

We Need to Beg Matthew 9:18-35

Beg with faith, trusting that Jesus will do as He says (18-26)

● The ruler

1. His identity - a leader in a local s_____ (Lk 8:41)
2. His humility – he b_____ before Jesus who was at least in a sitting position (vv. 18,19)
3. His request - that Jesus lay his hands on his d_____ daughter (Matthew squeezes several conversations into one – see Luke 8:41,42,49,50).
4. His faith – he believed that Jesus would give her life because Jesus said He would (Lk 8:50)

● Jesus's response – He r_____ her from the dead (see Lk 8:55 and Jms 2:26)

● Application - When we face temptation in regards to our w_____ (e.g. anger, lust, addictions)

1. Matt 26:41 – Jesus commanded us to p_____
 - a. His command was in the context of His struggle against His own temptation in which He prayed for an h_____.
 - b. If Jesus prayed with such intensity, how much more should we (see 2Tim 2:21 and Matt 5:16)
 - c. The Greek text clearly shows not a one-time prayer but an ongoing a_____ of prayer (you can translate it “keep on praying”).
2. The problem we have with our weakness
 - a. We resign ourselves to f_____ because God has not taken the desire away.
 - b. We keep our e_____ on temptation and don't put them on God.
3. A point of understanding - God never promises to take our weakness away but He does promise us His p_____ to overcome the temptation to give into that weakness.
 - a. Jms 4:7,8 – this is how the devil will flee from you (you must s_____ to God and resist the devil)
 - b. 1Cor 10:13 – God provides the way to e_____ temptation so that you can e_____ it

Beg with faith, trusting that Jesus can do as we ask (27-31)

●The blind men

1. Jesus initially ignored their cries for healing by going into the house (27,28).
2. The blind men were in a sense begging as they made their way into the house to find Jesus.
3. Jesus asked them if they believed that He had the authority to heal them, to which they replied yes.
4. Jesus called this faith and healed them (v. 29)

●The man made mute by a demon was brought to Jesus because they believed that Jesus had the ability to heal him.

●People brought to Jesus their sick because they believed Jesus had the ability to heal their sick.

●Application

1. Praying for healing
 - a. God does promise to heal every believer, but not until Jesus returns (1 Thess 5:23,24).
 - b. The name-it-claim-it philosophy is anti-biblical (e.g. Job; Trophimus)
 - c. God may heal miraculously as we ask, but we must continue to trust Him if He does not.
2. Praying for a change in circumstances beyond our control
 - a. We do not know the specific plan of God, only the general plan.
 - b. We must leave our circumstances in His hands, begging Him to change them, trusting that He can, but being content if He does not.
3. Praying for strained relationships
 - a. Jesus has the ability to change anyone's heart - Paul (1Tim 1:13), Zacchaeus (Lk 19:8), the prostitute (Lk 7:38), the Corinthian Christians (1Cor 6:9-11)
 - b. God may demonstrate His action of changing a person's heart.
 - c. We must keep begging, trusting that He can change someone's heart as we've asked, yet continue to trust Him even if He does not.