



April 27, 2025 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

”The Lord Will Take Care Of You ”

Let’s Praise The Lord Sermon Series Pt. 1

(Mark 4:35-39 ESV)

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Sermon Text:

Mark 4:35-39 ESV

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."
[36] And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other
boats were with him. [37] And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into
the boat, so that the boat was already filling. [38] But he was in the stern, asleep on the
cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are
perishing?" [39] And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"
And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:1-34 Background:

- In this 4th chapter of Mark here we have Jesus teaching a parable about the sower, and we see that this seed is symbolic of the word of God, because there were those that fell on rocky ground, there were those that the birds stole the seed, some have seed but then sun scorched it away, some fell on thorns, and the thorns choked it away, and then there were those that fell on good ground and increased in fruit.
- The consistency is explained by Jesus, that there are those that hear the word and then immediately Satan snatches it, and then there are those who have short joy and short roots, then there are those who can't deal with persecution, and then there are others that let the worries of the world take away their faith, and some who continue to grow because it is on good ground.
- Jesus makes mention of lamps and that nothing will be hidden, and that everything will be brought to the light and if you have an ear to hear listen and pay attention to

what you hear, because it will be added or taken away. Then we see this parable of growing seed, that a harvest comes when a man works and places seed in the ground, and that the seed grows and continues to grow, and then not only that seed but now we seed a mustard seed that is like the kingdom of God, and even though it starts out small it grows to be taller, than all of the garden plants and produces large branches, and Jesus spoke these parables so that they would understand.

- The emphasis of it is that the word of God is true, and that we need to follow the word of the Lord and in feeling the word of the Lord, that we need to make sure that no matter what comes at us we believe in the word, we now the word, and that we make sure we follow the word because that is what will keep us from breaking apart, if we don't allow it to but you need to make sure that you have the word in you. The word will make you grow, the word will make you change, and the word will give you the ability to live, it will make you not go the wrong way or do the wrong things, it will make you stay faithful to the Lord, and it will make you grow because you have God.
- God will let you grow when you sow in His field, make sure you sow in the right field, and when you sow in the right field you are able to grow. You can grow even though you might not look like much right now, God will let you grow when you sow on His field the Lord will give you the ability to grow, to soar, and to excel because you are in the right field.

The Other Side & The Storm That Happens:

- Now we see that after all of this, Jesus now takes His disciples with Him to the other side, and when they get to the other side there are other ships with them in the water, but they indeed go to the other side! Which starts off this test of faith, because it is when you follow Jesus that you do see that there are times that you have to go the other side, and you know when you are a follower of Jesus, and when you yourself trust in the Lord it's good to know that the Lord will take you with Him to the other side, and it's good to know that the other side is where the Lord is, it's where you realize that no matter where I am the Lord is with me, and sometimes I have to go to the other side! The other side is where Jesus tells them to go, and that's the great thing about the Lord is that if the Lord is telling you to go to the other side don't forget that He is coming and will be there with you!
- You have to trust God even when you don't know where you are going, but don't forget that the Lord is there and we shouldn't have amnesia because we know that God is there! It's the other side, because the Lord sends us to the other side sometimes to grow our faith, to make sure we have the essential things on the ship, and to see if we trust in the Lord on the other side, because sometimes we miss out on what God is doing because we are stuck on one side! However, when you trust in the Lord and when you believe in the Lord it is still knowing that I know that God

knows what is best for me, and there are times that going to the other side is what is best for me, and it happens that when I go to the other side I see things better, I see things more clearer, and I see things more fruitful because I'm going to the other side!

- It is about going to the other side, because you have to be ready to go to the other side, and when you go to the other side you can see things change, you can see things improve, and you can see things get better! You do have to go to the other side, and when you go to the other side you start to see things differently but you are different, because you went to the other side, and when you have gone to the other side you are leaving things, you are about to see how different life will be, and you are about to see how different you are going to be! Going to the other side isn't for everybody, because going to the other side is not the same, and when you go to the other side it is making you get ready for what's about to come!
- There is something that awaits for you on the other side, there is something that the other side is prepared for you, oh yeah going to the other side can be great, it can be special, it can be wonderful, and it can be something that you can't lose because you are going to the other side! The other side does have benefits, the other side is a blessing, the other side is necessary, the other side got everything we need, and the other side makes us secure, and the other side makes us stand still and stand firm! The other side is there, and you see that when we get to the other side we know that we have something that's going to really try us, but it is going to reveal who we really are because of what is coming!
- You see that they come with Jesus to the other side, but now something unexpected has come! There is this storm that has now appeared, it is a bad windstorm and they are in the Sea of Galilee and it has been said that the Sea of Galilee is 696 below sea level, and it would cause violent downdrafts and storms would come out of nowhere! It was surrounded by Highlands, and it was close to Mt. Hermon, which rises over nine thousand feet above sea level, and so when the cold air from Mount Hermon met warm air from the Sea of Galilee, it often resulted in a storm that swept down to the lake from the heights.
- You see that here they are, they just followed Jesus to the other side but they can't control the elements! They have just followed the Savior to the other side, but now you see they are now caught in a storm, this storm has them caught now, and because this storm has them caught they can't go anywhere, but they are now out here by themselves with the Master, but you do see that a storm comes, and there are times that things can be pleasant, things can be dry, and things can be calm and then all of a sudden a storm comes out of nowhere! Which is the testimony to us, and the reality for us is that you know and you realize don't get too comfortable, don't get too complacent, don't get too still, and don't get too relaxed because a storm will come in your life!

