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Spiritually Aware Call to Action

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NIV[®])

¹ As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

James 2:18-19 (NIV[®])

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.

I. Deliverance

A. In the Synagogue

Mark 1:23-26 (NASB[®])

²³ Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴ saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "**Be quiet, and come out of him!**" ²⁶ Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.

B. Basis of Our Freedom

Colossians 2:15 (NIV[®])

¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

C. Speechless

. Mark 9:17-25 (NIV[®])

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by **a spirit that has robbed him of speech**.

¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

¹⁹ "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ So they brought him. **When the spirit saw Jesus**, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered.

²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³ "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

II. Healing

A. Courage & the Untouchable

Luke 5:12-13 (NIV[®])

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." ¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "**I am willing**," he said. "**Be clean!**" And immediately the leprosy left him.

B. Authority for Healing

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV[®])

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Matthew 8:16-17 (NIV®)

¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

C. A Woman's Faith

Mark 5:25-29 (NIV®)

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

D. A Father's Fear

Mark 5:35-42 (NIV[®])

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" ³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "**Don't be afraid; just believe**." ³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, *"Talitha koum!"* (which means, "**Little girl, I say to you, get up!**"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

III. Let's Pray

- A. A listening prayer ---
 - 1) we listen to someone else
 - 2) respond with a sentence prayer
 - 3) do not wait for affirmation/encouragement/answer
 - 4) lowest stress to recipient
 - 5) open's door to consider God
 - 6) reveals your confidence in God
- B. For example . . .
 - Heavenly Father, we need your mercy. Amen.
 - Heavenly Father, give us your wisdom. Amen.
 - Almighty God, thank you for your great kindness to us, in Jesus name, amen.

Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation

Deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom and the glory forever and ever amen.

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