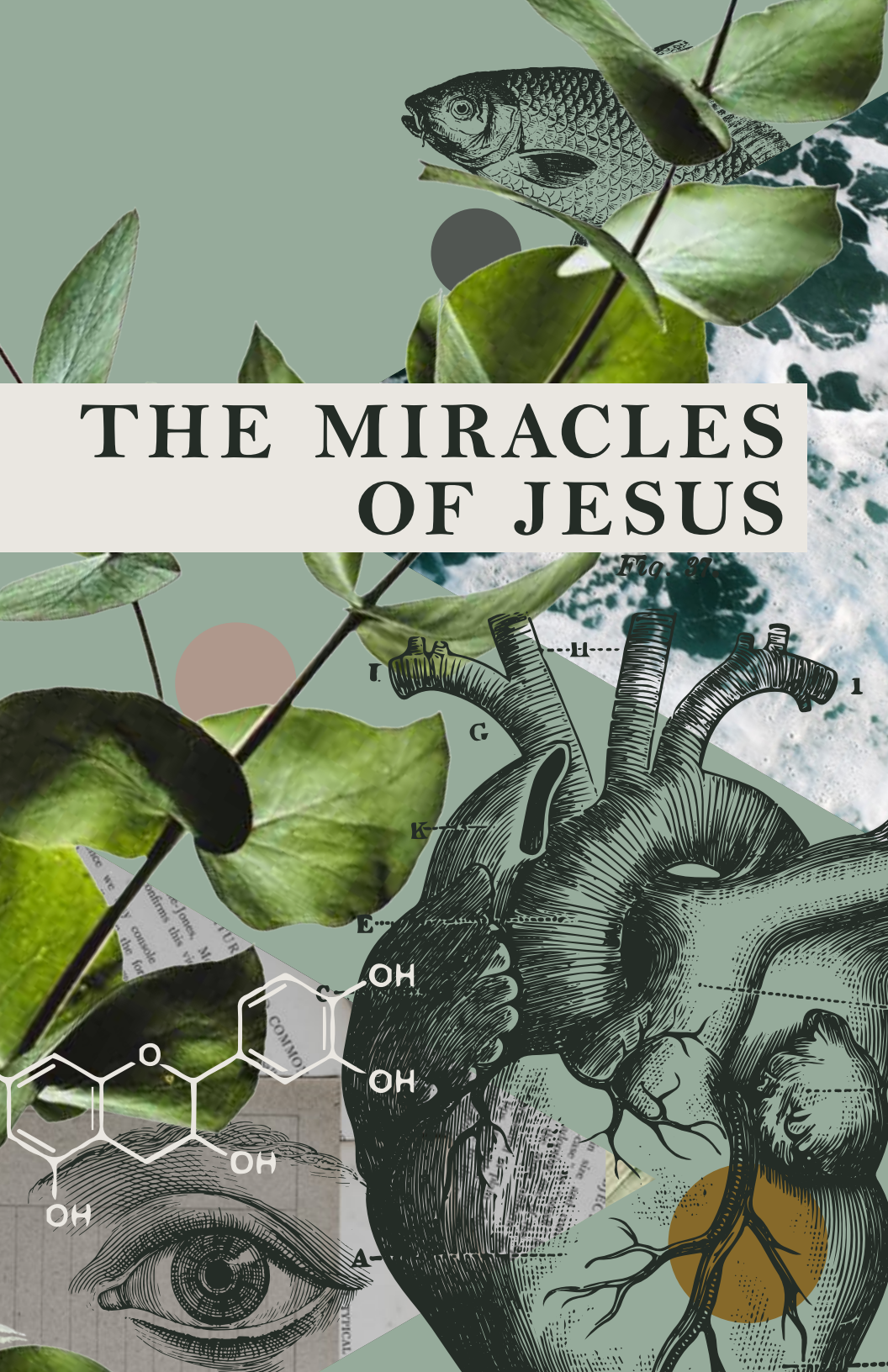


THE MIRACLES OF JESUS





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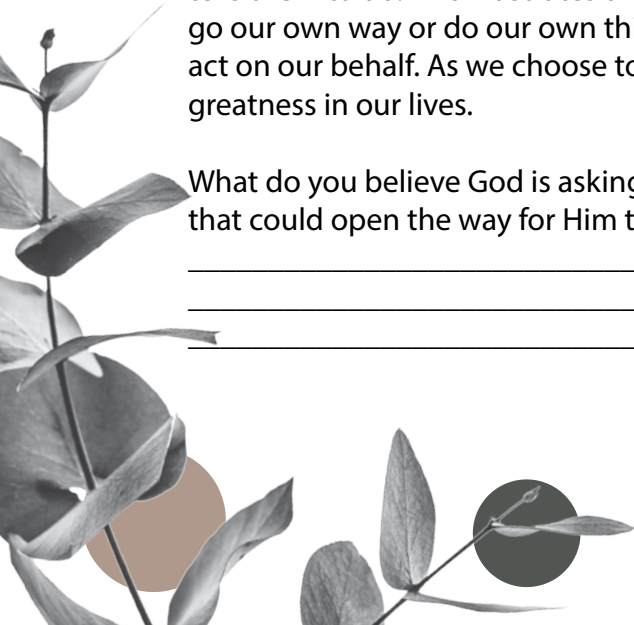
The purpose of a sign or miracle is to tell you something you would not otherwise know; to manifest a significance that might otherwise be hidden.

As you read the miracle of Jesus turning the water into wine, what does it show you about Jesus that is most meaningful to you?

Does this revelation encourage you about a current situation in your life?

In verse 5, Mary instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them to do. This illustrates the truth that we cannot go our own way or do our own thing and expect God to act on our behalf. As we choose to obey, we experience His greatness in our lives.

What do you believe God is asking you to do in this season that could open the way for Him to work in your life?



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Read John 4:46–54

As Christ followers, we are encouraged to live by faith. However, we typically don't welcome or like situations that require great faith.

