

Church In the Community -9 Jesus Ministered to Their Needs

(Pass out verses to read.)

Matthew 9:35 (NKJV) Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Interruption for Ministry

Mark 5:22–24 (NKJV) And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet²³ and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.”²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

God sends interruptions to save

Numbers 22:23 (NKJV) Now the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road.

***1 Kings 19:19** (NKJV) So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

Sometimes The devil interrupts us

Acts 16:16–18 (NKJV) Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.”¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.

How Can I Help You?

Mark 10:46–52 (NKJV) Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

John 5:5–6 (NKJV) Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he

already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “*Do you want to be made well?*”

The Deeper Needs

Mark 2:3–4 (NKJV) Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

Jesus knew the issue here was more than physical. “Yet it was not physical restoration he desired so much as relief from the burden of sin. If he could see Jesus, and receive the assurance of forgiveness and peace with Heaven, he would be content to live or die, according to God's will.” – E. G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 267.

God Knows Our Hearts and What We Think

Mark 2:8 (NKJV) But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “*Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?*”

John 4:18 (NKJV) *for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.*”

Psalms 139:1–13 (NKJV) O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.⁵ You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me;¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

***John 2:24–25** (NKJV) *But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.*

1 Kings 8:38–39 (NKJV) *then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for *You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men*),*

Dorcas in Joppa

Acts 9:36–37 (NKJV) *At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.*

Acts 9:40–41 (NKJV) *But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.*

***John 13:34–35** (NKJV) *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

John 15:12–13 (NKJV) *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.*

The Church at Work

Proverbs 16:3 (ESV) *Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.*

Ephesians 6:7 (KJV 1900) *With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:*

Colossians 3:23–24 (NKJV) *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*