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SERIES Jesus said and did a lot of memorable, meaningful and miraculous things during His life on earth. Each one of those things revealed something different about Him, but do they prove that Jesus is who He says He is?

Pastor Jared started his sermon with a summary of the new movie *Breakthrough*, and reminded us that God still works miracles. We can all experience a breakthrough in our faith, even when we are not an eye witness to His miracles.

1. Pastor Jared discussed superficial faith versus authentic faith.
 - a. Take a moment to be truly honest with yourself and reflect on this question: Are you an authentic or superficial Christian?
 - b. Does your faith fluctuate at times between the two?
 - c. Is there opportunity for you to take that leap from superficial to authentic faith?
 - d. What has been stopping you from fully trusting in God?
2. What signs and wonders do we sometimes desire and look for when we think of miracles in our day? What far greater, eternal blessings does the Lord have for you and your life (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:17; Philippians 4:6-7)?
3. The real miracle is not that the boy in John 4:43-54 was healed, but that the entire family was saved. What are some of your own deepest needs (Matthew 11:28-30) and how does Jesus truly heal our hearts (Isaiah 53:5)? Can you think of a few ways in which you can take Jesus at His Word and receive what Christ has already done for you on the cross?
4. Can you think of a situation where you felt that your faith increased based solely upon hearing someone else express their faith in God? Please describe the circumstances.
5. Do you ever think about bringing a situation to the attention of Fairhaven's Pastors and Elders who are willing to pray over you? If not, why not?
6. Have you ever had some physical or emotional suffering that led you to know Jesus better as a result? Tell us about it.
7. Can you think of a reason(s) why people in the time of Jesus' life on earth needed to see miracles in order to believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
8. Watching someone you love or even yourself go through tough times is a horrible feeling of helplessness. We want to fix everyone and everything but we cannot. What steps can you put in place to be more like the nobleman in John 4:46-54 when crisis strikes?
9. Reflect on the powerful question that Pastor Jared asked today, "Do you believe God is who He says He is?" Find a few examples of people in the Bible who answered yes to that question and how their actions proved it.

10. Would you take a moment to ask God in prayer how to truly have a healed heart and eternal life in Jesus' name? Ask Him to help you accept Christ for who He is, take Jesus at His Word, exchange sin for freedom, and trust Him as Lord of your life.

As they were coming down a mountain, Jesus disciples asked Him why they were not able to remove a demon from a boy who was suffering. In Matthew 17:20 we learn that Jesus replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Pastor Petty reminded us that faith produces peace amidst the chaos. In other words, "God's got this!"