

MIRACULOUS PEOPLE

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John 6:1-14. 1Kings 17:8-16

Two miracles of provision.

Declared a miracle by a witness.

John 6:14 *Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.*

Webster: An event or effect in the physical world deviating from the known laws of nature, or transcending our knowledge of these laws.

Different types of miracles; Provision, healing, deliverance, change of circumstances, etc..

We are miraculous people, living miraculous lives. Vessels of miracles. We all need them from time to time.

A recent *Newsweek* poll shows;

- 84% of Americans believe that God performs miracles.
- Almost half of those believe that they have experienced or witnessed one personally.
- 90% of those polled are Christians.
- 67% said they have prayed to God or a saint for a miracle, mainly for the cure or recovery for a loved one in a health crisis.

Kenneth L. Woodward, author of the recently released *The Book Of Miracles*, writes, “Miracle stories, ancient and modern, do two things: They explain the ways of God to the faithful, and they are means by which believers experience the presence of God.”

Without miracles we become frustrated trying to produce results from within our own natural boundaries. We produce stress, fear of failure, frustration and confusion.

We are naturally limited, but as believers, supernaturally! unlimited!

Miraculous people;

I. Expect Miracles To Happen.

A. Not all believers in Christ are expecters.

Mark 16:17-20 *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; :18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. :19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. :20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

1. At first, the widow didn't expect. vs. 12
 - a. She had a contingency plan for defeat and failure.
 1Kgs. 17:12 *And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.*
 2. Nor did Phillip and Peter.
 John 6:7-9 *Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. 8. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9. There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?*
 - a. They questioned the power of God.
 John 6:9 *There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?*
 - b. Unexpectant people always question God.
 [1.] What if?, Why?, How?
 - c. Unexpectant people hope rather than expect.
- B. All expecters are receivers of miracles.
1. Abraham expected when asked to sacrifice Isaac, and received.
 Gen. 22:5 *And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.*
 2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego expected in the fiery furnace and received.
 Dan. 3:17 *If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.*
 3. David expected when facing Goliath and received.
 1Sam. 17:37 *David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.*
- C. Expectation comes from developing faith in God's Word.
1. The widow had the Word.
 1Kgs. 17:9 *Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.*
 2. The disciples had the Word.
 - a. Had been with Jesus for some time and had seen him operate in miracles before.
 - b. He even tested their faith.
 John 6:5-6 *When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.*

- C. You have the Word.
 - 1. Builds faith, if you'll permit it. Rms. 10:17
 - a. Provides opportunities to believe and expect. vs. 6
 - 2. What you do with God's Word is a matter of your own personal choice.
 - a. You must choose to expect or reject.
- D. Somebody's gotta believe and expect. Elijah, Jesus and the boy.

II. Are Totally Committed.

- A. The widow finally submitted to the word and gave all. vs. 13, 15.
- B. The boy gave all John 6:11
- C. God will take all, if you offer.
 - 1. Elijah didn't hesitate to take all she had. vs. 13
 - 2. Jesus took. vs. 11
 - 3. The widow's mite. Luke 21:4 Jesus commented on her commitment but didn't offer to return it.
 - a. She had to truly sacrifice it all.
 - 4. God wants all of you.
 - a. It's for your benefit.
 - [1.] Places you in a position of blessing.
 - b. Lord of all or not Lord at all.

III. Don't Give Up.

- A. The widow had given up. vs. 12
 - 1. Until the prophet came.
 - a. Gave her encouragement, hope and faith.
 - [1.] People can give these things to others. Transfer of attitude.
- B. The disciples had given up.

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- C. Don't you give up!
 - 1. Your attitude towards a situation, not the situation determines victory or defeat.
 - 2. Eph. 6:13 *and having done all, to stand.*
 - 3. Luke 21:19 *In your patience possess ye your souls.*

Conclusion:

The present miracle prepares and empowers you for your next one.

1. The widow's son. 1 Kings 17:21
2. Leftovers.
John 6:12-13 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. 13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.
 - a. Good stewardship provides for the future.
3. Miracles produce faith within yourself and in others;
 - a. The widow.
1Kgs. 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.
 - b. The onlookers.
John 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.
Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Faith is acting on your belief system. Believe for and expect the miraculous.

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