

## Believe & Receive

**TEXT: John 4:46-54:**

**46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where He made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.**

**47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto Him, and besought Him that He would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.**

**48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.**

**49 The nobleman saith unto Him, Sir, come down ere my child die.**

**50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the Word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.**

**51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.**



**52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.**

**53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.**

**54 This is again the second Miracle that Jesus did, when He was come out of Judaea into Galilee.**

Jesus performed this wonderful miracle upon this dying boy. He worked all miracles by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 10:38: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.**

He is the same.

***Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.***

Read **John Chapter 11** to learn how the miracles were performed. What faith has done, faith will do again. All the saints of all time have found God to be the worker of the impossible by faith in Him. Here is a case where a man again came to the end of his resources, and there was no other way to turn but to GOD. It is during the desperate hours of calamity that we look up to Him who cares for us all, though long we live without caring for His Son, His Word, His church, His love.

This nobleman sought Jesus to heal his son. He did not have an unspoken request; he had a definite need, and the moment he got definite with Jesus, Jesus, in turn, got definite with him. Pressing through all doubt, fear, and impossibilities, by faith, he let the body and soul of his son rest in the hands of the Great Physician.

***Hebrews 11:6: But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He [God] is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him [Christ crucified].***

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Faith ushers us into His Presence, and whatever we do, we must not stop until we get into His Presence. Pressing through all the lies of the devil and coldness of the apostate church, we must press through all the forms of godliness denying the power of God. And we must press past the Bible as a historical Book into the ever Living Word that can never change nor pass away. The same Promises will work today.

God has not changed, nor lost any of His Power. What faith used to do, faith still does today.

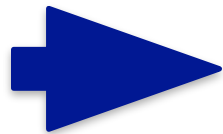
Jesus came to the place where he performed His first miracle, and it is here the nobleman met Him. Jesus still performs miracles, proving Himself by the supernatural that He has all Power in Heaven and on earth. Jesus says He has all Power, but what good will this do us if He can't do anything more for us as some try to teach. Power not used is useless power; power that does not work is no good power at all. What value can we place on Jesus' Words if they do not mean what they say?

We will not find Christ working where the people do not believe and obey.

***John 15:7: If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.***

We will find Jesus just where we left Him when we started going out on our own self-chosen, self-willed way. We will find Him again in healing, saving, and baptizing power by repenting of our sins and forsaking our fleshly ways.

**Our Jesus can turn sins to salvation, ill-will to good-will, hate to love, jealousy to mercy, temper to temperance, and habits to hallelujahs. Jesus can still turn the water into wine. Our Jesus can turn defeat into victory, sorrow to joy, and sickness to health because He is the same today.**



**No soul needs to be discouraged or bound by sin, dominated by fear, oppressed of the devil, or tormented by sickness or disease, because Jesus is still in the land of miracles, and we will meet Him there by a telephone call of faith.**

Faith is the electricity that sends the message across the wires to the number we are dialing.

Our Jesus can still hear the faintest cry, and can turn night into day and fear into faith just as He can still turn water into wine.

The man in **John 4:49** (above) said, **“Come down ere my child die”**. Jesus does not need to come down; He is here already. We pray for the Lord to come to us, but He wants us to come up to Him, to this standard — to the realm of faith and obedience.

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Let us not limit the unlimited. God can work yonder without having to be there in bodily form. Jesus can work here tonight, just the same way. God is as near as your faith, and He is just as great as your faith, just as powerful as your faith.

If you are serving a god that never speaks, never moves, never acts, never saves, or never blesses or heals, then you are worshipping a dead god and not the Living God.

Jesus said, 'The God of Elijah, Daniel, the Hebrew children, Enoch's God and the God of the early church are the same yesterday, today, and forever'. This is the ONE and ONLY God we always and forever want to dwell in our hearts.

If you want to see a miracle, then hand God an impossibility. Habit-bound soul and body, Jesus is the Deliverer. I do not believe the Lord will meet us until we are dead in earnest as was the nobleman (from **John 4:46-54**, above). He came all out for Jesus and said: "**Come down ere my child die.**" Jesus said, "**Go on thy way, thy son liveth**". The nobleman took Jesus at His Word and went toward home and found his son healed.

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There are no 'ifs' on God's part; they are all on ours.

***Exodus 15:26: And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the Voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His Commandments, and keep all His Statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD Who healeth thee.***

Saints, tomorrow you can say 'yesterday at the 7<sup>th</sup> hour Jesus spoke peace, healed, saved, brought deliverance to my soul, body, and spirit'. He still verifies His Promises which are *yea* and *amen* to us in Christ Jesus.

Believe the Word and you shall see the Glory of God. Believe and receive; doubt and do without.

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