

## REFLECTIONS ON: Mark's Miracle Part 1 (Chapters 5-6-7)

### After reading the scripture, reflect on the following questions:

There are 18 miracles in Mark's Gospel, 2 of which are unique. The miracles helped to define the divine nature of Jesus but to also strengthen, for centuries thereafter, the importance of having FAITH.

-The father of the child dying, Jairus, and the hemorrhaging woman in Mark 5 were both experiencing physical, spiritual, social and/or financial pain. Are there ways in which you are currently experiencing similar hurt or pain? What truths from this week's message provided you with hope amid your hurt?

-Are there specific areas or circumstances in your life where you are striving in your own strength rather than depending on the Lord? Read Psalm 55:22, Psalm 91:1-2,4, Psalm 94:17-22, and Psalm 121:1- 2. What might it look like for you to rely on the Lord in those circumstances?

-Do you ever think that God's promises and faithfulness are available to others, but they're not available for you, right where you are? If so, what circumstances or assumptions might be causing you to think or feel that way? Read Psalm 34:19, Philippians 3:20-21, and Revelation 21:1-5. How can the hope of heaven redirect our thoughts, beliefs, and actions amid the afflictions we face today?

-In difficult times it's tempting to ask the Lord "God, do you hear me? Can you see me? Is my prayer drowned out by this sea of urgent need?" Yet, Scripture reflects God's heart for the world (John 3:16) and His concern for the *one* (Luke 15). Amid the disruption impacting people around the world, where have you seen that you personally have God's attention?

- Mark 6:45-52: Jesus walked on the water ... as soon as he gets in the boat the wind stops and "they were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; for their hearts were hardened." Why? Why were they so surprised that Jesus could do this?

- What did the disciples "miss" about the real meaning of Jesus' feeding the five thousand and His walking on the water? Why were their hearts "hard" and they couldn't grasp the truth?

- What is the most remarkable thing you learned about Jesus in these miracles?

- What do these stories inspire you to do to be more like Jesus?