

## Little steps to GREAT MIRACLES

MOSES saw Jesus -  
landed  
John - 7 miracles and 7 I am

First miracle – Lord –  
override process of nature

The BIG problem –  
occasion for the first  
miracle

Bible: all **famine** – ends up  
good for God's people – **crisis**  
→ **opport**

50 yrs of work in an  
instance

quicken process - transfer  
LORD over processes of  
nature

John 2:5 His mother said to the  
servants, "Do whatever he tells  
you."

Famine – don't go Egypt -  
NOW WORD – healed in  
dream - service

Genesis 26:12-13

12 Then Isaac sowed in that  
land, and reaped in the same  
year a hundredfold; and the  
LORD blessed him. 13 The man  
began to prosper, and continued  
prospering until he became very  
prosperous. NKJV

Issac face up to his resp –  
sow – hundredfold

Family **well** being – key to  
**enduring** blessing

1 Peter 3:7 Considerate,  
sensitive and attentive

Ephesians 5:33 Respect and  
honor

Ephesians 6:2-3 Honor our  
parents

Proverbs 18:8 Responsibility  
& loyalty

8 The words of a gossip are  
like choice morsels; they go  
down to a man's inmost parts.

Not nice not to stop hearing  
– just airing frustration

Eventually **smell** – dark  
**shadow** - mentor block

– can't see things – do things  
properly & creatively

Sometimes, it's **own** negative thots  
that D puts in that pollute and  
create the wall

God is the **One** that made things  
right for Issac

– Isaac didn't suddenly realized  
his mistake. That's grace!

Not our **work** - all we need – bring  
**empty** vessels – fill it w water – not  
**MORBID**

So **don't** go into a **morbid** self  
examination for hours – just - open  
to Word to shine

If something is wrong, God will see  
to it that it will be made right

Your part - **allow** his **word** – **shine**  
– allow him to work in your life

John 4:46-53

46 Once more he visited Cana in  
Galilee, where he had turned the  
water into wine. And there was a  
certain **royal** official whose son lay  
sick at Capernaum.

Again – 3<sup>rd</sup> day – day of Christ'  
Ress

**Rich** powerful – but loosing  
**hope**  
– fut

47 When this man heard that Jesus  
had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he  
went to him and begged him to come  
and heal his son, who was close to  
death.

48 "Unless you people see  
miraculous signs and wonders,"  
Jesus told him, "you will never  
believe." 49 The royal official said,  
"Sir, come down before my child  
dies." 50 Jesus replied, "You may  
**GO**. Your son will live."

What Jesus said must have  
**stunted** him – COME \_ GO

**NEVER EXPECTED** Jesus to  
say this – **NAMAN** – too simple

Jesus always does – beyond our  
expectation

**Namaan** – not really pride – super  
sp or reli mind set – God must do  
things such and such a way

50b The man took Jesus at his word  
and departed.

The way back – time of great  
**suspense** – walking towards  
**Sunset**, more and more  
gloomier

Capernaum is East of Canaan

Must be very **depressing** –

getting **darker** and darker

51 While he was still on the way,  
his servants met him with the news  
that his boy was living. 52 When he  
inquired as to the time when his  
son got better, they said to him,  
"The fever left him yesterday at the  
seventh hour." 53 Then the father  
realized that this was the **exact**  
**time at which Jesus had said** to  
him, "Your son will live." So he and  
all his household believed.

54 This was the second  
miraculous sign that Jesus  
performed, having come from  
Judea to Galilee.

**Glad** taken the **first** small  
step

You can never underestimate  
the importance of taking **little**  
**steps**  
**Why?**

My **house** – Shah Alam – OUG  
Panjang - Tan Yew Lai – SS2

**Another** story – bring out rev  
truth – little steps of faith  
**Matter est** – 2 or 3 witness

1 Kings 17:2-11

Elijah – Ahab – as long as God is  
alive, no dew nor rain next 3 yrs  
except at my word

2 Then the word of the LORD came  
to Elijah: 3 "Leave here, turn  
eastward and hide in the Kerith  
Ravine, **EAST** of the Jordan. 4 You  
will drink from the brook, and I have  
ordered the ravens to feed you there."

**Famine** – east - Isaiah 60:5

5 Then you will look and be  
radiant,

your heart will throb and swell  
with joy;

the wealth on the seas will be  
brought to you, to you the riches of  
the nations will come.

**Bread and meat** – morn – **EVEN**

9 "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and  
stay there. I have commanded a widow in  
that place to supply you with food."

Where Jezebel came from – grace

**Unworthy** – grace – **Jesus** – many  
widows –

10 So he went to Zarephath. When he  
came to the town gate, a widow was there  
gathering sticks. He called to her and  
asked, "Would you bring me a **little** water in  
a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was  
going to get it, he called, "And bring me,  
please, a piece of bread."

