

A BREEDING GROUND FOR MIRACLES PRT 5

This morning, we are continuing with our series titled **A BREEDING GROUND FOR MIRACLES**.

One of the greatest miracles to happen to a believer is the very presence of God in ones life.

God is omnipresent but not always actively involved in the affairs of man. You must learn how to access His presence. James the brother of Jesus once said in *James 4: 8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*

James is telling us that God is waiting for us to respond – you are not waiting on God but rather God is waiting on you.

You must be hungry for the things of the spirit in order to receive things of the spirit – so what are some of the things we need to do in order to create a breeding ground for miracles:

- 1. Do not be familiar with God**
- 2. Ask God for a miracle**
- 3. Be persistent in your request for a miracle**
- 4. Be willing to Serve the Lord at all times**

- This morning, allow me to deposit 2 more insights in this regard. Lets continue where we left off last week.

Luke 5: 4 And as He stopped speaking, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep and let your nets down for a haul.

- We spoke at a great length about how serving God puts us in a position to receive a miracle from God. This statement was uttered just after Peter had served Jesus by sacrificing his own comfort – he was tired after trying to fish for the whole night and instead of rushing off home, he agreed to serve Jesus with his boat.
- I want to say to you, well done for serving God so faithfully, for being present when you were needed.
- However, I have observed that there are many people who have been faithfully serving God but somehow, they tend to miss out on the best that God has for them.
- Peter had toiled all night long without getting results. Take note, It was exactly at the same location that Jesus makes the profound utterance - *Launch out into the deep and let your nets down for a haul.*

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- Wait a moment Jesus, there has been nothing around here for the past 6 hrs – “what makes you so sure that I will catch lots of fish’, Peter must have asked.
- We are talking about the same situation but different results – that brings me to the next principle of putting your faith to work.

5. Speak life over the situation

- Your miracle is in your mouth child of God – Jesus spoke with conviction, as if he had seen the school of fish beneath the surface of the waters.
- There was confidence and assurance in the voice of Jesus – He commanded Peter to lower down his nets for a catch.
- When Jesus was facing the dead body of Lazarus, He commanded him to come back to life.
- Jesus rebuked the wind; Jesus rebuked the evil spirits and commanded them to leave. Jesus commanded the lame to walk, Jesus cursed the fig tree and wilted immediately.
- There is power in our words, when they are backed by the word of God – *Proverbs 18:21 Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*
- Many times, we cut short what God wants to do because our words counter the miracle we are praying about.
- After praying, ensure that your words are aligned with the prayers you have been making.
- Many believers have false confidence during prayer, which wanes away when they rise to face their reality. When you are facing the reality of failure, choose to speak success over the situation.
- God used words to create the world we see today –
Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light. And there was light.... 6 And God said, Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.... 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth tender sprouts... 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide between the day and the night.
- After God had created everything, He then created man in His own image – He made man in His likeness. You and I carry God’s identity – this means that when

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we use our words correctly, they will be as powerful in our mouth as they are in God's mouth.

- Each time, God spoke, there was a response and a movement. When you release your faith through the words you speak, you will receive what you call out.

Mark 11:23 For truly I say to you that whoever shall say to this mountain, Be moved and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he said shall occur, he shall have whatever he said.

- When Jesus commanded Peter to lower his net, I believe that at that very moment, nature listened and aligned itself with what Jesus was saying.
- The fish that had been stubborn and stuck at the bottom of lake had to pop up in response to the word of the Lord.
- You need to hem in your tongue, to discipline what comes out of your mouth to create a breeding ground for miracles.
- The bible calls the tongue an unruly member of the body – it means that it is stubborn and not easy to control. Your level of maturity is measured by the words of your mouth.
- So we see that Jesus is teaching us a powerful principle of using our words to create an environment where miracles can happen.
- After Jesus had commanded Peter to lower his net, we see yet another principle that will help us to create a breeding ground for miracles.

Luke 5: 5 And answering, Simon said to Him, Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing. Yet at Your word I will let down the net. 6 And doing this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish. And their net was being torn.

- We see Peter in a state of shock due to the words and the command that the master had given.
- The command was divorced from the reality of the past 8 hrs, that they had spent without catching something.
- Peter firstly acknowledged his condition but immediately, he made a shift when he said, “Yet at Your word I will let down the net”.
- This was an attitude of obedience as Peter was submitting himself to the command of Jesus.

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- But it was not just obedience that was at play here, there was something else going on - it was a deep sense of trust.

6. Trust God's nature and ability.

- Your miracle is tied up in your ability to trust Jesus enough.
- Peter heard what Jesus was saying and he considered Him trustworthy, dependable, faithful and able – Peter chose to trust Jesus.
- Trust is an assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something.
- When Peter said, *“Yet at Your word I will let down the net”*, he was saying even though it does not make sense, but yet I choose to rely on you.
- Trust is not the same as faith – faith is a gift we receive but trust is what we do because of that faith.
- In other words, trust is the practical consequence of faith in God – it will cause you to believe in the promises of God in all circumstances, even in those where the evidence seems to be to the contrary.
- That is why trust attracts miracles into your situation.
- Trust is summed up in the following scripture:
Proverbs 3:5: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”
- It was that moment of trusting Jesus that Peter became a recipient of a miracle.
- Peter had not known Jesus for long, but he risked it and trusted Jesus – you don't have to be old in the Lord to trust Him enough, simply believe that He has your back at all times.
- Several things happen when there is trust between people:
 - You share your deepest issues with each other.
 - You wait patiently if they said wait for me
 - You expect them to fulfil their promises and vows to you
 - You are at rest and at peace in their presence

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Psalms 93: 5 Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV) 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

Isaiah 46:10 (ESV) 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'