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Miracles

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Prayer: Wounded Healers (Monday's phrase while in prayer)

We're mending our nets while we're fishing. How is this possible? We're not trying to work for or earn our healing. Instead, we have entered into what Hebrews calls the "believer's rest." And we minister healing to others although we ourselves are still in need of healing.

A profound exploration into the occurrence and non-occurrence of miracles. We delve deeper into "When God Shows Up," emphasizing key teachings on embracing the supernatural within God's Kingdom amidst a dark world.

So if Mary was the mother of Jesus. And Jesus was the Lamb of God. Does that mean that Mary had a little lamb? =)

Earl and Morihara

Two huge baseball fans are wondering if there's baseball heaven.

They made an agreement that whoever died first would come back and tell the other if there is baseball in Heaven. So Morihara dies first and appears to Earl in a dream.

Hey Earl it's me!

What? Morihara? Is that really you?

Yeah! I came to tell you about baseball in Heaven!

So what did you find out?

There's good news and bad news.

What's the good news?

There is baseball in Heaven!

And the bad news?

You're pitching next Saturday!

Speaking of dying and going to Heaven...

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Last Friday Loren Cunningham the founder of YWAM went home to Jesus. How awesome is that to go to bed on a typical Thursday night and wake up in Heaven the next day! And a couple of weeks ago my yard man , Fred, died when a tree he was cutting down hit him. Life is not just short. It's fragile. What are you doing with the time you have left? Because you never know when God will call you home.

When God Shows Up...

...miracles happen.

Let's meditate on this today.

When God Shows Up miracles happen. The apostles were told to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and cast out demons.

Last week, Pastor Glenn gave an excellent message on PARABLES and how Jesus first established "common ground" to take us to "higher ground." We gather to scatter.

As you share the Gospel, you are commanded to do miracles!

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"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give" (Matthew 10:7-8).

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Definition of Miracle

A miracle is the work of God to unveil the glory of His Heavenly Kingdom on the Earth, a sign and a wonder of the Age to come!

Put simply, a miracle is revealing what is already there in the spiritual dimension. You're already forgiven, you're already righteous, you're already healed, you're already free, and you've already received every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 1:3).

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Q. Shabbat Discussion Question: What would it take for us to see miracles happen today as we see in the Bible?

[Video: [Woman Touches the Tzizit on the Hem of Jesus's Garment](#)] (4:12)

<https://youtu.be/cUSIKHF-CHU?si=iKzCI9NASIVRUo4I>

Dallas Jenkins the Executive Producer and Director of the Chosen decided to give this woman the name Veronica who according to Catholic tradition was the woman who wiped the face of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa. So it'll be interesting to see if Dallas gives us that moment although none of this is actually in the Bible. We actually don't know her name.

(Cf. Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56)

All 3 of the synoptic gospels include her story, and all tell us that Jesus turned around and asked, "Who touched me?" How is it that this woman was able to siphon healing power from Jesus apparently without His knowledge?

Faith operates according to a set of Spiritual laws (or Torah) and if you embrace these rules you can flip the power switch to miracles in your life.

Like Electricity

We've known about electricity since Benjamin Franklin and his kite. But it wasn't until Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla did we begin to understand how electricity works. I could say to Pastor Lori, "I know you want to rewire the Cane Street Cafe because the building is old, but copper wire is too expensive! Why don't you use thread instead? What would happen? We'd be drinking coffee in the dark is what would happen! Electricity operates according to a set of laws. Same with healing power! So what are some of these laws? Obviously, I don't know them all because I'm still waiting for the manifestation of my own healing! But here's what I'm learning so far:

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The Spiritual Torah (Laws or Instruction) of Faith

1. Seek the Person not the power.

If you're looking for healing seek the Healer not the healing. Healing is a Person. If you need salvation seek the Savior. Salvation is a Person. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil but if you seek first His Kingdom (Mt. 6:33), everything will be provided for you.

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2. Mustard Seed Faith

"For truly I tell, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20-21).

This is such an encouraging statement because people are always second guessing themselves. "I don't have enough faith to believe my family can be saved." Or why would God bless me? I'm not worthy. Look at how messed up my life is? God only saves those who don't think they deserve it. I guarantee this: 100% of the people Jesus healed did not earn their healing.

I know my dear friend Dr. Terry Wong made a good case that a mustard seed starts off as the tiniest seed but grows into this huge invasive plant that farmers find annoying it's so huge. But Jesus is not trying to say miracles happen if you attain a certain level of faith confidence.

He's saying that anyone who believes in Him even with the tiniest bit of faith can see the miraculous. I led my whole family to Christ with less faith than I have today. I was a brand new Christian.

