

Sermon Notes

'The Perfect Ending to the Story'

John 4:46-54

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of 07-19-2026

Please read John 4:46-54

Study other examples when God answered prayers differently than requested: Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7-9), Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-18), Moses (Deuteronomy 3:23-27, Matthew 17:1-3)

Getting Started:

1. What does the difference between a closed-handed prayer (giving God step-by-step instructions) and an open-handed prayer (handing Him the pen) look like in your daily life right now?
2. When has God asked you to turn around and move forward with nothing but a promise to hold onto?
3. Looking back at your life, can you identify a time when God's "no" or His delay to a specific prayer actually protected you or led to a better outcome than what you originally asked for?

4. How does knowing that God wants to do *more* than we can imagine change the way you will pray this week?

Let's Pray: