

Activating Miracles

Our experiences must be judged by scripture not scripture judged by our experiences. So we must study the Word to see what it says about this subject.

Your mind works like a computer so whatever is currently in there will remain there until it is deleted and replaced with new information

Part 1

5 activities that will catapult you into the miraculous dimension.

It's important to note that there are different dimensions of the miraculous. There are miracles of protection involving angels, miracles to do with promotions and new jobs, miracles to overcome sickness and disease, academic miracles, relational miracles (your enemies come and apologise to you) and miracles with regards to provision. Don't limit God.

What do miracle workers do differently?

1. They have shifted from theoretical knowledge to practical demonstration of power

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Heb 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Maturity comes through using the Word.

2. They have learned to guard the anointing

1 John 2:27

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

The Holy Spirit can teach you. That's what happens when you get revelation.

Remain in Him. That's how you guard the anointing; remain in Him. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit through offence or pride or any other deed of the flesh.

3. They exercise their authority over darkness

1 John 3:8

The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

4. They see the miraculous as a good thing central to the ministry of Jesus

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

It's an everyday thing. It's a lifestyle that is not reserved for special miracle services.

5. They are covenantal people who know what belongs to them

1 Cor 2:12-14

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Matthew 10:8

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, [a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

When you have a mindset that knows that you have received freely then there is no striving and no getting people to pay for it and also no pride. If I believe I have done amazing things to deserve my anointing then it opens me up to pride.

Part 2 – Keys to the miraculous in the Gospels

Luke 8:40 – 56

*Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. 41 **Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house** 42 **because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.***

- Jairus was willing to be humble and undignified due to his desperation. He probably had to push in to get through the crowd to Jesus.
- He did not send a minion or whisper to Jesus in a very dignified manner.
- Many people in his close circles were against Jesus.
- How badly do you want that Job or breakthrough in your marriage?

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. 43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, [a] but no one could heal her. 44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

- She determined how she would be healed. That was her point of contact.

45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

- Jesus knew how to release the anointing. You are a glory dispenser. What releases the glory in your life? What releases the power of God in your life? What causes the flow in your life? Don't short circuit the anointing. Do you know the things that short-circuit the anointing when you release it and when others are receiving it? Often its striving and overthinking things.

47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

- **You cannot have faith any further than your knowledge of what God's will is.** She must have been convinced this was God's will, based on what she had seen of Jesus.
- Jesus called her daughter. This is covenantal language. You are an heir.
- Because of the continual bleeding, the woman would have been continually regarded in Jewish law as a niddah or menstruating woman, and so ceremonially unclean. In order to be regarded as clean, the flow of blood would need to stop for at least 7 days. Because of the constant bleeding, this woman lived in a continual state of uncleanness which would have brought upon her social and religious isolation

49 While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

- Do you think it's too late for a miracle? Are you listening to people who are saying this to you? Do you feel like you are bothering the pastor?

*50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; **just believe**, and she will be healed."*

- Jesus still required him to **believe**, despite what everyone was saying.
- Fear is faith in reverse. He was instructed to not be afraid and then to believe.

51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. 52 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

- Have you surrounded yourself with faithless people?
- To create an atmosphere for miracles you need an atmosphere of faith.
- This may require you to be particular about which voices you allow into your space. This is why I sometimes close the meeting and allow those who don't want to be there to leave. The result is another level of glory.
- This is guarding the anointing.
- Jesus had already heard the same people giving a negative report.
- Whose report are you believing?
- They even laughed at him. Who is laughing at you now? Bad influences are not just immoral people, faithless people can also have a negative influence in your life far worse than the immoral.

53 They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" 55 Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56 Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

- Jesus continued with the miracle despite their laughter. What makes you stop? Is it laughter or ridicule, fear of being mocked or judged unfairly, envy? Jesus did what He saw the Father doing. How resolute are you in pursuing your miracle?

- He refers to her as My Child. Again, this is covenantal language. She is an heir. When you heal the sick be reminded of the covenant keeping God.

May you become a person of great faith

May you create a climate of continuous expectation for a miracle

May you always have the right thoughts and attitude during church meetings

May you make constant use of the Word

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