

THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE

Part 6 - Opening The Door To More Of God

Text: Romans 15:4 NKJV

GAINING PERSPECTIVE

- A reason for scripture
 1. Read the stories to gain perspective
 2. Follow and eliminate
 3. God's perspectives give us hope

CLOSING THE DOOR TO GOD (*Mark 6:1-6 NKJV*)

- Jesus was speaking in His hometown
 1. This was not the launch of His ministry
- His hometown people missed what God was doing
 1. Focused on the humanity of Jesus
 2. In effect they brought Jesus down to their level
 3. They limited the Lord - could do no mighty work

OPENING THE DOOR TO GOD (*Mark 6:53-56 NKJV*)

- The people recognized Him
 1. They were not asking questions
 2. Recognized Him as a healer and miracle worker
 3. The only question for Jesus
 4. They acted on what they believed

OPENING THE DOOR TO MORE OF GOD

- Less questions, more declarations
 1. Instead of questioning "can God?"
 2. Declaring God can (***James 1:5 NKJV***) (***Ephesians 3:20 NKJV***)
 3. Instead of "how is God going to..." (***Romans 4:20-21 NKJV***)
- Shifting the focus
 1. Away from who we are in the flesh
 2. Acknowledging who we are in Christ (***Philemon 6 NKJV***) (***2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV***)
- Put some positive action into our beliefs
 1. Stop questioning if you have faith and can trust God
 2. Express thanks and acknowledge God as big in your life (***1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV***)