- Storms come that you didn't even see coming, storms come when you didn't ask them to come, and storms come when you see that even though you follow the Lord, and even though you trust in the Lord don't think that you won't go through a storm! Storms come to our lives, and storms do show up in our lives because you see in life, and when you walk with the Lord that storms know how to creep in, storms know how to bother you, storms know how to make you shake, storms know how to make you quiver, and storms know how to make you affected because they just show up! Storms come in our lives, and as much as we follow the Lord and as much as I love God you better make sure that you bring your storm gear with you!
- Storms just sometimes happen when you least expect it! Storms happen when you don't think they would, but that's something that we do know that as we follow the Lord, and as we serve the Lord we know that Jesus is on board, and because Jesus is on board, we all know that they do happen, and that they do come, but you have to understand and you have to keep the faith even in stormy moments! You see that the storms come, you see that storms are powerful, and you see that the storms can be gigantic but then you see that storms can be testing, and storms can just pop up but even though the storms come, and though the storms are real you do have to get to place that you believe in what you have said that you believe in!
- I know storms come, and I know storms are real but you know storms keep you on your toes, storms keep you in the Bible, storms keep you praying, storms keep you praising, storms keep you staying close to the Lord, even when it feels like the Lord is silent storms make you want to curl up, but then you remember who is with you! Storms make you remember that even though I'm in a storm I know somebody that is more powerful than the storm, I know somebody that is more powerful than the pain, and I know somebody that is more powerful than the calamity I know somebody that will be there, I know somebody that will give me strength to keep on going! I know somebody that hasn't left my side, even though I'm in a storm I know somebody that is still more powerful than that storm, because I know that storm isn't going to last and isn't going to be the end of me!
- The reality is the storms come, and you see that the water gets in the boat and you know we all deal with some water but thank God we know the one that can handle the water, and we know the one that can keep us from sinking and from drowning no matter what it is we know the one that will never make us falter or die because we know that the Lord has the power and the Lord is still keeping me alive! I know that because the Lord is real, the Lord is mighty, the Lord is strong, the Lord is everything, the Lord still works, and the Lord still has His hands on me, and that's all because I know that the Lord hasn't allowed me to drown, and has kept me so that I can call on Him!
- Water has been in all of our boats at some point, water has gotten in our homes, gotten in our lives, gotten in our brains, gotten in our hearts, and gotten in our sail

routines because don't think you will live this life without some water getting in your boat, because a dry life doesn't know how to live when adversity hits, but when you have to deal and live with some water that's when you know how to live, that's when you know how to bounce back, and that's when you know how to keep fighting on because you have had to deal with water in your boat and on you!

- Water can be wet, water can be a testimony, and water can be an experience of what you have been through! Water is what will get you in your boat, water can be a family member that shows envy, water can be a friend you didn't expect to betray but do, water can be finances that it seems like money you try to save you wind up having to spend, water can be struggles of ministry, water can be the worries of ministry because even in ministry it can feel like you are sinking from expectations, stress, and personal pressure, water can be the world looking at children starving in Africa and Indonesia, water can be seeing people losing their social security, and water can be the stock market going down! Water can be looking at people losing loved ones tragically, and water can be seeing that college students are losing their scholarships and aid, it is just water in many boats!

The Savior Makes The Final Call:

- Now you see that these disciples are panicking, but then they go to find Jesus who was sleeping! Now it is said that Jesus was sleeping on a cushion, and Jesus was in this stern which was a raised deck which the fisherman would lay, and the cushion was for the helmsman, who are those responsible for steering the ship! They come in panicking, and they come in with an eyebrow raising question: "Teacher do you not care that we are perishing?" The word "Teacher" in the Greek means: Master, and we know that Jesus is the Master Teacher but they asked Him this riveting question, but at least they did express how they are feeling, and they knew who they could go to!
- You know that is something that's very real, because when you are in trouble, when you are in perplex situation, and when you are in troubling situation it does make a difference of who do you turn to when trouble comes, who do you talk to when trouble comes, and who do you let get into your ear when trouble comes! Trouble comes and storms, but it does make a difference in you and how you deal with it by knowing who to talk to when the trouble comes, because you know that trouble is on the way, and you know that trouble knows your address but don't panic when you have the right companion at the house!
- Do you care care Jesus, don't you know that the water is everywhere, don't you know that we are about to sink and about to drown, and don't you know that we are about to go down don't you care Jesus, and can't you hear the cracks in my voice, can't you hear my sobbing, and can't you hear my emotional pleas! Can't you hear Jesus that I'm at my wits end, and I feel as though this is the end, and I feel as

though that I'm just tired and that I'm just not feeling my best and I'm overwhelmed, and I'm just tired but I'm wondering Jesus do you care! I'm wondering do you care Jesus, and I'm wondering Jesus do you still know that I'm here, and it feels like I'm sinking, it feels like I'm just tired, and it feels like I'm just through but Jesus do you care about me!

- It can feel like that and even look like that, but then you realize and you come to discover that no matter how rough it is and no matter how trying it is I do know that Jesus cares! I know that I can always wake Him up, and I know I can always call Him because Jesus is my friend that I can call on, Jesus is my love that I know that I don't have to worry about Him ever leaving me, Jesus is my helper, Jesus is my shield, Jesus is my everything, and Jesus is my life companion, and no matter what I face or deal with I know that I have Jesus! It's good to know that when I'm in trouble I can call Jesus and He doesn't ignore my calls, but when I call on the name of Jesus I do know that He will respond, and I do know that when I call on the name of the Lord, I do know that Jesus is there and that Jesus is always there, and I know that He will always be right there with me!
- That word "rebuked" in the Greek means: To charge sharply, that word "peace" in the Greek means: Hush, and then you see that when Jesus stood up all He did was tell that storm to be silent, and when Jesus spoke that's when you saw that this same storm went away! This storm isn't bullying them anymore, because you see that the real boss showed up, and you do know that when the real boss shows up that's when things change, that's when things improve, and that's when you see that the same storm that was all around me it is no longer stopping me, and it is no longer going to keep me down because I know that Jesus stood up, and Jesus spoke and now you see that the storm is over!
- No matter how bad the storm has been you can still say that the Lord has showed up, and even now you might be in a storm right now but don't you quit because you know that the Lord will speak a word, and you know that the Lord will solve the problems that continue to circulate around us, but we know that the Lord will always take care of you, and we know that the Lord will always speak a word, and we do know that the Lord always had a word for us, and we do know that the Lord will always show up and we do know that the Lord is always going to make a way out of somehow, and we do know that the Lord will always see about my every need, and I know that the Lord will do great things for me, and I know that this storm is going to stop!
- Storms come but you do know we have somebody in our lives that can and will control the weather, and you do know that when you trust in the Lord that's when you know that God will always come through for you, and we know that God will always make the storms cease!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Mark 4!
- Praise The Lord!

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May 4, 2025 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

“I Owe The Lord My Best Praise ”

Let's Praise The Lord Sermon Series Pt. 2

(Luke 17:15-16 ESV)

Sermon By: Pastor G. Chris Brown

Sermon Text:

Luke 17:15-16 ESV

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16] and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

Sin, Faith, Servants, & Pleas (Luke 17:1-14 Background):

- Here is Jesus in this 17th chapter of Luke speaking to his disciples, and Jesus was saying that there is a penalty for sin, and that it would be better that a millstone would be around the neck and cast into a sea than bother a little one, and then Jesus was saying pay attention to yourselves, and that if someone you know sins forgive him if he repents, but if he doesn't rebuke him and forgive the one who repents seven times.
- Then you see that they asked the Lord about increasing our faith, but then the Lord said if you have faith just the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you. Then Jesus highlights what it means to be an unworthy servant, because an unworthy servant just does what they are supposed to do, and that the servant has things to do, but through all of that an unworthy servant has that humility to serve and pass on.
- Here are these ten lepers, who are dealing with this skin disease which we know as leprosy and we know from looking at the Old Testament law that they were considered ceremonially unclean, and they weren't allowed even to go out into public, and had to show themselves to the priests and here they are now in this

situation and they have encountered Jesus, and now they are asking Jesus to have mercy on them.

- Leprosy which is stated in Leviticus 13 - Leviticus 14 as being a contagious skin disease, some of other schools of thought have said that leprosy could be a fungal disease or Hansen's disease, that was a chronic disease that cause skin lesions and nerve damage, and that meant that one who dealt with this disease was ceremonially unclean. It was also said that leprosy was also caused by sin, and that a person with leprosy could not be touched, and even a priest could not touch a person with leprosy. It was up to the priest to look at the one with leprosy to determine whether or not they were clean or unclean, and now here is this man who is considered according to Levitical law to be unclean.
- We see that it is good to repent, and we see that it is important to have the right walk, and it is important to always be responsible! Not to mention to have strong faith, big faith, and elite faith so that you continue to grow in your walk with the Lord, and it's good to know that a humble spirit comes by understanding I don't deserve what I am able to do, or what I have but I'm thankful that God lets me do it! It is also good to know that Jesus does care about me, and cares about my condition and because the Lord cares about my condition, He won't leave me in that condition because He loves me so much, and He lets me get through and overcome my issue and my pain!

