**MIRACLE SERIES #10...."TROUBLE AT THE IN-LAWS"!-(Mark 1:29-37)**

**This gospel was written by John Mark mentioned in Acts 12:12 among other NT scriptures. He wasn't one of Jesus' original 12 disciples, but he wrote this book from the eyewitness accounts given to him by Simon Peter and the other apostles. As he tells it, Jesus and his four new recruits (being Peter, Andrew, James & John) spent the afternoon relaxing. Simon Peter is personally associated with 8 named miracles which Jesus did. On this occasion, when the sun went down, the people showed up. The Jews honored the Sabbath day from sundown of Friday until sundown on Saturday. When the Sabbath was over, they came to Jesus for healing.**

**The people who came that evening were suffering from every imaginable disease and affliction. Some were diseased and some were demon possessed. None, however, posed a problem for the Lord Jesus. From colds to cancer, from hemorrhages to hiccups, from deadly disease to demon possession, Jesus was able to heal every affliction that came His way. Some came under their own power, others had to be carried. The word “*brought*” in verse 32 means “*to carry as a burden*.” Regardless of how they got there, Jesus received them and helped them all.-(I DONT CARE HOW YOU GET TO JESUS, JUST GET TO HIM!!!) The people who came that evening were from all classes of life. The rich and the poor came. The influential and the anonymous came. The religious and the sinner came. Jesus received them all and turned none away. He reached out to them in His compassion and He delivered them from all their ailments!**

**He can heal anyone He wants to heal, but it isn’t always His will to heal. Some people tell us that Jesus promises healing to all His children. They believe that there is physical healing in the atonement. They use Isa. 53:5, which says, “*with His stripes we are healed*”. We need to understand that not a drop of blood was shed on the cross for our physical healing! When Jesus died, He died for our sins! Sure, there is healing at the end of the road, when we are taken home to Heaven. But, in this world, there will be disease, and there will be physical problems. If it is always God’s will to heal, then why was Epaphroditus at the very point of death in Phil. 2:25-30? If it is always God’s will to heal, then why was Trophimus not healed by Paul, 2 Tim. 4:20?...what about Abraham, King David and others who died of sicknesses? No, it is not always God’s will to heal! Sometimes He uses sickness in our lives as chastisement for sin, 1 Cor. 11:30-32. Sometimes, He uses sickness as a way to get glory to His name, John 9:3; 11:4. Sometimes, it is God’s will to use sickness as the doorway to lead us from this world into His presence.**

**MOST OF OUR PRAYER REQUESTS ARE NOT FOR THE LOST or WAYWARD SAINTS...99% ARE FOR SICK FOLKS!!! While our Lord does have power to heal; He doesn't always use that power to heal everyone we pray for. I have a hard time praying for people to be healed. I usually pray “*Lord, if it is Your will, please heal so and so.*” Some people would say that that kind of praying demonstrates a lack of faith. I say that kind of praying honors God! It trusts Him to do right and believes Him in spite of the outcome!-(TOPIC)**

**\*I've never figured out why men talk about their mother-in-laws so much!**

**(1)-A little boy had some bible questions one day and asked his daddy, "Papa, what's the name of Adam's mother-in-law?" He answered , "Adam did not have a mother-in-law! That's why he was living in paradise!"**

**(2)-** **A woman one day got too close to a pond and went in head-first. A neighbor saw it and ran to his neighbor and screamed, "Your mother-in-law fell into my pond, and it's got some crocodiles in it!". The man calmly said back to him, "The crocodiles are yours, so you'll have to save them"**

**(3)-A man who disliked his mother-in-law got three wishes from a genie. Genie: "The exception is that whatever you wish for, your mother-in-law gets double." Firstwish:"I want one billion dollars." Genie:"OK but mom gets two billion. "Second wish: "I would like an island off the coast of Greece." Genie:"OK but mom gets two islands." Third wish: " I would like you to beat me half to death."**

