



THE EFFECTIVE WORK OF GOD'S GRACE

John 4:43-54

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Everywhere that Jesus goes we see that He is successful, even if it is in contrast to our success. We see Jesus as the master over distance in verses 46-54 as the second public sign of Christ.

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*"After the two days he departed for Galilee. **44** (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) **45** So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast. **46** So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. **47** When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. **48** So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." **49** The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." **50** Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. **51** As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. **52** So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." **53** The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. **54** This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee."*

1. Jesus CONSIDERS Unbelief (v. 43-45)

- *Problem:* The people of God can become too FAMILIAR to the beautiful things of God now seems redundant, mundane, or insignificant.
- *Solution:* The DESIRE to consistently grow in a personal relationship with the Lord reveals the awestruck AFFECT that His Spirit still has on your heart.

2. Jesus CHALLENGES Unbelief (v. 46-49)

- *Problem:* Some Christians are more ATTRACTED to the wonders of God and WHAT He does rather than being fascinated with WHO God is.
- *Solution:* Give RECOGNITION to the eternal God who created and sustained all things rather than seeking SUCCESS in material and temporary things.

3. Jesus CONQUERS Unbelief (v. 50-54)

- God doesn't react to us, but instead GOD ACTS for us and for His glory.
- *Problem:* Man REJECTS the gospel all the time and those who do not believe will face the ultimate consequence, the wrath of God.
- *Solution:* Man does NOT accept the gospel ALONE. Man only accepts the gospel by the calling of the Spirit of God at a specific time.

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*