

March 2021

Dear Partner,

Spring is coming on fast, and I'm ready to receive everything that's springing up, are you? Spring always brings new life—the grass starts growing, the flowers start blooming, and the smell of new growth is in the air. It's wonderful, don't you think? I certainly do! New growth can happen in your life, too. Whether it's spiritual, physical, or financial, you can use this time of year to remind yourself that just like the fresh grass coming up, just like the flowers starting to bloom, God can help you to grow in a fresh and new way.

Let's get into our theme for 2021 now and build some faith for new things! Our foundational scripture is found in 2 Kings 4:2. Here, the words of the prophet Elisha to the widow woman are simple and direct: *"What shall I do for thee?"* Now, Partner, all this year, this is the question I want you to realize that God is asking *you*. It's a very simple question, and people will tell you, "It can't be that easy!" But I'll tell you that it is that easy.

There's a reason why the Word encourages us to have childlike faith—because simple is best when it comes to believing and receiving from God. He is our Father. So, just like Elisha asked the widow what he could do for her, I want you to keep imagining God asking you, "What shall I do for you?" I want you to keep yourself in the mindset that the Lord isn't just capable but He is also willing to do what you ask of Him.

The Right Heart, Fixed Thoughts, and Simple Faith *What Shall He Do for You?*

Let's go to another scene found in the Bible where Jesus does something miraculous for someone. Turn to Matthew 8:2-3 and read the short exchange between Jesus and a leper: "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

Notice that the leper came with a worshipful attitude. Notice, too, that he called Jesus Lord. Partner, that's very important. Be aware of how you approach the Lord. Pay close attention to where your heart is and what your attitude is when you go to God in prayer. The leper's immediate worship showed that he knew Jesus was worth honoring and praising. The leper's use of the word "Lord" showed that he knew and recognized verbally the authority that Jesus held, too.

I also want you to notice that the leper didn't ask if Jesus *could* make him clean, but asked if He *would* make him clean. When Jesus said that He would, the leper immediately became whole. Jesus'

answer was very simple. Why did the healing happen so quickly? I believe it is because the leper had pure faith in the Person that he was asking for help. He knew that if Jesus said it, Jesus would do it.

Partner, sometimes we cry out with words but not with faith. We need to cry out with *faith* in order to receive anything from the Lord. So, point one of this letter is: **When asking Jesus for something**, **you must have fixed thoughts on Who God is and what He said you can have.** That leper *knew* Jesus could do it, so why not ask? The man's attitude was right, too, like I said—but his question was one that a lot of people deal with when they approach the Lord for what they want. You see, the leper knew Jesus could make him clean, but he didn't know if He would. I find that's where a problem can arise in your faith.

A lot of people say, "I know God *can* do it, but *will* He do it for me?" It's even been taught in the Church for centuries, but it's wrong. Partner, if God will do something for someone else, He will do it for you, too. The Word plainly states that God is NO respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). So, don't get stuck in doubt about what God will or will not do. It's sad to say, but a lot of preachers forget that and teach the wrong thing. Don't listen to them. That's tradition talking, not faith—and what you want is faith!

Partner, establish in your heart that not only *can* God do *what* you ask, but He *will* do it *if* you ask. Right now, I believe God is thinking, *What can I do for Jesse and Cathy's Partners? What can they believe Me for?* Partner, God is just that good! He's not looking to hurt but looking to heal. He's not looking to do anything but help you grow in faith and in life—to meet your potential in Him, overcome every challenge, and fulfill your destiny day by day.

Think about it: If God is meeting all my needs and going over and above, why wouldn't He do it for you? He will! I pray in faith and you pray in faith, and it's our faith that pulls on the promises of God and brings them to pass. The anointing of increase is on this ministry and it's on me personally—and so, because He is no respecter of persons, I know that since God's favor for blessings is on me, it can be on you, too. There is nothing God won't do for you that He's already done for someone else. Accept that into your heart. Don't struggle with it. Like the leper, I'm here to tell you that, yes, Jesus can, and more importantly, yes, Jesus will.

God Wants to Create Something New for You...So Ask!

Now, let me go to point two of this letter: **Knowing the will of God is essential in getting what you're believing for**. God isn't hiding His will from any of us. How do we know His will? We know it when we read His Word—because His Word *is* His will for mankind. This is why it's important to read and study the Word of God.

