

Setting the stage for miracles

Little steps to GREAT MIRACLES

MOSES saw Jesus - landed

John - 7 miracles and 7 lam - John 4

John 4:46-53

Rich powerful - but losing hope

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COME - never expected - GO -

Preconceived notion what God must do

Best - listen - simple

You can never underestimate the importance of taking little steps

Elijah: little drink - bread - Key to 2 1/2 yrs supply - in famine - heart of Jezebel land

God is not asking what you don't have - what you have

Law - Give or get Curse!

We give - gratitude - give out of grace - receive out of grace

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 - curse

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

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.

Not every desire - will of God - David

David - express desire to build God a house

So best not make a vow - forcing God to do what you desire - KOREA

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

Haggai - Oh no time - panel houses - amazing - no gratitude

Whole - healthy

Wondered - why didn't

continue the miracle in the brook - easy for God

If - he alone will be blessed but no one else

God has set the woman up for a blessing!

Reason - Miracle seed - God has set YOU for blessings - same yr (Isaac)

ONLY GIVE - Rev - LED - HS - otherwise, don't - OK

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

If you here first time, think all I talk - FOCUS: receive, best giver

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

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."

Ano assurance - From this day ... Miracle seed - pray for supernatural release of debts

1 Chronicles 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

John 5:1-9

1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie-the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

(Some later MSS add) 4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. NKJV

5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

World offers many answers and cures - aroma therapy - water therapy - anema therapy - vitamin therapy - drug therapy

Shock therapy - electric shock

Nothing new - under sun Pract during Roman times - Mentally deranged man put in a dark pit - with lions behind bars

Dark - can't see - hear roar

Apparently - good result

All these OK - inc of knowledge - if we don't total focus - cure all - every sickness - idol - having used 38

- realise cannot wk - disappointed

Reader's Digest? - Vit for cold

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

Why did Jesus ask the question?

Seems stupid question

Fact: after time in a condition for so long - used to it - abnormal regarded as normal

AB Normal - poverty - sickness

Accept poverty - curse - live in slum

Accept sickness as normal (diagnosed w chronic disease - say - Ok - people at my age - get this)

Never one - you people - nice - complexion - receive leprosy - heal all

How know abnormal - not in line with God's Word

Jesus' word enlarges his expectation

I. God's Word enlarges our capacity for blessings

Psalms 119:45-46

45 And I will walk at liberty (vast spacious place and at ease), For I seek Your precepts (truths). NKJV

Isaiah 64:4

John 5:7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

OK - get help - if need cosmetic - Ok - old house - get latest -

limitation to self effort - human effort - Egypt - Sarah

Every human method has limitations

No matter how good - limited - self effort - Deut 11 10 Egypt

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

Why is God's Word so powerful?

God's word itself carries the power for miracles - oh no faith

Oh I don't have enough FAITH - Not about your faith. Like medicine

- whether you believe or not - inject anaesthesia - you sleep

Hearing - faith is released Manna Book - SMS - CDs

Ps 22:9

While hearing – receive Holy Spirit – **GRACE** of forgiveness

Acts 10:43-44; cf. Luke 13

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

1 Peter 3:10

10 For, "Whoever would love life and **see good days** must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech (untruths).

Not just refrain from vulgar words – words that in line w God's word

10 **spies** – spoke what they saw - **FACTS** – data from Financial Times or Wall Street reports of his day

Didn't speak God's Word – speak fear - **LOST** inheritance

Don't **know** how afraid you are – until open mouth and say it

Speak **negative** – enforce it – control – permission – fail – **acci** – **sick** – **loose job**

Joshua Caleb – spoke God's word – enter Land – enlarge capacity

2. Rest sets the stage for great miracles

John 5:9b The day on which this took place was a **Sabbath**.

Why is it that so many miracles took place on the Sabbath?

Wondered why – lots of miracles – on Sabbath?

Blind John 9

Deformed paralysed Hand mark 3
Bound - Bent double 18 yrs luke 13
Dropsy - legs hand, swollen w fluids luke 14

Harvesting grain Mark 2 23

Deliverance

WHY? Make the Pharisees angry?

Some – do opp – put down leg – put up

Mark 2:27

27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

Jesus cannot help it.