The One That Came Back:

- There were ten lepers, but once the nine got healed they were nowhere to be found, but there was this one that turned back and turned right to the one that healed him! This leper showed what it means to have deep rooted respect, acknowledgement, and humility because he knows where he was, he knows what he was going through, and he knows what he was dealing with but not now and now you see that he once again as down, he once was unclean, and he once was in a sickening condition but not anymore! It was a bad start, and it was an unclean start but then you see that when Jesus came through, and because of Jesus showing up this leper that was like this isn't like this anymore because once Jesus intervened then everything changed!
- You know everything changes once Jesus intervenes, and you know you see just from this text there is a reason that Jesus is the main reason and Jesus can do what nobody else can do! Jesus will let you know that what you thought you had under control you really don't, because if you did you wouldn't need Jesus but this text is a clear indication of what happens when you let the Lord do it, when you get out of the way, and when you really please to God you see what God will do! You see that when you let the Lord do it, and you see that when you have the Lord in your life you see that what started out bad, and what started out tiring then you see that the Lord will turn it around, and we see that the Lord will make a way out of no way!

- You see in this text, that this leper didn't forget who it was that did it, this leper knew that I was dealing with this condition, I was dealing with this hurdle, and I was dealing with this storm but here I am able to live, able to get through, and able to stand and I'm standing because God let me survive! I have had my pains, I have had my valleys, I have had my storms, and I have had my heartbreaks but I look at life now and I'm grateful for what I have been through, and I'm grateful for what I had to go through and the reason I'm grateful for it, is because the Lord theater me! The Lord healed me, the Lord did it, and the Lord did not leave me alone, and how can I not praise the Lord and how can I not worship the Lord when I know what the Lord has done for me!
- Look at what the Lord has pulled you through, it was the Lord that had pulled you through sickness, pulled you through stress, pulled you through depression, pulled you through messes, pulled you through the hurts, and pulled you through the pain! Pain is real, pain can be weary, pain can be dreadful, pain can be overbearing, pain can be a dark cloud, and pain can be a tough season because pain can drain you and upset you! It is something that can be hard, that can be difficult, and that can be trying because you see that when you walk this journey, and live this journey you are going to face some pain, you are going to face some adversity, and you are going to face some tough times but that doesn't mean that you stop, because you do know that there is something that you can hold on to, and believe in and that is knowing that there is going to be a change that's coming!
- I know how many things I've been through, and I know how many things that I've gone through, and I just know the difficult times and difficult seasons that I've had to go through and live through, but everytime I think about the Lord, and everytime I begin to think about what He brought me through it makes me praise Him! When I think about what He brought me through, when I think about how He didn't leave me alone, when I think about how He didn't kick me to the curb, and when I think about how He didn't mind touching me I just can't help myself but to praise Him, and I just can't help but to acknowledge Him because I know that it was the Lord that did it, it was the Lord didn't quit on me, and it was the Lord that gave me another chance! It was the Lord that didn't abandon me, and it was the Lord that gave me this victory, and that's why I will always praise the Lord!
- This praise is personal, this praise belongs to me, and this praise will never leave me because I know that the reason I'm praising the Lord is because I know what God has done for me! I am praising God because I know how God let me overcome, I'm praising God because I know how God was there when it just seemed like it was and has always been a problem after a problem, and I'm praising the Lord even now because I know that the Lord did it, and you know this praise is do personal that I don't care how loud I get because I know where I was, I know how to use to struggle, and I know how I used to live but I know how I am right now! I know how

I used to act, I know how I used to behave, and I know how I used to think but I do know that the Lord let me live!

- A person has to make up their own choices in life, because all have that kind of independence because you decide what you will do, you decide the reactions that you will have, you decide how you will operate and live because it is a personal decision that nobody else can make but you!
- We all can make choices, but you do learn that there are times that you just have to be yourself! Instead of trying to follow the crowd make your own crowd, instead of trying to be like others be yourself because you see that it is better sometimes to walk alone than walk with the crowd because not every crowd is a crowd that operates right, that governs right, that walks right, and that has the right morals! All crowds aren't good, but you start to see in life you don't have to follow what you don't feel, because everybody has their own set of shoes to walk in, and you start to see that when you live for the Lord, and when you walk with the Lord you will always see that you have your own shoes to walk in, you have your own shoes to tie, and you have your own shoes to carry but you can't be like others but be yourself!
- **You learn not to turn your back on those that have helped you, and can't you see this one leper that once he saw what had transpired he didn't turn his back on Jesus! He didn't ignore Jesus, he didn't run away from Jesus, but this leper started praising God when he saw and when you see what God has done it will make you praise Him, when you see how the Lord has brought you through, when you see how the Lord has delivered you, and when you see how the Lord has cleansed you it will make you praise Him! It will make you rejoice, because we see how effective praise is, we see how meaningful praise is, and we see how essential praise is but it means something to the person who makes praise strong, and who highlights praise because praise makes you feel something, and become dedicated to the Lord!**
- **Praising the Lord is a must, praising the Lord is a connection, and praising the Lord is joy that doesn't leave! It's just we can learn from the leper, make praise about the Lord, make praise have meaning, and make praise centered to the right one! You know who did it, you know who was there, you know how you made it, you know what tears you shedded, you know the burdens you have felt, you know the stress you have experienced, you know the days of feeling broken that have hit your life, and you know even the times of sickness that you have experienced! You know what has happened to you, but you also know what God did, and when you know what God did and when you know that God has never stopped doing it for you there's always a reason to rejoice, there's always a reason to praise, there's always a reason to celebrate, and there's always a reason to be happy!**
- **Can't you see this leper is being himself, because it was this leper that you can imagine while all 10 are leaving, something hit his mind, something hit his conscience, something hit his heart, and something hit his spirit and you can see him**