I know life can get busy, but the Bible is your lifeline. Every time you read it, remember that it's God's will for you. You'll know His will better and better as you study to show yourself approved, a workman who need not be ashamed because you can rightly divide the Word of Truth. That's what 2 Timothy 2:15 says, and so make studying the Word a habit. Let it build your faith so that when you ask the Lord for something, you don't even wonder if He *can* do it for you—you'll know without a shadow of doubt that He *will* do whatever *you* can believe Him for.

The World Thinks This Is a Crazy Way to Live...So What!

Can't you hear the Lord saying, "What shall I do for thee?" Remember, that's what God does! He's a Creator, and He wants to create something for you right now, so ask! I know that the world thinks this is a crazy way to live, but not God—He encourages us to live this way. The faith He wants us to have in Him is simple, pure, and powerful! He loves His children and can't wait to do something wonderful for them.

Point three is this: If the world is unsympathetic to what you want, use the faith that overcomes the world and it will get done. In 1 John 5:4 it says, "...this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Partner, you have overcoming faith. Just reading this letter is sparking your faith. Get ready for a spark to turn into a Holy Ghost fire! Forget about what the world thinks; focus on your connection with the Lord and your faith in His power. Everything in this world will one day pass away, but the One in your heart and His Words will never pass away (Matthew 24:35). Don't worry about what the world says!

I Know That You Know God Is Good,

But Do You Know His Power Is Far Greater Than His Goodness?

The leper had a mindset that was critical to his being made whole. Let me go to point four, the last point I'm going to share today, to explain. Are you ready? Your faith in Christ's *power* must be stronger than your faith in Christ's goodness. The leper knew Jesus was good, but he also knew His power was stronger than anything he'd ever seen. He was reaching out with full faith that the power of Jesus was more than enough to handle his incurable disease.

Yes, God is *good*, but God is also *powerful*. Where you put your focus is what you'll draw from Him. So, if you need the power of God to manifest, focus on the power of God. If you don't acknowledge His power and ability as real and something you want to see in your life, you'll have a hard time manifesting what you need and want. You must see Him as the powerful One He is, as well as the good One He is!

So, Partner, I know you know God is good, but do you know His power is far greater than His goodness? Do you know that He can do anything for you? Do you know that He created you with power of your own, too? Do you realize the seed of faith is in you right now, waiting to be sparked? I want you to know that when God is saying, *"What shall I do for thee?"* His power to perform is beyond man's ability—spiritually, physically, and financially. So, don't limit yourself or God's ability. Just realize that He can and He will, if you have the childlike faith to ask and believe. Glory!

In closing, Partner, I just want to thank you for all that you do for this ministry. Your seed is producing so much harvest for God's kingdom. Since March of 2020, well over 14 million people have been touched through this ministry—and it's your seed that's helped us to do it. Thank you! I'm always amazed at His power to reach people and change lives, and I appreciate you helping us to keep reaching out in so many ways with His Word.

I want you to know that Cathy and I sow financially into this ministry too, just like you do. As you sow your seed this month, don't forget to ask for the 100-fold—and to remind yourself that He is powerful enough to do it! You deserve to walk in faith, to overcome, to succeed, and to receive everything God has for you. God knows it, and so do I! Until next time, may you grow in faith and keep reminding yourself that God loves you and is always asking, *"What shall I do for thee?"*

Jesse Duplantis

P.S. I have chosen another powerful message for your March Partnership of \$50 or more that goes right along with this month's teaching, entitled, *God Has a Hard Time Saying No*. It's available on DVD, CD, or both formats. Or for your Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD. Remember to see the enclosure or go to JDM.org (click on "Donate") to get your copy while supplies last. I pray it blesses you and stirs up your faith in our loving and faithful Father!



"What Shall IDO For Thee?"

Fix Your Thoughts on Who God Is, on His Will, and on His Power!

March 2021 Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

Fix Your Thoughts on Who God Is, on His Will, and on His Power! 1st Week March 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Spring is coming on fast, so let's get ready to receive everything that's springing up.

• Spring always brings new life—the grass starts growing, the flowers start blooming, and the smell of new growth is in the air.

New growth can happen in your life, too.

