

A BREEDING GROUND FOR MIRACLES PRT 6

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

So far we have realized that there are certain things you can do in order to position yourself to receive the supernatural. For the sake of completeness, let me quickly run through some of the principles we have learnt so far:

- 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**
- 5. Speak life over the situation**
- 6. Trust God's nature and ability.**

- Allow me to add 2 more principles as we seek to experience the supernatural in our lives. We are learning these principles from moments where people of the bible experienced miracles.

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, Do not fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold! You shall conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name JESUS. 32 He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end. 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. 36 And behold, your cousin Elizabeth also conceived a son in her old age. And this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, Behold the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

- This is a story that can either bless you or can create offence inside of you.
- For you to be a true believer, you must be convinced of the virgin birth as well as the resurrection of the Christ. If you are wishy washy about these two events, your walk with Jesus will always be a struggle.
- Now, the miracle of the virgin birth or rather of the virgin conception, gives us another insight regarding how to access the supernatural.

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- We get our insight from verse 38 that says “...*Let it be to me according to your word....*”

7. Agree with God’s word

- There is a word for your miracle and there are miracles that can only happen in the presence of God’s word.
- Mary had a visitation from heaven through the angel Gabriel – the angel brings an astounding message.
- It was a message that was controversial and scandalous and yet it was a message from heaven. The message was basically saying you are going to fall pregnant out of wedlock, which was a taboo in the Jewish community.
- Mary was unknown, Mary had no value in the sight of her community, in fact no one expected Mary to amount to anything – but heaven had other ideas.
- This is not the time to resign to the current narrative in your life – heaven has other ideas for you.
- When the message came to Mary, Mary was not ready to receive the word - *How shall this be, since I do not know a man?*
- Mary was dumbstruck by the words of the angel and this is the case for some people. They are dumbstruck by the word and by so doing they shortchange themselves by refusing to agree with God’s promises.
- I can tell you now, there are some people who think that some scriptures were for the time they were written and not for them or for our contemporary times.
- Your miracle is in your ability to agree with the word, to submit yourself to the authority of the word.

2 Corinthians 1: 20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Isaiah 55:10 For just as rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return without watering the earth, making it bud and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, 11so My word that proceeds from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please, and it will prosper where I send it.

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- Mary was about to miss her miracle, but we thank God that sanity prevailed – this is when she said:

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

- Conception happened when she agreed with the word, the supernatural happens to you when you agree with God's word.
- The impossible becomes possible when we say amen to God's word, the supernatural takes place.
- Last week we read of Simon Peter catching lots of fish – it was also after he said, at your word Master.
- There is a story of a centurion, whose servant was severely ill, and he sort the Lord on his behalf.

Matthew 8: 8 The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

- The centurion placed a lot of weight on Jesus' word and was convinced that all that was needed was for the word to be released and a miracle would happen.
- Jesus marveled at this type of submission to the authority of the word and that resulted in Him saying *"Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in Israel."*
- Let your spirit agree with God's word – there are times where you will need to bypass your logic and your reasoning in order to allow your spirit man to take charge.