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Bible Reader: Mike Mathis

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What to Say or Do? Part 2

Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 35:44)

Scripture Reading

Bible Reader: (0:03 - 2:43), Mike Mathis

Matthew 17:14-17,

- The speaker introduces the evening's scripture reading from Matthew 17, verses 14-17.
- A man approaches Jesus, asking for mercy for his epileptic son who suffers greatly, often falling into fire or water.
- The man explains that he had brought his son to Jesus' disciples, but they were unable to heal him.
- Jesus rebukes the generation for their lack of faith and asks for the boy to be brought to him.
- Jesus rebukes the demon, and the boy is immediately healed.
- The disciples, feeling proud, ask why they couldn't perform the exorcism.
- Jesus responds that it's due to their lack of faith, explaining the power of faith even as small as a mustard seed. He adds that this kind of demon can only be expelled through prayer and fasting.

Summary

Preacher: Mike Mathis

(2:46 - 5:19) Reflection on Scripture Reading

- The speaker admits to reading more than planned but reflects on Mark 9:2-38:
 - Recounts the Mount of Transfiguration event where Jesus, Moses, and Elijah appeared, and God's voice confirmed Jesus as His son.

- Highlights Peter's suggestion to build tabernacles, illustrating human reaction to divine events.

(5:19 - 6:28) Transition to Mark 9 Discussion

- The speaker announces they will discuss Mark 9:14-29, focusing on an incident post-transfiguration where Jesus finds his disciples surrounded by a crowd and scribes arguing with them.

(6:29 - 7:24) The Dispute at the Foot of the Mountain

- Jesus encounters a scene where the scribes are arguing with his disciples.
- A man from the crowd explains he brought his mute son, possessed by a spirit, to the disciples, but they failed to cast it out.

(7:24 - 8:46) Jesus' Response and Healing

- Jesus expresses frustration with the faithless generation and commands the spirit to leave the boy, who then convulses and appears dead but is healed upon Jesus' touch.
- The father of the boy expresses his faith and asks for help with his unbelief.

(8:47 - 11:07) Discussion on Faith and Miracles

- Jesus highlights the role of belief in achieving the seemingly impossible.
- The crowd's reaction and the confirmation of the boy's healing are noted.

(11:08 - 12:52) Further Discussion on Disciples' Inability

- The speaker discusses the crowd's reaction to Jesus and explains the boy's condition, noting discrepancies between symptoms of epilepsy and demonic possession.

(12:53 - 14:09) Contextual Information on Disciples' Powers

- Despite having been given power to perform miracles, the disciples could not heal this boy, reflecting on their limitation in faith or method.

(14:10 - 15:48) Mention of an External Healer

- John mentions seeing someone not of their group casting out demons in Jesus' name, and Jesus instructs not to hinder him, emphasizing unity in purpose.

(15:51 - 17:13) Jesus' Reaction to Disciples

- Jesus rebukes the generation for lack of faith when the disciples fail to heal.

(17:13 - 19:03) Additional Context on the Boy's Condition

- The boy is described as having suffered since childhood, with the spirit attempting to harm him.

(19:04 - 20:34) The Father's Plea and Jesus' Command

- The father pleads for help, and Jesus commands the spirit to leave the boy, who then appears dead but is revived by Jesus.

(20:35 - 21:26) Post-Healing Discussion

- Privately, the disciples ask Jesus why they couldn't cast out the demon, and he explains the necessity of prayer and fasting.

(21:27 - 26:57) Reflection on Faith and Modern Claims of Miracles

- The speaker reflects on contemporary claims of miraculous healings, contrasting them with biblical accounts where faith and divine power are central. They mention an anecdote where a healing session led to a woman's death, critiquing the overconfidence in human ability to perform miracles without genuine faith or divine will.

(26:58 - 27:54) Comparison with New Testament Healings

- The speaker contrasts modern attempts at miracles with New Testament accounts, suggesting that today's attempts often fail to match the biblical standard.
- There's a defense against the accusation of lacking faith when miracles aren't performed today, pointing out that the purpose of miracles in the New Testament was to confirm the message and identity of Jesus and His disciples.

(27:56 - 28:54) Call for Faithfulness and Evangelism

- Emphasizes that while miracles might not be performed today, believers can still be faithful and obedient to God.
- Encourages an evangelistic mindset among the church members.

(28:56 - 30:56) Evangelistic Outreach Proposal

- Proposes practical steps for evangelism:
 - Suggests organizing door-to-door visits on Sunday afternoons post-service to invite people to church or Bible studies.

(30:58 - 32:09) Reflecting on the Early Church Growth

- Mentions the increase in church numbers on the Day of Pentecost as an example of effective evangelism, from 120 to over 3,000 baptized.

(32:09 - 33:20) Planning for Outreach

- Acknowledges the logistical challenges like weather but encourages planning and thinking about evangelism as the weather improves.

(33:20 - 33:48) Encouragement for Participation

- Urges members to consider participating in evangelistic activities, despite the difficulties in gathering people.

(33:49 - 34:35) Facing Opposition and Aging Congregation

- Recognizes the historical and potential current opposition to evangelism but stresses the necessity due to an aging congregation needing younger members.

(34:36 - 34:49) Prayer for Boldness

- Encourages prayer for the boldness to engage in evangelistic efforts.

(34:53 - 35:44) Call for Personal Commitment

- Invites those who have strayed to recommit, with the congregation's support through prayer, implying a personal renewal during the service.