• Whether it's spiritual, physical, or financial, you can use this time of year to remind yourself that just like the fresh grass coming up, just like the flowers starting to bloom, God can help you to grow in a fresh and new way.

Let's get into our theme for 2021 now and build some faith for new things! *Instruct the group to turn to our foundational scripture in 2 Kings 4:2.

In this verse we will see that the words of the prophet Elisha to the widow woman are simple and direct:

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

"And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

We will continue to focus on six powerful words in this verse: "What shall I do for thee?"

- All this year, this is the question *you* need to realize that God is asking *you*.
- It's a very simple question, and people will tell you, "It can't be that easy!"
- But we will see that it is that easy.

There's a reason why the Word encourages us to have childlike faith—because simple is best when it comes to believing and receiving from God.

• Remember, He is our Father.

So, just like Elisha asked the widow what he could do for her, you need to keep imagining your Heavenly Father asking you, "What shall I do for you?"

• Keep yourself in the mindset that the Lord isn't just capable but He is also willing to do what you ask of Him.

In this month's Bible Study, you will learn to: Fix *your* thoughts on *Who* God is, on His *will*, and on His *power!*

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 8:2-3.

Let's go to another scene found in the Bible where Jesus does something miraculous for someone.

• We will read the short exchange between Jesus and a leper that came to Him for help. ***Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 8:2-3 KJV:**

"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

Notice that the leper came with a worshipful attitude.

• Notice, too, that he called Jesus Lord—that is very important.

Like this leper, you need to be aware of how you approach the Lord.

• Pay close attention to where your heart is and what your attitude is when you go to God in prayer.

The leper's immediate worship showed that he knew Jesus was worth honoring and praising.

• The leper's use of the word "Lord" showed that he knew and recognized verbally the authority that Jesus held, too.

Notice that the leper didn't ask if Jesus *could* make him clean, but asked if He *would* make him clean.

- When Jesus said that He would, the leper immediately became whole.
- Jesus' answer was very simple and very direct: "I will."

*Group Discussion: Why did the healing happen so quickly?

The text implies that it was because the leper had pure faith in the Person that he was asking for help.

• He knew that if Jesus said it, Jesus would do it.

Sometimes we cry out with words but not with faith.

• We need to cry out with *faith* in order to receive anything from the Lord.

This brings us to the first point of our Bible Study this month: When asking Jesus for something, you must have fixed thoughts on Who God is and what He said you can have.

- That leper *knew* Jesus could do it, so why not ask?
- The man's attitude was right, too.

The leper knew Jesus could make him clean, but he didn't know if He would.

- His question was one that a lot of people deal with when they approach the Lord for what they want.
- That's where a problem can arise in your faith.

*Instruct the group to turn to Acts 10:34.

A lot of people say, "I know God *can* do it, but *will* He do it for me?"

- That has even been taught in the Church for centuries, but it's wrong.
- If God *will* do something for someone else, He *will* do it for you, too.
- *Invite someone in the group to read Acts 10:34 KJV:

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:"

The Word plainly states that God is NO respecter of persons.

- So, don't get stuck in doubt about what God will or will not do.
- It's sad to say, but a lot of preachers forget that and teach the wrong thing.
- Don't listen to them. That's tradition talking, not faith—and what you want is faith!

Establish in your heart that not only can God do what you ask, but He will do it if you ask.

- Right now, God is thinking, *What can I do for you? What can you believe Me for?*
- God is just that good! He's not looking to hurt but looking to heal.
- He's not looking to do anything but help you grow in faith and in life.
- He wants you to meet your potential in Him, overcome every challenge, and fulfill your destiny day by day.

When we pray in faith, our faith pulls on the promises of God and brings them to pass.

• The anointing of increase is on us, and He is no respecter of persons.

God's favor for blessings can be on you, too.

- There is nothing God won't do for you that He's already done for someone else.
- Accept that into your heart. Don't struggle with it.

Realize today that Jesus can, and more importantly, Jesus will!

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

- 1. I fix my thoughts on Who God is and what He said I can have. God is NO respecter of persons, so I don't get stuck in doubt about what God will or will not do.
- 2. God is helping me grow in faith and in life. I have potential in Him, overcome every challenge, and fulfill my destiny day by day.
- 3. I pray in faith, and my faith brings the promises of God to pass. God's favor for blessings is on me, and there is nothing God won't do for me.

