



**"He that is least (with a John the Baptist ministry)
is greater than he." (Matt. 11:11)**

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Water baptism is accepting God's salvation.

"He that believeth and is baptized" (Mk. 16:16)

"Save yourselves" (Acts 2:40)

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IF MY PEOPLE...SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES!

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall HUMBLE (to bend the knee) themselves." (2 Ch. 7:14)

Oral Roberts made this remark after meeting William Branham, a man sent by God, for the first time, "William Branham is the humblest man I ever met." This is the same testimony of thousands of American Christians who attended his Salvation Healing Revivals held under Gordon Lindsay's tent. William Branham, ordained as a Baptist, remained so throughout his earthly ministry, even though he had received the gift of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

William Branham was preaching in a borrowed tent when he came to Anaheim, CA. It was under this tent that God healed my wife of a fibroid tumor. She looked like she was about four or five months pregnant. We arrived from Oakland into Anaheim on the final day of the meeting. The tent would come down that night.

Four men brought a man sick of palsy

Our trip to Anaheim to receive healing reminded me of the four men who brought a man sick with the palsy to Jesus. *"And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus SAW THEIR FAITH, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee...Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?" (Mk. 2:3-5,9)*

The Bible says, *"When Jesus SAW their faith."* Tell me, just how can anyone "see" faith? Jesus saw four men tearing up another man's roof. These four men knew Jesus would heal this man with the palsy if only they could get his body to them. They had faith!

My wife and I had been to Dr. Green of Highland Hospital and he told her she had a fibroid tumor in its infancy stage. He continued, "This tumor is fed through a tube and will continue to grow. After it gets large enough, it will flip, twisting the cord, and your wife will be in excruciating pain." It all happened as Dr. Green said it would. The tumor grew to where she appeared to be four to five months pregnant, and then it began to flip, thus twisting the cord.

I had previously been in one of William Branham's meetings and had literally SEEN miracles happen before my eyes. After seeing a miracle, you become a convert. Like the four men tearing up the roof, I said within myself, "If I can get my wife's body before the God of William Branham, He will heal my wife."

Captain drives over 400 miles to Anaheim

We had to drive over 400 miles to Anaheim from Oakland, Calif. The entire back seat of my car was turned into a bed. What if she had died in the back seat of my car on our trip to Anaheim? I would have probably been charged with manslaughter! Meanwhile, Jesus was looking at my faith. We arrived at the tent on the last night of the revival. The tent was packed with well over 5,000 people. What were we to do? In the middle of this quandary, a mature black lady came up to us. We explained to her how far we had come, and how much pain my wife was in. She said to us, "I'd give you my prayer card, but it won't do any good, the number is too large. Bro. Branham will pray by the order of the number on the cards and then suddenly stop. Bro. Branham will then look out into the audience, picking someone out of the audience according to a vision he is receiving from God. If you'll just sit in the audience and pray, maybe God will give Bro. Branham a vision of your wife and God will heal her."

Sure enough, the meeting progressed exactly as this Christian lady said it would. Bro. Branham had a long prayer line to pray for folks according to the number on their card. Then, Bro. Branham stopped praying for those in the line and picked several people from the audience to fit the vision an angel of the Lord was giving him. I'll never forget it when from the platform Bro. Branham, with over 5,000 people present, said, "That woman with the odd colored coat on (it was lavender), please stand up." And then he said, "You have a fibroid tumor and are in a lot of pain. God is healing you right now!" How could we not believe?

My wife had never seen Bro. Branham before in her life. All her pain was immediately gone, and the tumor receded from that hour. After returning home and waiting a couple of weeks, we again went to Dr. Green about the tumor. Dr. Green said, "It is now the size of a golf ball!" We never returned!

The man sick of the palsy had no faith

The man with the palsy probably had no faith whatsoever. These four men who tore up another man's roof were the ones with the faith that Jesus would heal their friend. Have you ever got so concerned over someone else who needed healing that you would even risk a manslaughter charge to see them healed? Supposing my wife wasn't healed and she died in my car on the way back from Anaheim? Family members would be the very first to call the police. Family members often cannot humble themselves to the fact a miracle has transpired, even on their own mother. But, as in this case, you'd hear plenty from every one of them if God hadn't healed her! "Dad, why didn't you send Mom to emergency? Why? Why? Why didn't you dial 911?" What about the owner of the house with a gaping hole in the roof?

Humble yourself in the presence of miracles!

Whether we completely understand the vessel God is using to perform miracles or not, we should humble ourselves. God is using men like Benny Hinn, Morris Cerullo and Reinhard Bonnke to awaken a generation of believers that God not only saves our souls, but can heal our bodies, as well. It seems that Africa was given to Reinhard Bonnke, India and the USA to Benny Hinn, and South America to Morris Cerullo.

The disciples found a man who was not one of their followers. *“Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle IN MY NAME, that can lightly speak evil of me.”* (Mk. 9:38-39)

If you’ve never seen a miracle happen right before your eyes, I want to encourage you to become like the four men who broke up a stranger’s roof to attend one such meeting. *“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.”* (Lk. 11:20) *“And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself.”* (Matt. 12:26)

I knew a woman who was miraculously healed of cancer. Irene had lost a million dollars through a marriage. Grieving over her losses triggered the cancer. She was leaving her home for the last time, enroute to her car, intending to commit suicide by driving her car off a cliff. She stopped to pick up the mail. As Providence would have it, in her mail was a picture of Morris Cerullo pointing right at her. Her curiosity became so intense she phoned several pastors about Morris Cerullo. They had never heard of him until she phoned a Pentecostal preacher. She decided to put off suicide until at least attending one service of Morris Cerullo. During the course of the preaching, Morris Cerullo told her to stand up. Then, pointing his long index finger right at her, he shouted that God was healing her of cancer. Fire immediately left Morris Cerullo’s finger and shot like a bullet out of a gun into the body of Irene. She was instantly healed of cancer. What a miracle!

Irene was an Eastern Star lodge member, and had never visited a Pentecostal church in her life. She was a Christian Scientist, as were her friends. You can receive a copy of Irene Cantrell’s story simply by phoning the Morris Cerullo headquarters in San Diego, Calif. It cost Irene something to drive from Oklahoma to San Diego to attend this meeting. Perhaps that may be how Jesus measures our faith. There is no sin in becoming a “roof breaker disciple” to be in the presence of miracles! Is it not worth a tank of gas to attend such a meeting to meet God?

“Why sit we here until we die?”

“Why sit we here until we die?” said the *“four leprous men at the entering in of the gate.”* (2 Ki. 7:3) The folks that receive the most in a Benny Hinn meeting are the ones who came the furthest away. Isn’t that strange? God loves to see a little inconvenience on our part, like driving 400 miles, or breaking up a roof. God does the healing; you just sit and bask in His presence. Isn’t this more beneficial for the soul than that cost to attend a sports arena?

We think nothing of the preparation necessary to attend the Super Bowl, but to go out of our way to see God work in a miraculous way seems ridiculous. Is America much like Capernaum in the days of our Lord? *“And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”* (Matt. 11:23) Do you press your way through the crowd like the woman having an issue of blood for twelve years, to touch the hem of Jesus’ garment? (Lk. 8:40-48) *“Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”* (Lk. 18:8) Faith is much like our muscles; lack of exercise melts both.