



“Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.” – John 5:5



Facing the  
Impossible



# The Paralytic

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- "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." (Jn. 5:7)
- EX: Feeding the 5000
- EX: Wedding of Cana
- Wait patiently



# Persistence

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- Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, **'Get justice for me from my adversary.'** 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, **'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'**" 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (Lk. 18:3-8)

# Casting out a demon

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- ...a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, **but they could not cure him.**" (Matt. 17:14-16)
- So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 **However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.**" (Matt. 17:19-21)

# Casting out a demon

- Prayer and fasting
- EX: Ninevites
- “Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God...” (Jon. 3:7-8)



# Let go

- Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "**Who then can be saved?**" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible.**" (Matt. 19:23-26)
- "See, **we have left all** and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" (Matt. 19:27)

# Do not deny Him

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- “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.” (Heb. 6:4-6)
- “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:38-39)



# Summary

Wait patiently

Be Persistent

Prayer and fasting

Let go

Do not deny Him