

## "Help When Suffering Leaves Us Helpless"

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2. **Question:** Are you going through difficult time in your life? Suffering? Agonizing about being helpless?

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A. They knew that only Jesus could help her v39

*Luke 4:39 — "39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them."*

1. Do we have to wait to have a fever to experience help? No. Fever is no longer a helpless situation thanks to modern medicine.

B. What kinds of needs does the Lord help?

1. \_\_\_\_\_: He healed those who were sick of various diseases v40; he cast out demons v41;
2. \_\_\_\_\_: "I will make him a helper suitable for him" – Gen.2:18
3. \_\_\_\_\_: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." – Luke 19:10
4. \_\_\_\_\_: "At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation" – 2 Co 6:2
5. \_\_\_\_\_: Like Lazarus, the dead will hear His voice and rise.

III. Help comes when we \_\_\_\_\_.

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B. Have you asked Jesus to help you?

1. David knew the joy of Lord's help - Ps 30:10-12
2. How do people in the Bible ask the Lord for help?
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  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - Centurion did not feel worthy for Jesus to enter his house.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ - blind Bartemaeus would not be quieted.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ - father whose son was demon possessed

IV. Deeds of \_\_\_\_\_ are how we respond to God's help.

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B. If Jesus should bring help, healing, comfort to us, how will we respond?

1. Will we serve him immediately?
2. Will we give we give him our time?
3. Will we help those who will go through what we are going?  
2 Cor 1:3-5

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