So faith is not like those cheap rides outside the grocery store where if you put in enough quarters the ride starts. You don't need a certain amount of faith coins to see miracles. Again, our faith is in Jesus's completed work and compassion. We're not putting our faith in faith. Does that make sense?

But with a tiny bit of faith, we can move mountains. Your mountain might be an unbelieving, wayward family member who yells at you and resents you because you go to church. Your mountain might be a mountain of debt, cancer, or kidney disease. Or maybe someone is suing you and taking you to court.

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Whatever your mountain, MUSTARD SEED FAITH in Jesus can move it, not how much faith we can muster!

Spiritual Torah #3

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3. We're already healed (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).



“It is finished” (John 19:30).

I know we’ve said this one on repeat but when Jesus said “It is finished,” this wasn’t just a sigh of relief from the Lord that His torturous ordeal was over, but rather a declaration that His purpose for coming to Earth had been fulfilled. In the New Testament, the Greek word for “salvation” is SOZO, and it pretty much encompasses God’s rescue from every consequence of the Fall...So what did the Lord accomplish exactly?

- Perfect atonement for our sin
- Complete Forgiveness
- Righteousness, as in now God sees you as sinless like Jesus
- Complete Healing of all our sicknesses, diseases, and infirmities
- Prosperity—we no longer live in scarcity but in the abundance of the Kingdom
- Rescue from shipwrecks, accidents, tragedies...
- The reversal of the Fall
- Access to His Kingdom
- MIRACLES

The Crown of Thorns. Thorns symbolize the curse placed on the world at the Fall. Jesus took that upon Himself. Cursed is He who hangs on a tree (Deuteronomy 21:23). Jesus absorbed that curse onto His own body on a tree, a wooden cross. All the world’s hatred, sickness and disease, injustice and unrighteousness, He absorbed it all unto Himself so we could be set free and healed. He reversed the curse so we now have every spiritual blessing.

So because of the Cross, we are not only already righteous, we are already healed. The journeys for sanctification and healing are exactly parallel!

We've already got it all! Now we're contending for the MANIFESTATION of all that we received from the finished work of Jesus.

Torah #4 will take a little explaining...

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4. Conceive Before Conceiving

“Faith comes from hearing the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

Both Mother Mary and Sarah (Abraham's wife) were told they were going to conceive and give birth but neither of them were in any position to get pregnant. Sarah was 90 years old and laughed at the prospect. Mary was not married and a virgin. They could not “conceive” (pun intended) how God was going to do this!

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But when they eventually conceived *spiritually*, then they conceived *physically*.

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“By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised” (Hebrews 11:11).

So when the Lord told them they were going to get pregnant, they had to go on a little spiritual journey to first accept in their hearts the word of the Lord for them. But when they heard the word of the Lord, they got that mustard seed faith, they got pregnant. Faith comes by hearing the word of the Lord.

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5. Miracles are Voice-Activated!

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21).

“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:14).

“Hey, Siri! Phone illustration Miracles are voice-activated. God spoke and Creation happened. We were made in the image of God. So we do the same. We speak and Kingdom happens.

Works or actions do not produce faith, but faith does move us to take action!

One of those actions might be to SPEAK God’s will out loud to your issue. If you say things like, “I’m never going to get healed or I’m never going to quit smoking,” then you just spoke that over yourself.

Jesus said you have the authority to loose (which means permit) and bind (which means to forbid). Miracles are voice-activated!

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6. Relax in God’s Love for you.



This is our little Lylah-Belle. She just had a birthday last month and so now she's two. Everyone in our family loves to hug her and kiss her and talk to her, especially grandpa. We're all smitten by this adorable little child. In the same way, the Father is smitten by you. He is inclined to help you and do anything He can to save you. That's why Jesus came—to do for us what we could never do for ourselves.

The Father thinks you're the best thing He's ever created.

Tell the person next to you, "I'm God's favorite." Turn to someone else and say, "You're God's favorite."

He wants you to be healed! He wants to protect you. He wants to prosper you! He wants you to experience peace and harmony and happiness in your family and all your relationships! These are all available to us now in the Spirit! In fact, Jesus expects us to experience them! And wants us to pray this for others.

Some people say God is giving us sickness to teach us a lesson. Does that sound like a good good Father to you? What if I was babysitting Lylah, and I decided to slip her a little bit of poison in her oatmeal to teach her a lesson? You know, toughen her up! I'd be locked up! And Mark and Jalee would make sure I got nowhere near her! So in the same way God is not giving us disease and tragedies to teach us a lesson. These things come from darkness and unclean spirits. Jesus came to set us free from sin, disease, poverty and death. Can we learn lessons from our hardships? Absolutely. But God doesn't cause cancer or Down Syndrome or kidney disease to teach us lessons. What the devil meant for evil, God can turn to good but make no mistake all sickness, disease, and tragedies are set in motion by hell not God.