all of a sudden turn back, and be like hold on no I got to tell this man thank you! Which we should look at that with the same mindset and scope, and we should have that same attitude, because don't forget about those people who were there for you when you needed them to be, don't forget about people who were there when they knew everything about you, when they were there when you were broke, when you were miserable, and when you were all alone don't forget about those that have been there for you through those times! We all have needed people to be there for us, and we all have needed people because it doesn't matter who you are you have needed somebody to be there, and to give you a helping hand through this journey, because the journey can be long and hard, but thank God for people who have stayed with you!

The Expression Of Praise:

- The word "fell" in the Greek means: Prostrate.
- The word "thanks" in the Greek means: To be grateful.
- You see that this man knelt down to the Lord, and I like that this man knelt down to the Savior, it's an humbling submission, it's a humbling moment, and it's a pivotal direction because of this knelt down to the Lord! You can see it, and you can see that you know it's amazing what made this man kneel down, because you can see that the leper is glad now, the leper knows and realizes the blessing, and this leper you see had the right way of appreciation! You see that this leper fell on his face, and even though the leper fell on his face that leper still have thanks to the Master, and then you see that the praise didn't just stop but it kept on going, and because it kept on going I love that a knelt praise can get more out of you than either a stand up praise!
- It's something about what happens, when the Lord changes your heart, spirit, and attitude because when your attitude changes you see the power of the Lord in your life! There's something great about knowing that Jesus changed my attitude, and that I went from suffering to feeling complete, I went from feeling miserable to now I feel great, and I went from feeling worn out to now I feel relieved! There's the blessing of the Lord that He will give you relief, when those pressures and feelings of the burdens that you go through keep on bothering you or weighing you down, there's always somebody that will give you relief, and there's always somebody that you can call on and depend on, that's the blessing of the Lord that you can call on Him, and you can depend on Him and you don't have to worry He will not leave you alone or in the dust, but the Lord will always be there, and the Lord will always come through right on time for you!
- It is estimated that 23% of Americans go through mental health illness, and when we look at mental health in the black community, African Americans have a 20% higher rate to be affected with mental health than any other race! African

Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with schizophrenia than any other race, and we see that suicide rates are high in our community, and we see that other mental health illnesses are hurting many in our community! Bullying affects mental health, trying to please parents can affect mental health, parents giving you expectations affects mental health, people hollering at you or people always criticizing you can affect your mental health, trying to please people can affect your mental health, and when we allow things coming into our minds and spirits that aren't good for us or aren't calming us, it will make us have mental health issues!

- It's something that's great about this, because this leper was a Samaritan, and you know when you look at biblical history and biblical texts Jews and Samaritans didn't go together! They didn't spend time together, and they practiced discrimination towards each other but we see Jesus didn't care about that, because Jesus is the one that loves everybody, and because Jesus loves everybody we see that there is that love that shines on us, and that love that Jesus doesn't overlook anybody! Jesus is that loving Christ, and because Jesus does love everybody, and because Jesus shows love to everybody that is why there is nobody like Jesus, and that's why there is nobody that is great like Jesus, and we should always thank the Lord that He loves us all!
- That's why it's good to know, and we should always be like this leper to praise the Lord and give Him thanks because we know that Jesus Christ did it for us! We should be glad that Jesus never forsakes us, and it doesn't matter what people say or what people think because Jesus has the last word, people might try to overlook you because of how you talk, how you walk, how you might read, what neighborhood you are from, and what bracket of financial status you are in no matter what it is people can overlook you but Jesus will always give you grace and mercy! Jesus will do it, and because Jesus will do it we should always rejoice because Jesus never left us, Jesus never forsakes us, and Jesus never abandons me but He is always with us, and since He is always with us I will always worship the Lord because the Lord is always good and great to us!
- That's something that our President, politicians, and others need to understand and need to know that you can't overlook people, you can't mistreat people, and you can't misjudge people because everybody shouldn't be overlooked! You can't mistreat people, you can't be disproportionate to people, and you can't be ugly towards people but everybody deserves love, everybody deserves kindness, and everybody deserves to be treated with respect and we can't leave people just because of their skin color, and just because of where they have come from doesn't mean they don't deserve fair treatment! Everybody deserves to be treated well, and everybody should be given fair access to medicine, insurance, and healthcare because if Jesus didn't pass over people, and didn't look over people neither should our world and society!

