

A SERIES OF ~~UN~~FORTUNATE EVENTS ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

- When we're focused on the Unfortunate we miss the _____.
Jesus said, "...with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26 (KJV)

A bad thought process:

- We stop _____ that God will do the unbelievable.
- We don't _____ God for the _____.
You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77:14 (NIV)

Why God does the miraculous:

- God _____ about us.
- God is _____.
- God really wants to _____ us.
- He wants us to _____ Him to do great things.
- God wants you to know _____.
The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8
- God wants to expand your _____.
God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever IMAGINE or guess or request in your wildest dreams! Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)
- Imagination sparks _____.

We need to experience the ridiculous:

- God wants us to _____.
I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. Mark 11:23 (NLT)
The man said, 'Please heal my son if you can.' Jesus replied, 'What do you mean, "If I can?" Anything is possible IF a person believes.' The father replied, 'I do believe, but help me not to doubt!' Mark 9:22-24 (NLT)

And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. Mark 6:5-6 (NLT)

God wants us to believe because:

- Belief sparks _____.
You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it. Matthew 21:22 (NLT)

We need to experience the ridiculous:

- God wants our _____ to _____.
To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 (GNT)
And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." Luke 18:42 (NLT)

A large crowd followed and pressed around Jesus. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Mark 5:24-26 (NLT)

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- The drain on her life changed the _____ of her focus.
She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Mark 5:27-28 (NLT)
..."pressed through the crowd" Mark 5:24 (KJV)

- The woman would not allow the _____ to keep her from her miracle.
- The woman believed that _____ could do what the _____ could not.

"If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Mark 5:28 (NLT)

She imagined...

If I touch Jesus, things will _____.

How to experience a Fortunate Event:

- Believe that God can _____ you.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalms 147:3
- Don't allow _____ to keep you from Jesus.
- Cultivate a faith that _____ what God can do.
- Allow your need to connect you to _____.
And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." Mark 5:34 (NLT)
Her faith enabled her to reach for Jesus when she was at her _____.
...touched the hem of his garment. Matthew 9:20 (KJV)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you think that because we focus on the Unfortunate circumstances, we miss the unthinkable encounters with God? In our world today, how are many focusing on unfortunate circumstances that prevent fortunate events?
- Discuss the points under the sub-heading: "Why God does the miraculous".
- Why does God want our faith to increase?
- Read Mark 5:24-34; What stands out to you from this story? What would you be feeling if you were in this woman's shoes?
- How did the drain on her life change the direction of her focus? Have you ever experienced this in your life?
- Do you believe that the Jesus can do what the doctors cannot? Do you believe that Jesus can do what "professionals" cannot?
- Do you believe that touching Jesus changes our lives? How do we "touch" Jesus today?
- How can we cultivate a faith that imagines what God can do?
- How do we allow our need to connect us to Jesus?

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