

Sermon Notes

“Does God Still Do Miracles?” Mark 6:34-44

1. A MIRACLE ALWAYS STARTS WITH A _____. (MARK 6:35-36)

- If you don't have a problem, you don't _____ a miracle.

2. ACCEPT _____ FOR THE PROBLEM.

- God wants you to get _____ about the problem before He does anything about it. (Mark 6:37)
- Our problems require _____ – if it wasn't impossible, we could just do it on our own.
- Three common _____ people have toward problems:
 1. We are tempted to _____.
 2. We are tempted to pass the _____. (Mark 6:36)
 3. We are tempted to _____. (Mark 6:37)

3. A MIRACLE REQUIRES _____ WHAT YOU CAN. (MARK 6:38)

- The boy gave _____ he had.
- He gave _____ he had.
- He gave it _____ when it was asked for.
- Reasons we do not _____ like the boy gave:
 1. It is hard to give when we are _____.
 2. It is hard to give when it doesn't make _____ to us.
 3. It is hard to give when we fear we might go _____.
- There are _____ of giving.
 1. At the lowest level, we ask “What can I _____?”
 2. At the middle level, we ask “What can I _____?”
 3. At the highest level, we ask “What can I _____ God to do through me?” (2 Corinthians 8:12)

4. _____ A MIRACLE. (MARK 6:39-42)

- God specializes in things that are _____ impossible.
- You cannot _____ God.
- What we want God to do for us, He wants to do _____ us.

SERVING YOU
We have many exciting ministries here at The Grace Place Church.

Sunday Worship Services at 9:00am and 11:00am
Spanish Worship Service - Sundays at 11:00am
Servicio en Español Domingos - 11:00am

Weekday Preschool & Aftercare Program - 772-287-1779

- Offered Monday thru Friday - 7:00am-6:00pm

Sunday

- GraceKids - Take advantage of our excellent Nursery, Preschool, and GraceKids (K-5) programs offered during worship services.
- Grace Students - (Middle & High School)
 - 9:00am - Serve & attend service with family
 - 11:00am - Attend worship time, dismiss to class

Tuesday

- Women's Bible Study - "Twelve Women of the Bible" - 9:30am
- Celebrate Recovery - Meal - 6:00pm; Large Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday - 6:30pm

- Grace
- Kids - "Kids in Discipleship"
- Grace Students - Programs for Middle & High School
- Women's Bible Study - "Twelve Women of the Bible"
- Men's Bible Study - "30 Life Principles"
- DivorceCare - "Deep Hurt"
- Spanish Bible Study - "Inspecting the Tongue"

Thursday - 6:30pm

- Grace Singles - "Kingdom Heroes"

Friday

- Grace Quilts - 9:00am

Grace Book Place

- Open every Sunday, following Worship Services

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Welcome Home

Do miracles still happen? It's a question that many of us have asked at least once in our lifetime. While it's encouraging to see it happen for others, when it doesn't seem to happen for us it can shake our faith to the very core.

I believe we often fail to see miracles when they happen. In Jesus's time, the Pharisees witnessed many healings and miracles and still they had a hard time believing. Jesus performed these miracles right in front of them! But, because of their life experiences and strict religious legalism, the people refused to believe.

"On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.' ... Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God." (Luke 9:37-43)

Why were the disciples not able to perform the miracle? It was because even though they had seen Jesus do it, they didn't believe they had the same power. I am not saying any of us are able to command the Holy Spirit to heal someone, but we have become a nation of skeptics. When we witness a miracle, we fail to recognize it for what it is. The reason is we are taught that science is infallible, that there must be a logical explanation for everything. In reality, God created the laws of physics, and He is able to bend or break those laws to his will.

I believe it was a miracle that Pastor Rick lived as long as he did with congestive heart failure. I believe it was a miracle that our church was able to overcome \$3.5 million of debt. I believe it is a miracle when someone who grew up in the worst circumstances gives their life to Jesus and they are able to overcome their past and live a productive life. It is a miracle every time a baby is born. It is miracle when God takes a hurt and transforms it into a mission to help others.