Start w what she can – **LITTLE**  
water → bread – start **small** steps

**Why** does God start with **small**  
**steps?**

God is not asking what you **don't** have  
– what you have

Prominent **international** speaker –  
check w Ps Ver – exercise care - Undo  
the foundation

Our **foundation** – GIVING is out of  
**GRACE**

**What's** the difference between  
giving out of grace and giving out  
of law?

**Law** – Give or get **Curse!**

Focus: what I can do – what I  
**promise** – vow

Prob: cant fulfill – feel **guilty**,  
condemned, doubt God, give up  
We think our promise will induce God  
to bless

**Giving** as a form of **work** to induce  
God to bless may hinder your blessings

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works  
of the law are under the curse;

Ver & me **laugh**

Faith promise offering? not a vow  
– but an expression of **desire** to  
give, wont be curse if can't

Eg. Express for healing, not  
condemned if not healed

Not promise what we don't have  
but what we do have

2 Corinthians 8:12

12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is  
acceptable according to what one has, not  
according to what he does not have.

David – express desire to build  
God a house

Not every desire – will of God

So best not make a vow – forcing God to do what you want

If God give break thru – send 10 peo to Korea

What if that's not God's will, you cant have your breakthrough!

Grace – not focus on I promising God but God's promising us!

Give what you have (God supplies seed) – joyfully

NCC peo interviewed – gratitude – life changed – no pledges or promises

Judges 11:30-31 Jephthah

Vow – whatever comes out of door meet me – when return – sac burnt offering

30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD: "If you give the Ammonites into my hands, 31 whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return will be the LORD's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering."

Some – just single rest of life, MOST

Even so – what a way putting kids into such condition – not calling – unthinking act

Sometimes like Jephthah, make a soulish vow/promise: may Not will of God

What do?

Sometimes, ago – Kong Hee – article – believe set many free

Promises – OT – father/husb can nullify – priest – pay 20% Lev 27 19,26-27

Number 30:3-16

The vow of a daughter or a wife was void if not agreed by the father or husband

Jephthah don't have to have daughter killed, celibate for life against her will

Don't have father – husb?

Have Jesus – High Priest – can set us free from curse of the law

Still prob – see ZP

Matthew 16:19

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

1 Kings 17:12-14

"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'"

2 ½ years more – happen exactly as word spoken

15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Wondered – why didn't

continue the miracle in the brook – easy for God

If – he alone will be blessed but no one else

Why did God ask Elijah to go to Sidon?

God has set the woman up for a blessing!

Go at ONCE?

Why go at once?

God – not want delay – again

- simple steps

Reason – Miracle seed –

God has set YOU for blessings—same yr (Isaac)

Reluctant – don't want to copy – till – realize – ROB – set blessings – SAME year

LED – peace; No rev – don't give

If you here first time, think all I talk – FOCUS: receive, best giver Haggai 1:2-4

2 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the LORD's house to be built.'"

3 Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

Nothing wrong with houses – heart is for the house of the Lord – no gratitude

Despite hardship – still have panel house

Ch growth experts – if ch ¾ filled, time to find new sanctuary

2 Corinthians 9:6

whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (Out of grace)

Why house of God so special Haggai 1:8

8 Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified (honored, worshipped as I should)," says the LORD. NKJV

Last thing want to do

– ch OK – good enough for me personally – doing OK

just want to bring greater glory to the LORD

Mt – get wood! Do what you can – Everyone can walk! Little step

19 m – 22,000 - average 8xx

Oh no problem - You – surely not the average – most touching –

Don't underestimate what you can do and what you DO have!

Amazing what you do have

Amazing giving – touch – after 2 ½ paid – anointing – brought to tears – so many contri – big and small

One of many – always brought to mind - Gdn SS2 – trim garden 100 – gardener gave 1000! He got amazing – company car ...

Haggai 2:6-9

Haggai 2:18-19

18 From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought: 19 Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit.

"From this day on I will bless you."

What day – foundation – ano assurance – Miracle seed – pray for supernatural release of debts

1 Chron 22:5-6 ... the house to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it. So David made abundant preparations ... NKJV

Our focus build peo

If our focus is building people, why do we again build a building?

One of the very powerful ways to build people is the building of the house of God.

Haggai 2:8 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. NIV 9 The new Temple will be more splendid (glorious, greater) than the old one, and there I will give my people prosperity and peace." The LORD Almighty has spoken. TEV

The readiness to give breaks great bondages in relationships.

Ready to give – finance – easy to give in terms of rel

One major cause of rel prob: demanding and getting

Why marry? Oh – you don't know – fulfill my deepest need, caring, attentive to my needs – after – touched reality – wonder – marry right

Prob – focus on what I can get – root of all rel prob

*Bible key: focus on your responsibility – not whether the other person fulfills his responsibility*

*Man went to restaurant*

*Shared table w a lady.*

*Paying bill – include the lady.*

*I thot it's your wife. Ridiculous – can't you see you don't talk – well most husb and wife don't.*

Too tired or **exhausted** to give -

*She not **pour** out – God cannot pour in*

Jesus – felt **eaten** – ministered to the lady at the well

*Many **testified** – energized – serving*

Suffered **bereavement** – best inner healing – keep ministering