The royal officer in John 4 is desperate to see Jesus heal his son.

Have you experienced a time of desperation in your life when you reached out to God to intervene?

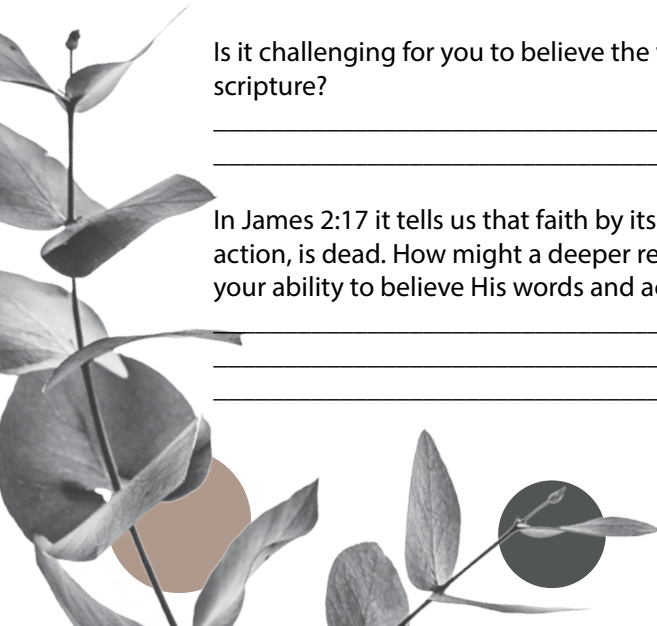
What was the outcome? How was your faith impacted?

In verse 50, Jesus replied to the officer, "Go, your son will live." The man took Jesus at His word and departed.

Believing the words of Jesus and acting according to them is significant if we are going to receive what He has for us.

Is it challenging for you to believe the words of Jesus, revealed in scripture?

In James 2:17 it tells us that faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. How might a deeper relationship with Jesus influence your ability to believe His words and act on them?





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Read John 5:1–9

In verse 6 we read that Jesus asked the invalid, “Do you want to get well?”

What was your initial response when reading this? Why do you think Jesus asked this specific question?