Thank you for being in worship today. We trust you will have a wonderful week.

In Christ,
Pastor Eric

Mark Your Calendar

To register for any of our ministries or events, visit the **Registration Kiosk** or www.thegraceplace.com/events.

FIRST CONNECTION LUNCH

- If you recently began attending The Grace Place, we invite you to join us for lunch today, **August 14**, at 12:30pm in the Connection Center Gym. You will learn about our church, your next steps in becoming part of The Grace Place family, and much more.

DIVORCECARE

- New session begins this Wednesday, **August 17**, at 6:30pm. This week's topic is "Deep Hurt." We will discuss how overwhelming emotions are normal, and discover some healthy practices for successful recovery. Registration is \$20.00 which includes workbook.
- Contact suzanneadams@thegraceplace.com.

PRIMETIMERS (65+)

- Join us for a "Summer Cook-Out" this Thursday, **August 18**, at 11:30am in the Connection Center Classroom. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
- Contact karonaddison@thegraceplace.com.

GRACE SINGLES

- Join us Thursday, **August 18** at 6:30pm for "Kingdom Heroes: Building A Strong Faith That Endures" by Tony Evans. In this new study, we will dive deeper into Hebrews' Hall of Faith while reflecting on our own walk with God.
- On Saturday, **August 20** 6:00pm to 8:00pm, join us in the Connection Center for Potluck Dinner/Game Night. Potluck Theme is Scrumptious Salads. Suggested food items: Chicken or Tuna Salad; Greek, Cobb, Caesar Salad; Fruit Salad, etc. Invite a friend!
- Contact suzanneadams@thegraceplace.com.

"END OF SUMMER" FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!

- Join us for some country-themed fun on Sunday, **August 28!** Bibles, boots, bandanas and BBQ, are the norm this weekend!! Worship will have a country flare. After the Sunday 2 service, in the Connection Gym, we will have a BBQ lunch provided by the OCT grillers!! Thank you to the anonymous donor for making this possible!! Bring a friend!!!
- Contact karonaddison@thegraceplace.com.

UPWARD BASKETBALL (1st-6th Grade)

- Basketball evaluations will take place Monday, **August 29**, from 4:00-7:00pm. Coaches and volunteers needed!
- Sign up online at www.thegraceplace.com/upward.
- Contact scottblackmon@thegraceplace.com.

GRACEKIDS

- "Kids in Discipleship" will host a Back to School "Water Balloon Relay and Water Fight" event for kids in 1st-5th grade on Wednesday, **August 31**, from 6:30-8:00pm. Come prepared to get wet and have a blast! Snacks and drinks will be served as well.
- Contact scottblackmon@thegraceplace.com.

GRACE STUDENTS "BACK TO SCHOOL BASH"

- On **August 31**, Grace Students will host a "Back to School Bash" in the Connection Center Gym from 6:00-8:00pm. You don't want to miss this, so mark your calendar!! Stay tuned for more info!!
- Contact ericaddison@thegraceplace.com.

BASICS FOR BELIEVERS

- Do you need a refresher on the basics of your Christian faith, or just want to better understand the big picture of the Bible, Jesus, Salvation and the Church? Join Allen and DeeDee Milam as they lead this four-week class on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, beginning on **August 31**. Register now!
- Contact info@thegraceplace.com for more information.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

- Beginning Thursday, **September 8**, we will offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This is a nine-week course that walks you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Don't miss this opportunity to change your financial future! Sign up now at fpu.com/1153060.
- Contact info@thegraceplace.com for more information.

GRIEF SHARE

- A new session begins Thursday, **September 8**, at 6:30pm. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. This is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Do you know anyone suffering from the loss of a loved one? Pick up a brochure at the Information Desk and hand it to them. We would love to meet them. Workbooks are available in class for \$20.00.
- Contact anitamccafferty@thegraceplace.com.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

- Tithes and Offerings - \$39,334.00