

Blessed are the Desperate

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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When we are in dire need of something or facing situations that are impossible to deal with, we become desperate. Desperation is the feeling of hopelessness that comes when there is a recognized need that is beyond our own ability to meet. In times like these, we feel empty and must seek Jesus and experience His power to turn our desperation into blessings.

Despite fame, fortune, and successes in our lives, without God, there is a longing deep inside. We only feel blessed as we come to realize that we need Him to make us whole by filling the void in our lives that only He could do.

It is when we desperately seek God through prayer; serve with love and unity in the church and community to accomplish all that God wants us to do; and, witness for God in various seasons of testings or blessings, that the Lord would bless us just as He blessed and healed the paralytic (Lk. 5:17-26).

We must learn to throw ourselves at the heels of the Lord and reach out to the hem of His garment, just like the bleeding woman (Mk. 5:25-34). Like Zacchaeus, we must also learn to make an effort to seek God (Lk. 19:1-10). We must bring everything to Jehovah-Rapha, the God who heals, and allow Him to bless us by purifying our mind, body, and soul.

We must not let desperation lead us away from God. We must draw closer to Him in prayer and should not be afraid. We must cling to Him for He could turn our hopelessness to great miracles and blessings.

Reflection:

1. Were there times you that felt hopeless and desperate? Who or what was your source of strength?
2. What have been your ways of coping with desperation? Which among these have you found fulfilling and effective? Why?

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