- We should always give the Lord thanks for all that He has done for us, and when you know how good the Lord is, and how the Lord has brought you through so much it will make you praise Him, because you know that the Lord is that good to you! I'm glad that the Lord is good to us, and I'm glad that the Lord is kind to us, and I'm glad that the Lord is everything to us, and I'm glad that we can always talk to the Lord, and we can always praise the Lord because there's never a time that God isn't there for us, and we should always be glad that He is with us, and we should always be glad that He will always make a way for us, and when He does we should always praise the Lord, and when we praise the Lord that's because we know how much the Lord has done for us!
- It's how the Lord operates that God sees the problem, knows the problem, and solves the problem! God doesn't just see a problem and then doesn't help with the problem, because you know there are always people who see problems but then don't do anything but that's not how God works, that's not how God operates, and that's not what God does because God loves, God cares, and God will always make sure that I don't stay in the same condition! It's good to have somebody like the Lord, because no matter my ups and my downs, the Lord will not leave me in the same condition, and the Lord will let me overcome the obstacles that are thrown in my path, that are thrown in my way and that's why I can't help but to bow down and tell the Lord thank you, and I can't help but to praise the Lord because the Lord let me overcome my condition!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Luke 17!
- Praise The Lord!

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May 11, 2025 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

“A Savior, A House, & A Sick Woman” Let’s Praise The Lord Sermon Series Pt. 3

(Mark 1:29-31 ESV)

Sermon By: Pastor G. Chris Brown

Sermon Text:

Mark 1:29-31 ESV

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30] Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. [31] And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

Master, Ministry, Mandates, & Miracles (Mark 1:1-28 Background):

- Well in this 1st chapter of Mark, we see that the ministry of Jesus begins, that He is the messenger that's preparing the way and crying out in the wilderness. We see John the Baptist preaching a Gospel of baptism, repentance, and forgiveness of sins, people were getting baptized but it was John the Baptist who proclaimed there is one coming after me in whose sandals I'm not worthy to tie and that He'll baptize you with the Holy Spirit after this water baptism. It was Jesus who was given a great word from His Heavenly Father, saying this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist and after that he was tempted by Satan for 40 days in the wilderness.
- Jesus was preaching in Galilee after John the Baptist was imprisoned, Jesus said that the kingdom of God is at hand to repent and believe in the Gospel, then while on the Sea of Galilee Jesus saw Simon and Andrew the fisherman and Jesus said follow me, and I'll make you fishers of men and then immediately he left the nets to follow Jesus. Jesus called James the son of Zebedee and his brother John, and they left their father to follow Jesus, and then he came to Capernaum on the Sabbath and

went into the synagogue to teach and they were amazed because of His teaching and a man with an unclean spirit cried out to Him trying to chastise Jesus. Jesus told that unclean spirit to be quiet and come out and it left that man, and all the people were amazed because of what happened and then word spread about Jesus because of what they heard and saw.

- The ministry of Jesus Christ is a great ministry, because the ministry of Jesus Christ has changed all of us and when we get the word and get the Gospel then it will change us, it will make us get baptized, it will make us turn away from anything that is keeping us away from Jesus Christ. We will turn to the Lord and go to the Lord and go to somebody who is above all of us, and what a name and what a Savior that we have and that Jesus is the well pleased Son and the Son that has been sent from God to save and change the world. Jesus has changed the world, has changed us, and just like Jesus got tempted then we will but if He made it and then we can make it through temptation, and that when you hear the word and get the Gospel of Jesus Christ in you then it will make you follow Him, it will make you always follow Him and then Jesus will change you and bring the word to others, and that the word of God will make one's life go from without meaning and purpose to something special with purpose.
- When the Gospel is preached it will make unclean spirits leave, it will change many things, it will change a multitude of things. The Gospel keeps on going forth because the words of this Gospel are better than any other words that we have heard, and when you have the word in you and when the word gets close to you and attached to you then it will make you amazed, it will make you change, and it will make you grow. The Gospel will impact everybody once we get it and we share it, and this Gospel will turn a lot of things around for good and change us all for good because we have Jesus!

The Right Visitor At The Right Time:

- Right after all of this, here we see that following Jesus doesn't eliminate you from going through a storm, because now a storm has invaded Peter's house. Peter's Mother in Law has a fever, and this fever was said to be a violent fever, and a terrible illness caused by malaria and that Luke 4:38 calls her fever a life-threatening high fever. Fever's were considered to be an illness sent to those who broke the covenant of God in Leviticus 26:14-16 and Deuteronomy 28:15, 22 and that also we see in 1 Corinthians 9:15.
- However, don't get used to that, don't live there, because there will be a day that things will change, there will be a day that when everything that was once peaceful now all of a sudden it is crazy and hectic! There will be a day that the calmness I used to have I don't have it anymore, the happiness I used to have isn't there anymore, the joy I used to have isn't there anymore because now all of a sudden a

storm has hit my house! A storm has come to the house, and you know you can't predict the weather but you know when it is coming, and you know that even though it looks tough right now, and even though it is in flux right now I'm living in a season of pressure but I'm still having hope!

