

MESSAGE: The Lord Will Meet You Right Where You Are!

Mark 7:32-35 NIV v32 - There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. **v33** - After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. **v34** - He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha! (ef fa Tha)*" (which means "Be opened!"). **v35** - At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

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Key Details of the Miracle:

- **The Condition:** The man was deaf and had a severe impediment in his speech (or was mute), with some suggesting the disability might have been caused by trauma.
- **The Method:** Jesus took the man away from the crowd, placed his fingers in the man's ears, spit and touched his tongue, looked up to heaven, and sighed.
- **The Command:** Jesus said, "Ephphatha," which is an Aramaic word meaning "Be opened".
- **The Result:** Immediately, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he spoke clearly.

We must understand:

- He is the one who holds the hurting.
- He is the one who calms the storm
- He is the one who lifts the weary
- He is the God of every battle.
- He is the one who sees your tears.
- He is the one who breaks every chain.
- And He wants you just as you are.

The Lord will take hold of your addictions, your illness and your struggles **right where you are** and bring healing and transformation in your life. **STOP TRYING TO FIX IT!**

Psalm 139 is David celebrating the deepest reflection on God's omniscience (**all-knowing**), omnipresence (**everywhere**), and creative power. It is often described as one of the most intimate and personal depictions of the relationship between God and humanity.

- **(Verses 1–6) God's Complete Knowledge:** David acknowledges that God has "searched" and "known" him completely. This includes his physical actions (sitting and rising), his thoughts "from afar," and even words before they are spoken.
- **(Verses 7–12) God's Inescapable Presence:** The psalmist reflects that there is no place to hide from God's Spirit. Whether in the highest heavens, the depths of the grave (Sheol), the farthest sea, or even the darkest night, **God is present to guide and hold him.**
- **(Verses 13–18) God's Artistry in Creation:** Describes God "**knitting**" the individual together in their mother's womb. David praises God because he is "fearfully and wonderfully made" and notes that all the days ordained for him were written in God's book before they began.
- **(Verses 19–24) A Plea for Purity:** The psalm shifts tone as David expresses a fierce loyalty to God, distancing himself from the wicked. It concludes with **a humble invitation for God to search his heart, test his thoughts, and "lead him in the way everlasting".**

The Lord is telling us in the message to **"STOP PRETENDING", STOP PUTTING ON THAT MASK" and LET JESUS MEET US WHERE WE ARE** in lives so we can be healed, saved and transformed for His Glory.

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