



- Our **connection** with God is more important than the **response** from God.
- Every miracle begins with a **problem**.

#### A definition of a miracle is this...

- A miracle is an extraordinary event manifesting as **divine** intervention in human affairs. Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77:13-14 (NIV)

Jesus said, ...with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26 (KJV)

#### Because of wrong thought processes:

- We stop **believing** that God will do the unbelievable.
- We don't ask God for the **miraculous**.

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#### Why God does the miraculous:

- God **cares** about us.
- God is **compassionate** to us.
- God really wants to **help** us.
- He wants us to look to Him to be our **provider**.

#### When we experience the miraculous:

- God wants you to know **He loves you**.

The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8

- God wants to expand your **imagination**.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever IMAGINE or guess or request in your wildest dreams! Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)

- Imagination sparks **hope**.

- God wants us to **believe**.

I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. Mark 11:23 (NLT) The man said, 'Please heal my son if you can.' Jesus replied, 'What do you mean, "If I can?"' Anything is possible IF a person believes. The father replied, 'I do believe, but help me not to doubt!' Mark 9:22-24 (NLT)

And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. Mark 6:5-6 (NLT)

- **Belief sparks miracles.**

You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it. Matthew 21:22 (NLT)

- God wants our **faith** to **increase**.

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Hebrews 11:1 TLB)

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain." Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel! Matthew 8:5-10 (NLT)

<sup>34</sup> Daughter, your **faith has healed you**. Mark 5:34

<sup>19</sup> "Rise and go; **your faith has made you well**." Luke 17:19

"Go," said Jesus, "**your faith has healed you**." Mark 10:52

...Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible. Matthew 17:20 (NLT)

- Every miracle of Jesus was a byproduct of someone's **faith** in Jesus. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Matthew 21:22 (ESV)

#### How to pray with faith:

- Pray with confidence that God **hears** you and will **answer** you.
- Be **persistent** in your prayers.

Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God. Colossians 4:2

- Have someone **believe with you** in prayer.

"I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Matthew 18:19

When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. Matthew 18:19 (MSG)



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

#### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What does the statement mean to you: "Our connection with God is more important than the response from God"?
- Have you stopped asking God for the miraculous? Explain.
- What does it mean that God wants to expand our imagination of what He can do?
- Read Matthew 8:5-10. Why was this guys faith so amazing to Jesus? Do you have that kind of faith? How could you develop this kind of faith?
- How can we pray with confidence in God? How does this show our faith?
- What does it mean to be persistent in prayer? How does persistent prayer grow our faith?
- Do you have someone that can agree with you in prayer? How is this an expression of our faith?

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