

TOPIC Now I See THEME Good News of Great Joy

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

All of us face different issues such as those in relationships, finances and health. Sometimes, these issues make us lose sight of God and what we can do with His help. We can draw a parallel with the blind man who was healed by Jesus in the Gospel of John (John 9:1-39).

The blind man did not sin but God used him to display His works. Jesus put mud on the man's eyes and asked him to wash them in the pool of Siloam. In obedience, the blind man washed his eyes and received sight. Then Jesus proclaimed Himself as the Son of Man.

From this incident, we can learn three lessons that will help us to see the light we are searching for in the midst of all we are going through: Make God bigger, act on His Word and don't miss the greatest miracle.

NOW I SEE - FROM BLINDNESS TO SIGHT

1) MAKE GOD BIGGER

God is very often limited in our minds which makes our problems seem so big. We look for someone to blame when we face problems instead of seeking what God can do when we seek Him. The Word has taught us to bless the Lord at all times as well as to magnify and exalt His name (Psa 34:1-3). When we make God bigger, our problems will become smaller. God will deliver or bring good out of the difficult situation we are in. Biblical examples of these include:

- David exalted God before Saul and the Philistines. God delivered Israel from Goliath with David's sling and a stone. (1 Sam 17)
- Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God while in prison. On top of Paul and Silas being freed from jail, the jailer and his entire household came to salvation. (Acts 16:25-40)

Do not limit God through our prayers. He is so much more than what our minds can conceive so we should all the more work towards making Him bigger in our lives.

2) ACT ON HIS WORD

Instead of making decisions based on our feelings, we should use His Word to do so. God will intervene when we walk in obedience even if it may not be in the way we expect.

In addition, we need to have faith for faith pleases the Lord. The centurion acted on his faith by asking Jesus to heal his servant without Jesus having to step into his house. Jesus healed the centurion's servant because of the centurion's faith. (Luke 7:6-10) This is one example that shows that one action makes all the difference. Act on the Word for there is power in it. Let us not be blinded like the Pharisees who focused on the "how" that they missed the "who". Reflect on what is preventing you from making a breakthrough.

3) DON'T MISS THE GREATEST MIRACLE

We must never miss the greatest miracle for our soul is eternal while everything else is temporal. Work on your salvation, actively pursuing spiritual maturity, with fear and trembling and allow God to change you from the inside out to fulfil His good purpose. (Phil 2:12-13)

CONCLUSION

We must practise M.A.D. so as to not lose sight of God and what He can do for us in the midst of all that we go through:

- 1. Make God bigger by magnifying Him at all times. Our problems will become smaller when we do not limit Him but make Him bigger in our lives.
- 2. Act on His Word in faith. The Word has power and when we walk according to His Word, God will intervene.
- 3. Do not miss the greatest miracle. We must work out our salvation, keeping in mind that our soul is eternal, and allow God to change us from the inside out to fulfil His good purpose.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the three ways Gary Koh shared that we can better see the goodness of God? How does each way help us to see God? And what are some ways in which we limit God?

2. There is power in the Word and we must act on it in faith. What are the things that are preventing you from fully acting on His Word or causing you to have little faith while trying to walk in obedience? What are steps that you can take to make a breakthrough?

3. Recall and share on a problem that seemed so overwhelming that you felt that you lost sight of God and what could be done to resolve the issue. How did God show up for you? What did God reveal to you through this?
<u>OR:</u> Knowing now how big God is and that He has been faithful to people around you, how will you change the way you react to problems that will come in the future?