devils and evil spirits. Even in his deliverance ministry, Jesus followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and ministered by the power and direction of the Holy Spirit.

QUESTION

1. How did Jesus minister to the man who was dumb and couldn't speak?

POINT 3

There is deliverance by the anointing. It was the Word that Jesus taught and the anointing that brought deliverance to those who were afflicted by demons. Today we will also have to minister deliverance by the Word and the anointing – the power of the Holy Spirit.

In **Luke 6:17**, "*And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue [the Greek word dynamis or power] out of him and healed them all.*"

Notice in verse 17 that the people came to hear Jesus and to be healed. It was the anointing on the Word that set people free. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God, and it is by faith that we receive the promises of God, including deliverance from any kind of bondage. Faith in the Word of God is the key that opens heaven and activates the power of God to work in a person's life no matter what kind of demonic activity or influence is involved. When Jesus taught the people the Word of God – preached deliverance to the captives – and the people believed the Word, they were healed and delivered.

The multitude who sought to touch Jesus were people who were diseased and oppressed or vexed by unclean spirits. The word "*healed*" in verse 18 means, the people were made whole and delivered.

In this passage, not one evil spirit was cast out of anyone. As far as we know not one evil spirit was even discerned, yet when those who were vexed with unclean spirits heard what Jesus taught, they were delivered! What delivered them?

It was the Word that Jesus taught and the power of the Holy Spirit. The same power that heals a person will run the devil out no matter what kind of demonic influence is involved if the person will act on God's anointed Word in faith.

QUESTIONS

1. What drew people to Jesus?

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2. What opens heaven and activates the power of God?
3. How were these people delivered?

Studying the gospels, we can see that Jesus ministered healing and deliverance by a variety of methods. But no matter how Jesus ministered deliverance, the delivering power of God was always present to heal people and set them free when activated by the person's faith. That same is true today. The delivering power of God is always available to set people free.

Notice also Jesus didn't have prolonged and repeated deliverance sessions to get people free from satanic bondages. Regardless of the method he used, the person's healing or deliverance was always forthcoming.

Ministering deliverance is scriptural, but we can't go beyond the word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. That is how people have gotten into error and excesses in the deliverance ministry and have caused harm to the body of Christ. Let's just stick with the word and follow Jesus' example of ministering deliverance to the sick and oppressed.

QUESTIONS

1. What was always present when Jesus ministered healing and deliverance?
2. What happens when we go beyond the Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit?
3. How has this study affected you?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. Join Covenant Partners for a Barbecue and Game Night, **Friday, August 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** For more information contact Minister Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com.
2. The SWAT Team led 26 people to the Lord on Saturday, August 13th. Join them for their next SWAT Outing **Saturday, August 27, 2022**. Prayer begins promptly at 11:00 am. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
3. Join us for *Holy Communion*, **Sunday, September 4th at 10:00am**. If you are joining us online or by phone prepare you communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
4. Join us for *Baby Dedication*, **Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 am**. To register call the church or see Minister Abbott immediately following service.
5. Pastor and Evangelist Walker have launched an initiative called **WOFICC CARES**. It is their desire to serve the needs of the families in our church, in our community and throughout the Caribbean. Your help is needed! Monetary donations are being accepted to be a blessing to those truly in need. When making your donation to please write "*Gift for WOFICC CARES.*"

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WOFICC CARES about the Islands of the Caribbean.

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