- You can't escape some stuff, and especially when you choose and decide to follow Jesus Christ, that's when you will see that even though I follow the Lord, and even though I'm trusting in the Lord that doesn't mean something crazy doesn't come to my house! My house does have the Lord, but that doesn't mean that God won't allow something to hit my house, you see that windstorms can cause trees to hit a house, a hailstorm can cause damage to a house, or just a bad storm can knock at electricity to a house! You understand that because when I'm following the Lord, and I love the Lord but then I also see that trials come to my house, valleys come to my house, setbacks come to my house, bad days come to my house, and troubles come to my house because every house has to go through something in order to see something and in order to grow!
- You ought to know that you aren't alone because Jesus is with you, you should know that you have a friend in Jesus, and you should know that Jesus will always help you get through the pains that life brings! When I'm going through I need somebody that has power to change the situation, because I know that sometimes it won't always be calm but I need a Savior who keeps me calm, I know that it can get loud and disappointing, but I'm glad that I have a Savior that can turn my disappointments into something spectacular! I'm glad I have somebody like my Savior that will be there, and that is never too busy to come to my house, and the great thing is He's already in the house, so I know that when something gets hectic and trying I know what's in my house!
- You feel better when Jesus is in the house, you think better when Jesus is in the house, and you don't break down when Jesus is in the house! It doesn't mean the storms and pressures of life aren't real, and that they aren't upsetting, but I'm glad that Jesus is still in the house and I'm glad that when I'm tired, when I'm sad, when I'm bewildered, when I'm feeling like I'm losing it feel like there isn't any peace I remind myself that Jesus is still in my house, and I remind myself that a fever brought Jesus, but faith is what keeps Jesus! I know that the fever is there, but that's alright because I know the one that can bring the fever down, I know the one that can make the fever go away, and I know the one that won't let the fever reign in my life but will take it away!
- We all get drained by life, and we all have to deal with the various challenges that life brings! You and I have to face these things, because life has it like that, and as long as you live and as long as you wake up in this life it will feel like life is draining you, and it will feel like it is up and down! However whatever the situation, don't forget to talk to the Savior and don't forget about what the Savior means to you,

don't forget about the power of the Savior, don't forget about the strength of the Savior, and don't forget about the anointing of the Savior because what is so great about Jesus is that He is the one that will deal with our problems, and don't forget that He is in the house, but don't forget to let the Lord know what's going on!

- Invite the Savior in, and when you invite the Savior in He will make it better! When you invite the Savior in your life know that He will do what nobody else can do, because when I don't have the answers, when I don't have the solutions, when I don't have the right paths, and when I just don't have the words I know that the Savior will be there, and I know that when He is there I know that life will get better, and I know that I will be better, and I know that it will be with it in the long run! Everything that you go through has been worth it, even though it has been painful it has been worth it because it made me glad that even when I was down, even when I was hurt, and even when I was weak it was nobody but the Lord that got me back up!
- There's something else that you see that makes this text powerful, I love the fact that they told Jesus about Simon's Mother in Law, and you know thank God for people that will be in your life that will intercede for you! You need people in your life that will pray for and with you, you need people in your life that will be with you when times are tough, you need people in your life that don't run away from you when times are hard but that stay with you when times are tough, you need people in your life that have the same level of belief in the Lord like you, and you need people in your life who help you grow in Christ! If you have people in your life who don't believe in miracles, don't believe in improvements, and don't believe in the power of the Lord or in the Lord you need a new friend list, you need a new friend group, and you need friends and people in your life that believe that things will get better!
- **I need people in my life that want to be there, and I need people in my life that desire the Lord like I do, because what good is it to have eggs in a refrigerator if you never use them for cake, pancakes, cookies, or other food items! It's the same with people in your life, it is no use to have people in your life that are just there but aren't adding anything to your life, and especially when I'm going through I need some people who will stay with me, who will be with me, and who will help me! I need some people like that, and I need the Lord to give me the right people, and you need to let people know that if you aren't going to seek God with me, serve God with me, worship God with me, pray to God with me, and live for God like me than don't come to me or be in my life because you can't be with me if you don't desire and love the Lord like me!**
- **You should feel like it will get better, you should believe in the Lord, you should believe in your prayers, and you should believe in yourself and you should believe that the house will turn around! You should believe that the Lord will do it, and you see that He will, and it is amazing what God will do to bring people together! God**

knows how to bring a family back together, because you know sometimes family can break apart, family can be separate, family can be diabolical, family can be hurt, family can go through fires as well, but you can look at this and still say, the Lord will bring family back together, and the Lord will make family hold on together, and pray together because we ought to think the Lord for our family, and that the Lord will keep us together!