Close in Prayer.

Fix Your Thoughts on Who God Is, on His Will, and on His Power! 2nd Week March 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Throughout this year, the Lord is leading us to focus on the theme that He gave to us for 2021: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

• This is a question that God is asking *you* today.

*Instruct the group to turn to our foundational scripture in 2 Kings 4:2.

In our Bible Study each month, a different scene from the Bible with this question will be featured.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

"And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

In January, we introduced this verse about Elisha asking a widow woman this lifechanging question.

• We saw that she did not cap off the goodness of God with limited thinking, limited faith, or limited words.

This woman received more than enough because she *prepared* to receive more than enough!

• Not only did the supernatural increase of oil take care of her debt, she also received enough to take care of her future.

In February, we learned from the example of a blind man to "Be Persistent and Don't Give Up!"

- Even though Jesus could see that Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus wanted him to be specific and *verbalize* exactly what he wanted.
- Bartimaeus refused to give up on his destiny and he received what he wanted from Jesus.
- We saw that persistency in asking never fails to open up the floodgates of God's power.

Today, we will continue with this month's Bible Study titled: Fix *your* thoughts on *Who* God is, on His *will*, and on His *power*!

• God wants to help you grow in faith and in life.

You have potential in Him to overcome every challenge and fulfill your destiny day by day.

- When you pray in faith, your faith brings the promises of God to pass.
- God's favor for blessings is on you.
- There is nothing God won't do for you.

In our Bible Study last week, we saw that God is NO respecter of persons.

• We learned not get stuck in doubt about what God will or will not do.

God wants to create something new for you...so ask!

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 8:1.

Let's look again at our example of Jesus healing a man with leprosy, but this time we will read the full story from the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition.

*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 8:1-4 AMPC:

1. When Jesus came down from the mountain, great throngs followed Him.

2. And behold, a leper came up to Him and, prostrating himself, worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to cleanse me by curing me.

3. And He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed by being cured. And instantly his leprosy was cured and cleansed.

4. And Jesus said to him, See that you tell nothing about this to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, for a testimony [to your healing] and as an evidence to the people.

Notice that the leper's question wasn't if Jesus was able to cure him.

- His use of the word "Lord" showed that he recognized Jesus' authority to cure and cleanse him of leprosy.
- His appeal to Jesus was *"if You are willing"*
- He knew that Jesus could heal, but he was not sure if Jesus was willing to heal him.

Let's look now at point two of this month's Bible Study: Knowing the will of God is essential in getting what you're believing for.

*Instruct the group to turn to Romans 12:2.

God isn't hiding His will from any of us.

<u>*Group Discussion: How do we know His will?</u>

We know it when we read His Word.

• His Word *is* His will for mankind.

*Invite someone in the group to read Romans 12:2 AMPC:

"Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."

God has given you His Word so that you can know His will.

- Instead of being conformed to the world's way of thinking, you can be transformed by renewing your mind to know God's Word.
- His Word will reveal His good, acceptable, and perfect will for your life.

This is why it is important to read and study the Word of God.

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Timothy 2:15.

Life can get busy, but the Bible is your lifeline.

• Every time you read it, remember that it's God's will for you.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Greek word for *study* means to "be earnest," or "diligent," or "do your best."

- It is referring to being persistent with your study of the Word of God.
- It also refers to giving maximum effort to accomplish a goal.

*Instruct the group to turn to Romans 10:17.

As you study the Word of God, you'll know His will better and better.

• So, make studying the Word a habit and let it build your faith.

*Group Discussion: Do you know that power is released when you study God's Word?

That power is a force called faith, and it comes through hearing the Word of God. *Invite someone in the group to read Romans 10:17 KJV:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Study God's Word and fix your thoughts on Who God is, on His will, and on His power!

- When you know the Lord's will and ask Him for something, you don't even wonder if He *can* do it for you.
- You'll know without a shadow of doubt that He will do whatever you can believe.

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

- 1. Knowing the will of God is essential in getting what I'm believing for. I know God's will when I read His Word—because His Word *is* His will for mankind.
- 2. I rightly divide the Word of Truth, and I am not ashamed. I make studying the Word a habit and let it build my faith that God can do whatever *I* can believe Him for.

