

How do I get in on a miracle like that?

Opening Text: Matthew 9:26-31

This is not old news and irrelevant information. No. Just like those blind men lived in darkness before meeting Jesus, there is still enough darkness left in this world, there are still many who need to find their way to Jesus and be touched by Him.

Maybe someone listening today is thinking, *If Jesus is as real as we have just read, how do I get in on a miracle like that? How can such radical change happen in my own life?*

Here are 4 ways to get in on a miracle like that:

1. If you can hear, then hear!

They heard the report of V.26.

They couldn't see (they were blind) but they could hear! They heard about Jesus raising the dead and healing the sick. You may be in the lowest of lows, in the most difficult of places, but if you can hear, then hear! Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. Let faith come into your heart.

Jesus said many times in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, ***He who has hears, let him hear.*** He also said the same in the book of Revelation.

In the story of the woman healed from a flow of blood we read:

Mark 5:27 - *When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.*

2. If you can follow, then follow

Don't be half-hearted about it. Get up and follow Jesus!

V.27 - *²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"*

- a) They were blind but they could still hear; they were blind, but they could follow! – they were not crippled. They could walk. What can you do?

You can follow Jesus even if you can't see Him – that is what we do. We walk by faith and not by sight! Jesus was not less real just because the two blind men couldn't see Him. No. He remained just as real.

Just because we don't see Jesus, He shouldn't be less real to us. He is real and powerful.

b) ... *two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"*

We don't know how long the walk was to the house Jesus was going but they kept following and they kept crying out to Him.

Interestingly, there is no record of any response from Jesus. He just kept quiet. That didn't stop them. They didn't turn back.

- They didn't see Jesus,
- They didn't hear from Him,
... but they kept going and they kept saying "*son of David have mercy on us*"

We may at times not see and not hear but that shouldn't stop us from following and from praying. If you want in on His miracles sometimes you have to persevere and stand!

3. If you can believe, then believe!

V.28 - *²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"*

- a) Finally, Jesus spoke! – He spoke about believing, about faith. He asked them if they could believe.

This is how you get in on a miracle: If you can hear - hear, if you can follow - follow and if you can believe then believe!

At times the devil will try to convince you that there is nothing you can do anymore. Yes you can. You can still hear, you can still follow and you can still believe.

- b) *Do you believe that I am able to do this?*

Clearly the issue was not if Jesus could do this, but could they believe?

Blindness of any kind, in the days of the bible, was definitely impossible and irreversible. Could the power of Jesus extend that far? Yes - but could they believe?

Mark 9:22-23 - *²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But **if You can do anything**, have compassion on us and help us."*
*²³ Jesus said to him, "**If you can believe**, all things are possible to him who believes."*

The issue is never **if** Jesus can do anything but **if** we can believe.

When faith is present His ability is released.

4. If you can respond, then respond

There is nothing passive about faith.

28b *They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”* ²⁹ *Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”* ³⁰ *And their eyes were opened.*

They were blind but they could hear, they could follow, they could believe and finally they were required to respond. Decisions are so important.

a) *Yes Lord!* – faith is simple; as simple as saying *yes Lord*.

I love the extreme simplicity of that statement: Yes Lord! Will you say YES to Him today? Will you call Him LORD today?

b) No more IFs but YES!

c) As a side thought, let me say that they also had to be both in agreement: there were TWO blind men, not just one. They had to be in agreement with each other. They both had to believe.

Matthew 18:19 - *Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.*

Conclusion

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These two men so wanted the touch of Jesus that they didn't consider what they *couldn't* do. They focused on what they *could* do. Yes, they couldn't see but they could hear, and they could follow, and they could believe and they could respond. Because of the touch of Jesus, at the end they could see!!