Greatest hindrance to your blessing not God – anxieties, Rest – set stage

WORD – together **REST** → lot's GREAT miracles

Even more Productive – Israel – most productive – Fri nites – Sabbath

Counsel couple – now never stop producing

Japan – Singapore – too stressed – Mal is catching up

Proverbs 14 30 **A relaxed (calm, peaceful, worry free)** attitude lengthens a man's life; jealousy (strife, anger, fear, control, guilt and condemnation) rots it away.

Health – a foreign friend – why pack front in?

never thot of that – notice there – always thot: parking lot smaller

She offered piece of advise: oh – park facing front – easy to go out in emergency – hurry – sounds **good** advise until I heard

Famous Dr - Cardiologist that discovered personality types

TYPE A - PERSONALITY – prone to cardiac arrest – peo – hurry, aggressive high achievers

How discovered? car park – most part facing out – ready to go

Seat – sit on edge

Hurry – **aggressive** high achievers – **angry** – **irritated** easily

Restaurant – waiter late – got all up tight

Traffic – scream upset – **watch out** – at real **risk**

Heart **Blockage** not necessary always indicate the likely chance of heart attack: **pigs**

2 groups – both injected with – restrict blood vessel – stimulate heart attack conditions

group – calm – no frightening group – fearful situation – all dies

If stress or troubles are not the main issue, what is the main problem?

Prob: not the stress – but our rxn – fear, anxieties ...

Heart attack – **Monday** – not mon nite – just the thinking of it – not **stress** – worry

Discuss: whatever you control you loose.

Whatever you **control** - loose - Sarah

Sarai – dominating – still face consequence

Sarah – touched by grace – relax – laugh – gain back husb

Boy – girl – don't control

Honour parent – yes – control – No

Honour – live long – all go well – pract care

Man – leave – cleave – protect wife

Isaac – then sow – 100fold

Respectful but firm

– queen of heart – kitchen – where to draw the line

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world. NKJV

Last day – Jesus – man's heart failed

Luke 21:26

26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. NKJV

Enough of fear – don't add – some actual buy

Like to watch horror – Sabrina – games witchcraft – **fear** – **bondage**

Even Walt Disney: Good or bad poison – curse

Even the actors – strange accidents – tragic ending

Country south – movie – lift - **choice**

Oh I give them free choice – sounds moden/irresponsible – do you give 1 yr kid play pen knife

Deuteronomy 7:26 Accursed things

26 Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction.

What are some ways we put accursed things in our homes?

Deuteronomy 28:65

65 Among those nations you will find no repose, no **resting** place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you an **anxious** (no ease), eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart.

What is the key to overcome "no rest and no ease?" How?

Isaiah 28:11-12

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "This is the **rest** with which You may cause the weary to rest, And, "This is the **refreshing**. NKJV

Tongues → ease and rest

Karl Peterson – hormone from inactive part of brain (95%)- released to boost immune sys 40%

Angry at **traffic** - restaurant, pray tongues – may be – asking - send them to RLC

Proverbs 15:4 A **wholesome** (healing, resting) tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. NKJV

1st thing Holy Spirit does

1 Corinthians 14:15

So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

Don't be – **mech** repeating
– praying for A B C – same
tongues

– *berani - bakuteh* – praying

A B C

Ask – **variety** of ways – spirit
of prophet subj to prophet

Stereo way - **shout** – garden

Long hours – all time –

flashed of ideas – people in

need 1 Corinthians 14:15

kidney

Psalms 18:2

The LORD is my rock and my fortress (place where evil cannot reach) & my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn(power) of my salvation, my stronghold(secure height,retreat)

3 I CALL (boldly) upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised. And I am saved from my enemies.

Overcome **evil** days –
pray tongue – rest – stage
for Great Miracles
Not **feel** good all time,
nothing seems to happen
Creating your future – how
God created the world?

WORD

When praying in tongues
– you are praying God's
very word!
– insomnia.

Deuteronomy 32:13

He **made** them ride [rule] on the **heights**[high places] of the earth, so that he might eat the **increase** [fruit] of the fields. He gave[nourish] them **honey** from rock [cliff, crag], their **olive** [fat, fertile, lavish, prosperity] **flourished** even in rocky cliffs