

1 Is anything too Hard for God?

- Can things really change in my life?

2 One Thing in Common

- There is one thing we all have in common and that is we all have problems.
- While they may be different and varied, no one is exempt from trouble.
 - Health
 - Relationships (Marriage, Family, or other)
 - Finances
 - Life Controlling Issues
 - Fears
 - Loneliness
 - Rejection

3 Why we have Problems?

- According to the Bible, the reason why there is so much trouble in the world is because we are out of fellowship with God. We have chosen to be selfish, self-centered, and self-absorbed.
- This has led people to be self-seeking, uncaring, uncharitable, unfaithful, unforgiving, critical, mean, greedy, envious of others and coveting things.
- And when we think we can get away with it, we lie, cheat, slander, steal, and even murder to get what we want.

4 Why we have Problems?

- Because of such egotistical behavior, God has given us over to frustration—experiencing trouble and hardship as we knock heads with other egocentric people.
- Even though God gave to Moses his law—The Ten Commandments, nothing really happened to stop us from being self-centered.
- Instead of becoming obedient, we have become religious—hiding behind sacrifices, rituals and ceremonies instead of applying true righteousness, mercy, and justice.

5 Why we have Problems?

- However, even though we didn't listen to God's prophets and holy men, God still cared enough about the world and sent his special spokesman to speak to us—His Son.
- He was God's one and only Son—whom He was well pleased where the Spirit of God's favor rested upon Him with no limit.
- Proving His word through signs, wonders, and miracles, He calls everyone of us to change the way we think because God is now intervening in the world.

6 Why we have Problems?

- He promised that if we would believe His word and turn to God, God would no longer treat us as enemies but as friends and intervene in our lives—giving us help with our problems.
- He told us that we didn't need to live selfish lives any more as God would take care of our needs, if we would put Him first and be a help to others.
- And if we had any doubts to this promise, look at what God was doing through Him as no one could do those things unless the Lord God Almighty was with Him.

7 God's Approved Spokesman

- The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, (Isaiah 61:1 NIV)
- After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." (John 6:14 NIV)
- Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.
(John 14:11 NIV)

8 Why Miracles?

- So then the miracles that Jesus did testify . . .
 - Jesus was speaking on God's behalf.
 - God has the power to intervene supernaturally.
 - All we need to see the works of God is faith.
 - All the faith we need is the size of a Mustard seed.

9 Do Miracles Still Happen?

- I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12 NIV)

10 Miracles in the Church

- All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.
- With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

- There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. (Acts 4:32–35 NIV)

11 Miracles in the Church

- The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. (Acts 5:12 NIV)
- . . . people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed. (Acts 5:15–16 NIV)

12 Miracles Today?

13 The Blind See

14 The Dead are Raised

15 God's Promise

- Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:24 NIV)
- In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. (John 16:23 NIV)
- And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. (John 14:13 NIV)

16 Prepare the Way for God

- In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" (Matthew 3:1–3 NIV)

17 How To Prepare?

- Take the Words of God's Son and His Holy Prophets seriously.
- Turn from Selfish Thinking and Actions
 - Stop thinking that God can't carry out his promises.
 - Stop thinking that God doesn't have your best interest always in view.
- Put into practice God's principles for life and believe that God will hear your prayers.

18 Nothing is too Hard for God

- “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”
(Jeremiah 32:27 NIV)