

Margin - Week 3

Make Room for Healing & Miracles

Scripture: Mark: 5:21-34; John 9:1-12

1 - With God, we may be down, but not out.

Mark 5

2 - Know God always does the heavy lifting.

John 9:1-12, 6

3 - God cares deeply about bringing healing, but cares more about relationships.

John 13:34-35, 9:2-3; Mark 5:25-34

Life Groups & Taking It Home

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Read Matthew 19:16-26

Jesus lived out His life in an extremely religious environment. People were busy trying to please God and deeply frustrated by their inability to feel they had done enough. That concern was on the mind of the rich, young ruler who approached Jesus with the question: "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

In the opening dialog between the rich man and Jesus, the Lord specified six commandments when asked. Which four did He leave out? (see Exodus 20:3-17)

What kind of room was Jesus trying to get this man to create in his life?

What occurrence was Jesus referring to when He said, "with God all things are possible"? (v. 26)

Read John 9:1-12. When we are thinking about making room for a miracle in our lives one of the temptations is to remember all the occasions when we wish we could have experienced a miracle, but nothing happened. Maybe someone we loved died unexpectedly or we were treated unfairly or someone was hurt unjustly. And we wonder where God was when that was going on. This tension may have been on the disciples mind as they watched the man born blind and then asked Jesus their question.

The disciples assumed that the man had suffered his fate because someone had sinned. How did Jesus answer their assumption with another possibility?

Note how this man's understanding of Jesus gradually increased, see vs. 11, 17, 25, 33, 38. The woman in the earlier story suffered twelve years; this man had been born blind, but what does their experience tell us about the way God actually works?

How does making room for a miracle help us face the difficulties of life with endurance and grace?