

A BREEDING GROUND FOR MIRACLES PRT 1

Act 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him.

Last week, you had a powerful time with Ps Stewart, and I remember him giving a word right at the beginning where he mentioned that this local church is in a season to receive rain and in a season of rain you must ask and believe God for rain.

I want to follow up on that word to launch our brand-new series, which we will be going through for the coming weeks. Let me dive straight into it – I want to talk to you on the subject matter **A BREEDING GROUND FOR MIRACLES.**

The truth is that at some point we all need a miracle, and the issue of miracles has been used to manipulate Christians to the extent that more and more, Christians have become very skeptic about them.

- As a church, we can either go with the skepticism or choose to look at the scriptures to understand the heart of God regarding miracles.
- Before I get ahead of myself, let's define what a miracle is? A miracle is when God temporarily supersedes natural laws to make a way for someone.
- In other words, a miracle induces divinity in a natural situation – the impossible becomes possible in the presence of divine intervention.
- Do not wait to figure out how to acquire a miracle when you need one because at the time when a miracle is needed, emotions usually will have the best of you.
- Let me say from the onset that your life was never designed to live from miracle to miracle but rather to live in a state of blessedness. Living from miracle to miracle is synonymous with living from crisis to crisis.
- What do I mean by this – a miracle is like an emergency exit, but a blessing is a way of life that is governed by natural principles.
- Because miracles are “unnatural,” they are never permanent. The Lord created laws that govern the operation of His creation. He sometimes, temporarily, supersedes them, but always returns the situation back to the natural operation of those laws.

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- According to Andrew Wommack and I agree with him, there are three important reasons for receiving from God through blessings rather than miracles:
 - First, blessings prevent crises, while miracles deliver from crises.
 - Second, a blessing is always a more abundant supply than a miracle.
 - And third, miracles are a temporary fix, while blessings are permanent solutions.
- Both miracles and blessings require God's power, but the difference is that blessings flow through natural means.
- Miracles play an important role in your faith journey – miracles have an effect of jump starting your faith and when your faith is up and running, it becomes possible to tap into the blessings of God.
- Due to the nature of miracles, many believers think that they just happen in a haphazard manner – every believer needs to know how to initiate and how to receive your miracle.
- One of the problems we face is that most Christians don't know how to receive a miracle. In other words, they don't know how to create an environment that is conducive for the manifestation of miracles.
- God is not confused neither does He change, He has a way of operating and if we tap into His way of operating, we will be able to access that which God has in store for us.
- The Bible is a story of the supernatural, where God steps into the affairs of man and cause the supernatural to occur on their behalf.

Examples of Miracles in the Bible

- As mentioned earlier on, the Bible is a story of God doing the supernatural amongst men and to showcase the limitless abilities of God, let me briefly remind you of the different categories of miracles found in the bible:
- **Creation miracle**
 - The Book of the beginnings tells us of the creation miracle. In this miracle, God spoke things into being, God formed things with His hands.
 - This shows the limitless capacity of God and God is still in the business of creating and forming things on earth.
- **Reproductive miracles**

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- Quite in line with His creative abilities, God enabled women who could not give birth to give birth to babies.
- These women partitioned God and He heard them - among them are Sarah, Hannah, Rebekah, and Elizabeth, to name a few.
- **Healing miracles**
 - When people talk about miracles, this is their default – God loves to heal His children because their physical bodies represent Him here on earth.
 - There are too many to list here, but God has shown his ability to overcome any physical ailment with a touch or even just a word. We see this all throughout the Bible, and Jesus modeled this when he walked the earth as well.
 - Healing miracles include people being raised from dead – there is nothing impossible with God and that means even death.
- **Provision miracles**

How to create a breeding ground for miracles!

- For you to receive a miracle from God, there are certain ingredients that need to be present.
- By looking through the Bible, we will discover that usually, there were certain conditions that are necessary for a miracle to take place.

1. The presence of a humanly impossible situation.

- Truth be told, some occurrences we call miracles are not miracles, because they didn't need divine intervention for them to happen.
- Biblically speaking, a miracle is an answer to a humanly impossible problem that someone had.
- Maybe you have not considered to trust God for a miracle, but today I want to challenge you to try the God of the Bible.
- The people who had miracles in the Bible had problems like skin diseases, deaf ears, muteness, faced flooded rivers and seas they needed to cross.
- It does not matter what it is; if there is going to be a miracle, the first thing you need is a problem.

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2. The presence of God

- A common trend amongst all the miracles of the Bible was never the recipient of the miracle but rather the source of the miracle.
- The power to perform miracles lies with God, regardless of Him using man as a means of performing the miracle.
- In the absence of God's empowerment, no one can perform miracles.

Luke 1:34 Then Mary said to the angel, How shall this be, since I do not know a man? 35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit shall come on you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you. Therefore, also that Holy One which will be born of you shall be called Son of God.

- This is just a simple reminder that the source of miracles is God. The implication is that whenever you receive a miracle, only God deserves to receive all the glory.

3. The presence of faith

- This sounds like a cliché but for you to receive a miracle, you need to believe that God can do it for you.
- The key to seeing God work in a miraculous way in your life is faith.

"Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'" – Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- God is the source of miracles but to receive it, you need to put your faith to work on your behalf. In the presence of a God type of faith, then it is true that all things are possible.
- As you apply your faith for a miracle, know there is a higher plan or purpose than God just doing a miracle in your life.
- We serve a sovereign God who has a will for our lives – God knows what is best for us.
- When you don't receive an answer for a miracle, it does not necessarily mean that your faith failed to work.

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- Whatever God does, it is always in accordance with his plan and will for your life. Sometimes that may include him doing something miraculous, and sometimes that means he will give you the grace to endure.

- Regardless of his choice, you must trust that he is working in your best interest.

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 "Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

- Yes, you need faith but regardless of how much faith you have, it will never supersede the will of God for your life.
- Sometimes, God will answer you by giving you the grace to endure the situation.