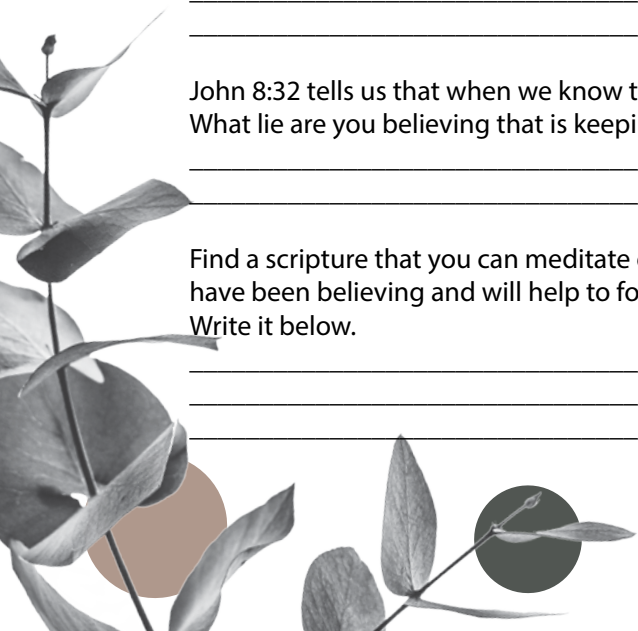
Have you ever been in a situation where you couldn't help someone because they didn't really want help?

After living with his disability for 38 years, we discover that the invalid's limitations went beyond the physical. His greatest handicap was his thinking. Our thoughts can cause us to get stuck from moving forward.

Reflecting on the various places we can get stuck (indicated in the sermon notes), which one seems most relevant to you?

John 8:32 tells us that when we know the truth it will set us free. What lie are you believing that is keeping you stuck?

Find a scripture that you can meditate on that confronts the lie you have been believing and will help to focus your mind on the truth. Write it below.



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Read John 6:1-13

We all face times of crisis in our lives. Times when we feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed by the challenge before us. Our limited resources just don't seem adequate.

In your own life, can you recall a specific time of crisis? How did you feel?

In the feeding of the five thousand, the disciples find the situation impossible due to the overwhelming need and the lack of resources. However, they find one boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew, one of the disciples, reacts by saying, "But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

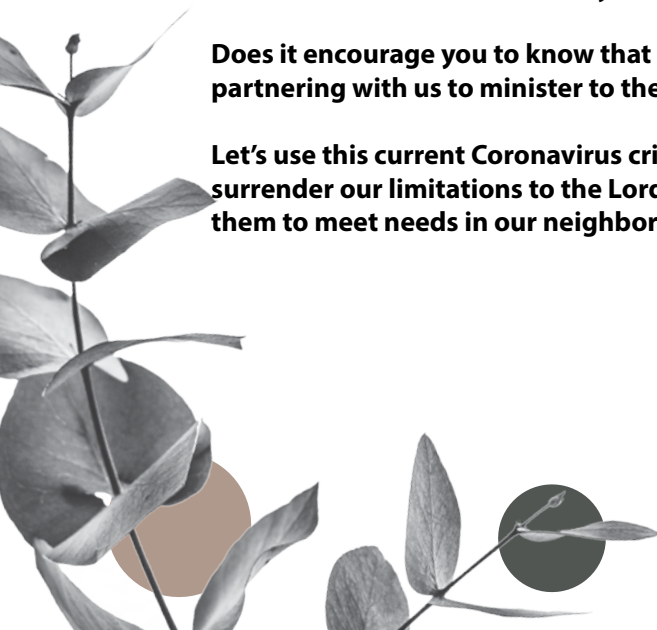
Are you typically quick to discount what you can give as being too insignificant?

It is interesting that Jesus required the sacrifice of the boy's lunch to perform the miracle of multiplication.

What sacrifice may the Lord be requiring of you to work a miracle in the life of someone else today?

Does it encourage you to know that God seems to enjoy partnering with us to minister to the needs of others?

Let's use this current Coronavirus crisis as an opportunity to surrender our limitations to the Lord and allow Him to multiply them to meet needs in our neighborhoods and communities.



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Read John 20:1–9

Pastor Farrell mentioned that Jesus didn't simply resurrect, but that Jesus is resurrection. What do you think that means?

Because of Jesus and His resurrection the way has been opened not only to eternal life, but also to abundant life. (John 3:16, John 10:10)

Has there been a time when you have acknowledged the death and resurrection of Jesus and have personally chosen to follow Him?

In regards to the abundant life, do you believe that God wants to revive you and breathe new life into areas that have become lethargic or lifeless?

What area of your life are you specifically asking God to revive in this season? (examples: prayer life, marriage, dream or calling, a family relationship etc.)

Take some time in prayer today to bring that need before God.