**Jonna's mother Hilda has always been a blessing to me all these years, but some people battle the in-law problems all their life it seems! I hope that I can be the right kind of in-law to my children's spouses. \*Simon Peter had a mother-in-law problem...she was sick!**

**(Contrary to my Catholic brothers teachings that Peter was the first Pope and that popes should never be married!...the bible even tells us in ! Corin.9:5 that Peter's wife even traveled with him in the ministry!)...and she wasn't a problem to anybody so far as we know...but SHE DEVELOPED A HEALTH PROBLEM!**

**(1)-THE PLACE OF THIS MIRACLE-(Luke 4:38-"He arose out of the synagogue and entered into Simon's house.")**

**The problem arose within a place of security...the home! Jesus and a few disciples had just left another peaceful place called the synagogue (house of God) when they ran into this problem. Capernaum's synagogue today is still only about 100' from what is venerated as Peter's house. Jesus literally walked out of God's house straight into a HOT SITUATION! (fever) Often this is how it goes with a GREAT CHURCH SERVICE! Jesus had just walked out of God's house having given Satan a whippin by healing a possessed man, and soon after that somebody's HOT! (After a great service here at Nebo often I am met with opposition while shaking hands at the door, or a dissident phone call upon arriving at home, or some other distracting trouble! I've come to learn that it is all a part of knowing that SATAN HAS BEEN DELT A HARD DEFEATING BLOW FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD! SOMETHING MUST BE GOING RIGHT WHEN BAD STUFF HAPPENS RIGHT AFTER CHURCH!!!(Either a miracle HAS took place, or it's ABOUT TOO!)**

**(2)-THE PAIN THAT CALLED FOR THIS MIRACLE-(v.30-"Peter's wifes mother lay sick of a fever")**

**In Dr. Lukes account of this story in 4:38 of his gospel, he refers to it as a "great fever"! The category of her sickness was "GREAT"!-(sin). Luke goes on to say that she was "taken" with this great fever. That word "taken" refers to the GRIP of the illness! The fever would NOT TURN LOOSE...and only Jesus could loosen it's grip to where it would "leave" her! The word "TAKEN" is an addictive word! Mark goes on to add that "she LAY sick of a fever"(it had made her immobile!)**

**(3)-THE PRAYERFULNESS FOR THIS MIRACLE-(v.30-"they tell him of her")(Matt.8:14-"When Jesus was come into Peter's house, HE SAW his wife's mother laid, sick of a fever")-(Luke 4:38-"They besought him for her") --*Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-"Ask. seek, knock"!!! In Luke 18:1-"He spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.")***

**Another emphasis of this passage is that JESUS WAS AWARE..."he saw"! Remember in the OT how that the Lord spoke unto Moses from out of the burning bush and said, "I have seen the affliction and the oppression of my people"-(Exodus 3:7-9).**

**(4) THE PARTICULARS or PROCESS OF THIS MIRACLE-(Luke 4:39-"He stood over her, rebuked the fever, (Matthew 8:15 says "He touched her hand"), then here in Mark 1:31-"he lifted her UP"!), then on two accounts it states that "the fever left her"!--He stood over her-(bedside manner), Luke 4:39 says that He rebuked the fever-(like he rebuked the SEA!), Mark states that he touched her-(Like he touched the blind man, the coffin of the widows son, the tongue of the dumb man, Malcus' severed ear!....and on and on we could go!!!-(His touch makes the difference!) Then Mark says that Jesus "TOOK HER BY THE HAND AND LIFTED HER UP"! Jesus will never LET YOU DOWN; he will always LIFT YOU UP!!! The fever LEFT HER-(right on the spot!).**

**(5)-THE PURPOSE OF THIS MIRACLE-(Luke 4:39-"immediately she arose and ministered unto THEM"!)...She served immediately, continuously, appropriately, humbly, and domestically (in the home)!**