Fix Your Thoughts on Who God Is, on His Will, and on His Power! 3rd Week March 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Let's continue building our faith for new things with this month's Bible Study titled: Fix *your* thoughts on *Who* God is, on His *will*, and on His *power!*

*Instruct the group to turn to our foundational scripture in 2 Kings 4:2.

All this year we will be digging deeper into our theme for the year: "What shall I do for thee?"

• We will be studying many different scenes in the Bible to build our faith to receive what God is saying to us today.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

"And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

We began this year by focusing on six powerful words that Elisha asked a desperate widow woman that came to him for help for her family.

- These are the same words that God is asking all of us this year.
- Can't you hear the Lord saying, "What shall I do for thee?"

*Group Discussion: Have you begun to make a list of the things that you are asking God to do for you?

Remember, that's what God does!

- He's a Creator, and He wants to create something for you right now, so ask!
- The world thinks this is a crazy way to live, but not God.
 - He encourages us to live this way.

The faith He wants us to have in Him is simple, pure, and powerful!

• He loves His children and can't wait to do something wonderful for them.

Now let's look at point three of this month's Bible Study: If the world is unsympathetic to what you want, use the faith that overcomes the world and it will get done. *Instruct the group to turn to 1 John 5:4.

First John was written by the apostle John when he had become an elder statesman in the Church.

• John walked and talked with Jesus, saw Him heal, heard Him teach, watched Him die, met Him arisen, and saw Him ascend.

John wrote this letter to his "dear children" at a time when false teachers had entered the Church, denying the incarnation of Christ.

• John wrote to correct their serious errors and to build assurance by presenting a clear picture of Christ as God in the flesh.

*Invite someone in the group to read 1 John 5:4-5 KJV:

4. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Just reading that verse is sparking your faith for what you need from God today.

• Get ready for a spark to turn into a Holy Ghost fire!

*Group Discussion: Do you realize that you have world overcoming faith because you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

Forget about what the world thinks.

- Focus on your connection with the Lord and your faith in His power.
- Realize that Jesus made you a world overcomer and you already have the victory.

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 8:1.

In our first two lessons this month, we looked at a scene in the Bible where a leper came to Jesus for healing from leprosy.

• Let's read the story again this week in the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, and go deeper in our understanding of what happened that day.

*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 8:1-4 AMPC:

1. When Jesus came down from the mountain, great throngs followed Him.

2. And behold, a leper came up to Him and, prostrating himself, worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to cleanse me by curing me.

3. And He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed by being cured. And instantly his leprosy was cured and cleansed.

4. And Jesus said to him, See that you tell nothing about this to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, for a testimony [to your healing] and as an evidence to the people.

The text implies that the leper had pure faith in the Lordship of Jesus and His healing power.

• When asking Jesus for something, you must have fixed thoughts on Who God is and what He said you can have.

The leper knew that Jesus could heal, but he was not sure if Jesus was willing to heal him.

• Last week we saw that knowing the will of God is essential in getting what we are believing for.

In Jesus' day, the Greek word for *leprosy* was used for a variety of similar diseases, and some forms were contagious.

• If a person contracted the contagious type, a priest declared him a leper and banished him from his home and city.

Leprosy was a terrifying disease because there was no known cure.

• The leper was sent to live in a community with other lepers until he either got better or died.

When the leper begged Jesus to heal him, Jesus reached out and touched him, even though his skin was covered with the terrible disease.

• The Bible tells us that his leprosy was immediately cleansed when Jesus touched him and said, *"I will."*

The leper came to Jesus because he heard that Jesus could heal.

- Once he met Jesus, and understood His will, the leprosy was no longer a part of his life.
- He was instantly cured and free to live a wonderful, healthy life.

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 24:35.

Always remember, if the world is unsympathetic to what you want, use the faith that overcomes the world and it will get done.

• You too can live a wonderful life and receive what you want from God.

*Invite someone in the group to read the Words of Jesus in Matthew 24:35 KJV: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."

Everything in this world will one day pass away, but the One in your heart and His Words will never pass away.

- The world thinks this is a crazy way to live, but so what!
- Don't worry about what the world says!

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

- 1. God wants to create something for me right now, so I ask. My faith in Him is simple, pure, and powerful, and I know He can't wait to do something wonderful for me.
- 2. I forget about what the world thinks. I focus on my connection with the Lord, and my faith in His power overcomes the world.

Close in Prayer.

Fix Your Thoughts on Who God Is, on His Will, and on His Power! 4th Week March 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All this year in our Bible Study time, we will be remembering the theme that Lord gave to us for 2021: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

• It should challenge you to know that God is asking you that question and expecting a faith-filled response.

*Instruct the group to turn to our foundational scripture in 2 Kings 4:2.

This verse introduces our theme again with the simple and direct words of the prophet Elisha to a widow woman that asked him for help.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

"And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."

*Group Discussion: What have you learned from Elisha's question to the widow woman in this verse of scripture?

Realize today that your Heavenly Father is asking you, "What shall I do for you?"

• You must keep yourself in the mindset that the Lord isn't just capable, He is also willing to do what you ask of Him.

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 8:1.

This is the foundational scripture for this month's Bible Study titled: Fix *your* thoughts on *Who* God is, on His *will*, and on His *power!*

*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 8:1-4 AMPC:

1. When Jesus came down from the mountain, great throngs followed Him.

2. And behold, a leper came up to Him and, prostrating himself, worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if You are willing, You are able to cleanse me by curing me.

3. And He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing; be cleansed by being cured. And instantly his leprosy was cured and cleansed.

4. And Jesus said to him, See that you tell nothing about this to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, for a testimony [to your healing] and as an evidence to the people.

Today we will review what we have learned from this powerful exchange between Jesus and a leper by looking again at the first three points of our study:

- 1. When asking Jesus for something, you must have fixed thoughts on Who God is and what He said you can have.
 - a. We saw that God is NO respecter of persons, and that in Him we can overcome every challenge and fulfill our destiny.
- 2. Knowing the will of God is essential in getting what you're believing for.
 - a. We learned that we can know God's will and build our faith when we make studying God's Word a habit.
- 3. If the world is unsympathetic to what you want, use the faith that overcomes the world and it will get done.
 - a. We learned that we must forget about what the world thinks and focus on our connection with the Lord.

Now, let's move on to point four of this month's Bible Study: Your faith in Christ's *power* must be stronger than your faith in Christ's goodness.

*Instruct the group to turn to Ephesians 3:20.

Today we will see that the leper had a mindset that was critical to his being made whole.

• The leper knew Jesus was good, but he also knew His power was stronger than anything he'd ever seen.

- He was reaching out with full faith that the power of Jesus was more than enough to handle his incurable disease.
- Yes, God is *good*, but God is also *powerful*.

*Invite someone in the group to read Ephesians 3:20 KJV:

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Where you put your focus is what you'll draw from Him.

• So, if you need the power of God to manifest, focus on the power of God.

If you don't acknowledge His power and ability as real and something you want to see in your life, you'll have a hard time manifesting what you need and want.

• You must see Him as the powerful One He is, as well as the good One He is!

*Invite someone in the group to read Ephesians 3:20 in The Passion Translation:

"Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you."

*Group Discussion: Does this verse help you to imagine the power of God that is available to you today?

You can know that God is good, but you must know that His power is far greater than His goodness.

- Do you know that He can do anything for you?
- Do you know that He created you with power of your own, too?
- Do you realize the seed of faith is in you right now, waiting to be sparked?
- Do you know that when God is saying, *"What shall I do for thee?"* His power to perform is beyond man's ability—spiritually, physically, and financially?

Don't limit yourself or God's ability.

• Just realize that He can and He will—if you have the childlike faith to ask and believe. You deserve to walk in faith, to overcome, to succeed, and to receive everything God has

You deserve to walk in faith, to overcome, to succeed, and to receive everything God has for you.

• God knows it, and when you know it, you will never put limits on what He can do for you!

So, keep growing in faith and keep reminding yourself that God loves you and is always asking, *"What shall I do for thee?"*

Confess What God Shall Do for You:

- 1. My faith in Christ's *power* is stronger than my faith in Christ's goodness. I am reaching out with full faith in the power of Jesus to manifest what I need and want.
- 2. I see God as the powerful One He is, as well as the good One He is! God created me with power, and the seed of faith is in me right now, waiting to be sparked.
- 3. His power to perform is beyond my ability—spiritually, physically, and financially. I realize that He *can* and He *will*, and I have childlike faith to ask and believe.

Close in Prayer.