

I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus is incredibly kind and deeply personal, especially when we are in a weak place in our walk with Him (Hebrews 4:15). Tonight, we're going to look at a number of interactions He had with people when they were in a very weak place and see how He responded to them. Since He never changes (Hebrews 13:8), His interactions back then show us how He responds to us today.
- B. Specifically what I want you to notice as we go through these passages is the very personal ways Jesus revealed Himself to these individuals and how they responded.

II. Jesus' kindness toward Thomas' unbelief.

- A. John 20:24-30, read.
- B. Do you see how Jesus did specifically what John said, even though John was in a dark place of cynicism and unbelief? John's response was, "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28)

III. Jesus' kindness toward Peter's betrayal.

- A. John 21:1-14, read/reference.
- B. Do you see how Jesus spoke Peter's heart language, even though Peter was hiding in the shadows of resignation? Peter's response was to quite literally jump right back in and swim to Jesus. (v. 7)

IV. Jesus' kindness toward Nathanael's pride.

- A. John 1:43-50, read/reference.
- B. Do you see how Jesus focused on the one thing in Nathanael's heart that would provoke him to worship, even though Nathanael was steeped in religious pride like everyone else who believed they were superior those the Nazarene's? Nathanael's response was, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." (v. 49)

V. Jesus' kindness toward the Samaritan woman's marital failures.

- A. John 4:1-42, read/reference.
- B. Do you see how Jesus was patient with this woman who was riddled with shame? The woman's evangelistic response after meeting Jesus was, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did." (v. 29) and "He told me everything I ever did." (v. 39)

VI. Jesus' kindness toward me in my times of weakness.

- A. The story about the morning I complained to the Lord about not having a ministry logo.
- B. The story about my weak spiritual/physical state when God called me to transition to lead the GPHOP.

VII. Concluding summary.

Worship team please come on up.

- A. Do you believe in a Jesus who is very close and personal, or far away and general?

VIII. Q&A**IX. Further reflection.**

- A. What are some other similar stories throughout the Scriptures that come to mind?
- B. Do you believe that Jesus is kind to you in your weakness, or only good to you when you're on your best behavior?
- C. The maturity of our leadership is revealed in how we treat people in their weakest moments. (Home (marriage/parenting), ministry, work, etc.). Does your leadership reflect this?

Help me improve my notes! The first person to point out a legitimate mistake/typo on this document during service gets \$1.

Greater Peoria House of Prayer Announcements for March 9, 2018

1. **Welcome** to the Greater Peoria House of Prayer... we're glad you're here and blessed to be worshipping God with you! Be sure to pick up the **free** materials at the back table in the prayer room or the desk near the front of the downstairs fellowship area, which includes teaching notes, stickers, pens, prayer cards and more. **Daily schedule:** We have morning prayer right here in this room seven days a week from 7-8 a.m. Monday - Friday and 8-9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. We have afternoon prayer four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - noon. We have evening prayer with live worship from 6-8 p.m. Monday - Saturday. On Friday's, we have an extra prayer gathering from 10-11:30 a.m. Our **Friday Encounter Night** is from 6-9 p.m. and is our main corporate gathering each Friday evening featuring live worship and a teaching to inspire love for Jesus and prayer.
2. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** The 2nd annual Central Illinois Prayer Summit will be May 4-5 (Friday and Saturday) at the Gateway Building in downtown Peoria.
3. **Prayer room ministry opportunities:** If you are interested in leading or ministering during a live worship set by singing, playing an instrument, prayer leading or behind the sound board, please contact us at info@gphop.org. We'd love to have you serve on one of our teams! **Team ministry opportunities:** If you feel the Lord has gifted you in the prophetic (or would like to grow in this gifting) and would consider helping on a prophetic team, send an email to info@gphop.org. Contact Mandy Kistner at mandykistner@yahoo.com if you would like to schedule a future healing ministry appointment or help out on the healing team.
4. **Missions:** Please keep the following missionaries we support in prayer as well as be sensitive to their financial needs: **Ashley Bucknam** and **Alicia Wright** (ACTS School, Colorado Springs, CO); **Tim and Blair Fraim** (Florianopolis House of Prayer; Florianopolis, Brazil); **Eric and Erin Simmons** (Minnesota House of Prayer Network; Twin Cities, MN); **Amy Dirks** and **Phil Kellenberger** (International House of Prayer, Kansas City, MO). Also keep friends **Tyler and Sarah Cook** and family in prayer who are beginning a HOP in Ottawa, IL.
5. **Social media:** Follow us on Facebook (Greater Peoria House of Prayer - GPHOP), Twitter (@GPHOPPrayer), Instagram (@GPHOPPrayer), Vimeo and YouTube for regular updates and inspiration. Use these social media sites to get the word out, share pictures, quotes you heard, etc. Contact Derek at derek@gphop.org if you're interested in helping with GPHOP's social media.
6. **Refuge ministry:** There are several groups who use our facility for their ministry purposes. Please keep the following in prayer: Christian Business Men's Connection Bible studies (Thursday mornings), Kinisi 424 senior worship leader meetings (monthly/as needed), Garage Thinkers kingdom entrepreneurialism class (as needed), prophetic dance classes (as needed) and Sunday church gatherings (as needed).
7. We provide **free wifi** to everyone here! The password for the **GPHOP** router is on the chalkboard in the downstairs fellowship area. You can also connect to either the CableWiFi or xfinitywifi routers if you have a personal Comcast account.
8. **Prayer requests:** If you would like our community to pray for something specific, please submit it to info@gphop.org.
9. **Giving:** The prayer room budget is approximately \$3,000 per month. If you have been blessed by the GPHOP and would like sow financially into the ministry, we would be more than blessed. You can give in cash, but if you would like to give to GPHOP with a check, please make it out to "Greater Peoria House of Prayer" or "GPHOP"—your gift is tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity! It's helping make day and night prayer with worship possible in central Illinois. You can place your gift in the Saturday night offering during the 7 p.m. teaching or drop it in either of the two black donation boxes. Donations can also be mailed to our physical address at 117 East Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611. Donors can also use PayPal to give electronically.

*Thank you for helping to **keep this prayer room sacred** by ensuring conversations with others are brief and kindly reminding others to do the same. There is a large fellowship area downstairs if you would like to talk at length.*