- That's the Savior that we serve, that's the Savior that loves us, that's the Savior that never forsakes us, and that's the Savior that never leaves when times get tough! We all know about tough times at home but God will be right there, we all know about what happens when we call on the Lord and when we do have stressful times, but it doesn't matter how it feels I do know that the Lord has our back, and won't the Lord give you some grace, give you relief, give you joy, give you comfort, give you confidence, give you assurance, give you His presence, and at the end of the day you just can't replace having His presence in your life, in your home, and in your family as long as I have His presence I will be alright!

The Woman Rises:

- When you look at this text, you see that when Jesus is informed Jesus came in, and not just came in but then Jesus did something about the situation, because it was Jesus that not only saw her in this condition, but then He raised and lifted her up! You see it in the text, that this woman who was stricken with this fever, this woman who was on this bed, and this woman who was in a bad condition now has encountered Jesus and then Jesus touched her hand, and you can imagine the power that plunged in her body! You can see now that this fever, has been expunged and now the strength has been enlarged because all it took was a touch from the Master, and any touch from the Master will change any situation that you are in!
- A touch from the Master can heal a sick body, a touch from the Master can raise up a dead body, a touch from the Master will supply needs, a touch from the Master will pick you up when you are just feeling low and groggy, a touch from the Master will answer prayer, and a touch from the Master will give you life again! A touch from the Master will not leave you alone, and aren't you glad about that because the Lord will touch you, but He has His hands that are unlike any other hands, His hands are special, His hands are dynamic, His hands are filled with divinity, His hands are filled with sanctity, and His hands are filled with authority! The hands of the Savior can do much, and His hands haven't failed, and His hands are not feeble but they are hands that you can count on and depend on!
- This text is a reminder that God will do it and that God isn't going to fail! There's a Mother that knows about this, because Mothers have gone through much, from childbirth and dealing with the after effects of childbirth, some Mothers have had to raise children by themselves, there are some Mothers that had to work multiple

jobs, some Mothers went without so that their kids could eat, and some Mothers dropped out of school to raise children, but through it all God has been good to Mothers! God has watched out for Mothers, God has kept Mothers, God has loved Mothers, God has been there for Mothers, and God has heard the prayers of Mothers, because the Lord is that good!

- Thank God for praying Mothers as well, it has been a Mother that has prayed for you when you were young, when you were at school, when you went to college, when you were at your job, when you had your own family, and when you didn't even know it! Mothers pray for you, and you know Mothers have always had prayer that are dripped in love, saturated in God's goodness, and oozing with God's mercy and we should always thank the Lord that Mother prayed, because whether you were good or bad Mother still prayed for you, and because Mother prayed for you it got you through! It is just good to know that the Lord sent Godly Mothers to us, and God has been there for Mothers and helped them get over their worries as well, and that was all because the Lord did it, and because of the Lord you know that it was the power of the Lord at work!
- You know that we all have been there, and you know we all know something about having to bounce back, through all of the different storms and challenges, it was then that you saw that the Lord did it, and that the Lord hasn't stopped being good to you, and you know that it was the Lord that still let you bounce back! You know when you bounce back it will make you praise Him, when you have seen how you have survived the storms it will make you praise Him, when you see how you have made it through those tears it will make you praise Him, when you see how you overcame tough times it will make you praise Him, and when you praise the Lord you just know that God never failed you!
- You can praise the Lord because the Lord has never failed you, and you see that we all have had these days of being in the storm, and you should always be glad that the Lord changed it! It started out one way, but that doesn't mean it will always be that way, and I know that it started out one way, and it started out difficult but you do know that the Lord will always come through at the right time! How often have we seen the Lord come through at the right time, not when I wanted Him to, but we do know that the Lord always has a time that He will come through, and we know that praise is always going to be the final expression, and how can it not be when we see that the Lord did it, and the Lord rescued me, and the Lord will let me rise and will let me ascend because the Lord did it!
- You look at what God's hands can do, and then you see that not only was the woman lifted up, but then you see that the hand made her motivated and progressive! After she gets up she starts serving, she went from being incapacitated to now she's showing hospitality, you can see that she went from being down, but now that she is up and you see she went to do something, she went to work, and she went to being

productive! It's amazing what happens when you get another chance, that you go from being down and being distraught, until now you have been productive, and you have been fruitful and when you see that you have been fruitful, that's when you see that even though you have been down, and even though you have been wounded you can get back up, when you want to and when you choose not to stay down and not to stay in a mindset that you can't get back up!

- His hands will get you up, you can be dealing with the fever of depression, you can be dealing with the fever of worry, and you can be dealing with the fever of dullness! You can feel like that, you can feel like you just don't have anything else to give but then you start to see that when you don't feel like getting up, when you don't feel like going on, and when you don't feel like it will improve just a touch from the Master makes things improve, and that's because we don't have the reach that the Lord has! The Lord will touch those sensitive areas, the Lord will touch those vulnerable areas, and the Lord will touch those emotional areas, but no matter where it is, the hand of the Lord has unlimited access, and the Lord will bring me back to life!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Mark 1!
- Praise The Lord!

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