

Luke 8:39

“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. (NIV)

1. God works His miracles through people. Thus, whenever a miracle is performed, there are thanks for the one who stood in faith and performed the miracle, and also thanks and glory to God who supplied the power and actually did the work. The whole lesson of Hebrews 11, which speaks of the heroes of faith, is that almost always someone has to walk in faith for God’s power to work, and the people listed in Hebrews 11 were “commended for their faith” (verse 39). So when Jesus performed miracles, it was not just he, but God acting also, just as it is when we, as Christians, do miracles, healings, *etc.* In fact, Jesus gave credit to the Father for what he was accomplishing. “The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work” (John 14:10b).
2. The note on Matthew 9:8 is applicable to this verse.

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