

The Book of Incarnations!
Part 8: A Tale of Two Fathers!
Slide Notations

Mark 9 And when Jesus came down from the mountain with Peter, James and John they noticed a large crowd gathered around the disciples who were waiting for them. And when they saw Him they came running to Him. He asked, "What is going on?" A man spoke up and said, 'Master, I brought my son to You who has a dumb spirit who tears at him, and he foams at the mouth and gnashes with his teeth and is wearing down to nothing... and when You weren't here I asked your disciples to help and they couldn't.' And when they brought the boy to Jesus the spirit in him tore at him and he fell to the ground, wallowing and foaming. And Jesus asked, how long has he been like this? And the father said, from childhood. And often it takes him and casts him into the fire and then into the water, always trying to destroy him... but if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.' Jesus said, "if you believe all things are possible!" And the father cried out with tears saying, 'Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!'

Touching story of a father's intercession for his son!

Matthew 8/Luke 7 A certain centurion heard that Jesus was nearby and having a beloved servant at home who was sick and about to die he sent leaders of the Jews to beg Him to come and heal his servant. They said, this man loves our nation and has done good by us, and his servant is at home grievously stricken with palsy. And when He was near the house the centurion sent more friends to Him saying, 'Please don't inconvenience yourself any further, I didn't consider myself worthy to come you and I am not worthy to have you standing under my roof. If You speak Your word my servant will be healed... for I am a man under authority, having soldiers in my command, and I say to this one go and he does, and to this one come and he does, and to my servants I say do this and they do... And when Jesus heard this statement He marveled at the man and said to those that were there, "I have not found so great a faith in all Israel!" And Jesus said to them who were sent, "go your way, according to his faith it is done." And returning they found the servant whole!

Touching story of a fatherly adoption of a son!

The Inspiration... Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil... Sickness, disease or demons/no problem!
Jesus hears and answers the cries of a father's/fathering heart! All things are possible with God if you will believe! Both at their end, neither able to effect a cure, helplessly watching them perish! But it's not over till it's over/better!

That inspiration gives us comfort and confidence and hope... and if that is the goal, it is met!

But we want more than that... we want the truth in us that makes a difference!

Incarnation... You don't have to be biological to be fathering someone, so reach out! The demonized boy had his dad at his side! Worn out by "sudden" events, spent out, disappointed, but hopeful still! The servant had no one... *but his friend!* Earnest, compassionate, unusual!

The needy are just waiting for natural and supernatural love to have its day!

A care-giver doesn't have to have all the answers/power, just enough knowledge, just enough power to reach Jesus! The Dad: "I brought, I spoke, I believe..." Even when His disciples aren't enough... "Please, run a straight course to help us!" Centurion: "serves his servants needs" with faith in Jesus to respond and heal!

We do our part so that Jesus can do His!

Whether a father or step dad... You are crucial for the well-being of your "kids!" The demoniac couldn't tell his woes, couldn't hear encouragement/deliverance! The servant had no filial defender! A servant who could not serve was often little more than waste material!

Two men stood, pressed, spoke up, and interceded for their boys!

The future of our children is often decided by a hero stepping in today! And we become braver, or cowardly, in company... so develop friendships with faithful believers...

But most of all... develop a deep, lifesaving relationship with God!