So if we're practicing the Spiritual Torah of Faith and everything the Spirit tells us to do and we still don't see healing, what is going on? That's the

situation I and some others are in right now. What should we do? You'll need to...

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7. Pray for Spiritual Breakthrough

We're in an interesting moment in history. Jesus has come. The Holy Spirit is here but the world is still under the control of the god of this Age. Miracles are possible, in fact we are commanded to do the supernatural, but it's not a guarantee that you'll get your miracle.

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The Cross was like Normandy. The Lord was able to establish a beachhead on the shores of Hell, but the fighting is not over! At Normandy, the Nazis actually lost World War 2, there was no way for them to recover. But nobody told Hitler. Well, some tried, but they were all shot as traitors. So too the Devil lost the war at the cross, but nobody told the Devil! So the fighting goes on.

There's spiritual warfare of some kind impeding or blocking our breakthrough. What? How can the devil stop the hand of God?

In Daniel 10, Daniel was fasting and praying for three weeks as a form of seeking understanding and guidance from God. He was deeply concerned about the fate of his people (who are still in exile after praying for breakthrough for the last 2 years).

Daniel himself was among the Jewish exiles taken from Jerusalem to Babylon after the conquest of Judah by the Babylonians in 586 BC. The Babylonian exile lasted for a significant period—70 years—and Daniel's experiences and prophecies occurred during this time of captivity.

In the biblical passage found in Daniel 10:13, the "Prince of Persia" is a term used to describe a spiritual being or entity that was opposing the archangel Gabriel. God wanted to answer Daniel from the moment he started praying, but Gabriel could not break through for 3 weeks because he was being opposed by the Territorial spirit known as the "Prince of Persia."

In other words, there was a powerful demonic spirit preventing the release of the people of Israel so they could return to Israel. I'll let you draw the parallels between that and what's going on today in modern-day Persia, aka Iran.

But here's the breakthrough prayer part: How long did the Prince of Persia oppose Gabriel? 3 weeks! How long was Daniel praying and fasting in the Spirit? 3 weeks. There's nothing magic about the 21-day period, but we all know how powerfully Daniel can hear in the Spirit. So whatever the Spirit tells you to do, do it!

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The cool thing is at the end of the 21 days, the Father dispatched the Greatest Champion in the Heavenly Host to defeat the Demonic Champion of Persia—the Archangel Michael. Michael is the same Champion who defeats the Red Dragon in Revelation 12. This was a boss fight in the Heavenly Octagon, and the Prince of Persia didn't stand a chance against Heaven's undefeated champion.

The whole time this battle was taking place, Daniel was praying and fasting. And that supernatural breakthrough in the Heavenly realm is what led to the release of Israel from exile in the natural realm. Cyrus, the King of Persia, suddenly had a change of heart and just released Israel to return and rebuild their Temple. How about that!

This incredible biblical account reveals to us that in this Age, there are angels and demons engaged in warfare all around us all the time, and the closer we are to a God Thing, the more opposition we face!

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“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done” (Matthew 6:10).

Jesus taught us to pray : Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Why is that? Because there are other wills being done right now. Jesus called the devil the “god of this world.” And evil people are imposing their evil schemes on others.

All sickness, trauma, and disease come from hell not God. None of it is God’s will. God’s will is for you to be saved and healed. His will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. There’s no sin or sickness in Heaven because that’s the perfect will of God.

Some will say, “Why bother contending for these things now? You’ll have everything once you die and get to Heaven. Well, that’s true. There won’t be any pain, suffering, or disease in Heaven. No sin or death. But that’s exactly the point isn’t it? You won’t need healing in Heaven! You need healing now! I need healing now! You won’t need salvation in Heaven! Everyone is saved in Heaven! You need salvation now! There will be no one to lead to Christ or heal in Heaven.

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“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father” (John 14:12).

In conclusion, God sends us out to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom which includes praying for miracles. Understanding the Spiritual Torah or Instructions of Faith helps us to see how miracles are possible.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND OG DISCUSSION

1. By faith, as best as you can discern, what did Holy Spirit say to you in this message?

2. Our introductory question was “What would it take for us to see miracles happen today as we see in the Bible? Discuss.
3. Review the 7 Spiritual Torah of Faith. Do you have any questions about any of these?
4. Which of these do you need to step out in faith and practice?