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Introduction

Someone you love needs a miracle. Someone else you love will need a miracle soon. Maybe you even need a miracle from God.

You could be the one God wants to use to work that miracle, but you “have not because you ask not?” Or you “have not” because you have not pursued the skill of working miracles as God’s Word says to do?

As I sought the Lord for our new sermon series He made it clear that I am to call you into a new realm of faith for miracles!

He exploded this 4-part prophetic series into my spirit! In the next 4 weeks we are going to activate your faith for miracles and show you from the Bible why they are necessary and that they are for every believer!

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1 Corinthians 14:1

Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts...**

1. All Are Called To Work Miracles

Mark 16

17 And **these signs will** follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...**they will** lay hands on the sick, and **they will** recover.”

1 Corinthians 14

31 For **you can all** prophesy one by one, that **all may learn,** and **all may be encouraged.**

Some dabble & play around with spiritual gifts, some utterly avoid them and a few live a miraculous lifestyle and they see miracles on a regular basis.

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Whichever one of these people you are, be at peace, but aim higher!

2. Don't Let Accusation Discourage You

Satan wants to turn this message into an accusation. Our Father calls this an invitation! Our God is a liberator, Satan is a dominator.

Revelation 12

For **the accuser of our brothers and sisters**, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down...

3. Do You Believe God?

Mark 11

24 Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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There are times God does not heal those we pray for, but we err on the side of believing for their miracle!

4. Our Church Vision To Impart Spiritual Gifts

Romans 1

11 For I long to see you, **that I may impart to you some spiritual gift**, so that **you may be established**— 12 that is, that **I may be encouraged together with you** by the **mutual faith** both of you and me.

It is very encouraging when God uses us to work miracles and see people healed and delivered of diseases. That is why we impart these spiritual gifts.

5. Why We Need To Be a Member of a Spiritually Gifted Church

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James 5

14 **Is anyone among you sick?** Let him **call for the elders** of the church, and **let them pray over him**, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And **the prayer of faith will save the sick...**

~ **Jesus’ Miracles in Matthew** ~

6. **Jesus Learned God’s Word Before His Commissioning**

As a 12-year-old boy, Jesus devoted His life to learning God’s Word and asking wise men spiritual questions. Are we this spiritually hungry or has something else gripped our focus?

Luke 2

40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him....46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both **listening to them and asking them questions.**

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47 And **all who heard Him were astonished** at His understanding and answers....52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

7. **Jesus’ Lifestyle of Prayer, Fasting & Trials**

Matthew 4

1 Then **Jesus was led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness **to be tempted by the devil.** 2 And when **He had fasted forty days and forty nights,** afterward **He was hungry.**

8. **His Preaching Ministry Begins**

Matthew 4

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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9. His Healing & Deliverance Ministry Begins

Of course most Christians are not called to this level of supernatural ministry. However, all are called to pursue spiritual gifts and to seek God the way Jesus did. Please do not judge your spouse or loved ones. Let them develop at their own pace.

Matthew 4

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him...

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10. Lord if You Are Willing

Matthew 8

1 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. 2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. **“I am willing,”** he said. “Be clean! Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

11. We Do This as a Body

Many are independently serving in ministry because they don’t understand the “team” concept. They may look successful and happy, but I assure you, they long for a healthy “body” to nurture and serve them.

1 Peter 4:8-10

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly...**as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another**, as good stewards

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of God’s varied grace.

1 Corinthians 12

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant... 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all...

12. Who Wants To Climb Higher?

This prophetic invitation will yield great rewards if you are willing to press toward it.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.