

## ***Steps to Your Miracle***

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Many of us need miracles in our physical bodies, our emotions, or in our relationships with God and others. Our God is a God of miracles! If we truly desire to receive a miracle from Him, there are practical steps in His Word. The Word of God will build our faith and position us to receive and keep our miracle.

### **1. Why am I in this situation? – Have I been disobedient, or did I miss God? – Is there anything I need to repent of, or change in my life?**

Most things don't "just happen." There are causes and effects. If we don't understand the cause of our situation, we need to ask God for supernatural knowledge and understanding. Facing ourselves honestly is the first step to being healed.

Psalms 139:23,24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

### **2. Forgive others – ourselves – God**

Forgiveness is an act of our will, not an emotion. We choose to forgive regardless of how hurt we have been, how despicable the other person, or persons are, or how tragic the situation is. We must forgive others, ourselves, and even God if we feel He let something happen He could have prevented.

Mark 11:25,26 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Colossians 3:12-15 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

### **3. Meditate on God's Word regarding the need**

To meditate means to spend time thinking about, to ponder, and to contemplate. It means to think about what the Word has said and ask yourself, "What does this really mean to me? How do I apply it to my life?"

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

### **4. Ask for direction expecting to hear from God**

Instead of rushing headlong into a situation, we should ask God what we are to do. The Word says God hears and answers us, so we need to develop an attitude of expecting to hear from God.

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

### **5. Take time to listen, and hear God's voice**

Just as we must stop in the rush of life to hear what another has to say, we must stop and take time to listen to God. We can hear the voice of God through His Word and also as He speaks to our spirits.

Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Isaiah 30:21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

### **6. Faith comes**

Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God. True faith is not based on what another says. A person's testimony to us brings hope, but faith is based on knowing what God's Word says about our situation.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Abraham is our greatest example of faith.

Romans 4:13,17-22 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith... (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

### **7. Believe what God has spoken**

What God has written in the Bible is for you, for me, for each individual. Take God's Word and apply it to your own situation. Meditate on a verse, and reword it to apply to yourself. For example, "Jesus said to me, 'Kathy (or Joe or Alice), if you

can believe, all things are possible to you when you believe.’ ”

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

Hebrews 11:1,6 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

### **8. Write down what God has spoken**

When we take time to write down what God has said through His Word or personally to us and how it applies to us, it makes that word more a part of our being.

Habakkuk 2:1-4 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am reproved.

Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

“Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.”

### **9. Boldly declare what God has spoken**

When faith comes, it speaks. It tells others. Faith does not stay hidden away “in case it doesn’t work.”

Romans 10:6a But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way...

vs. 8-11 But what does it say? “The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): That if you

confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Mark 11:22-24 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Romans 4:9 Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness.

We read again,

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness of faith speaks...

### **10. Obey! Act! Just Do It!**

Jeremiah 7:23 “But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

1 Samuel 15:22,23 Then Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of

witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

### **11. Have Patience**

Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Hebrews 10:35-37 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

### **12. Give Thanks**

Psalms 92:1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Psalms 107:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

v. 8 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

### **Your Miracle Will Come!**

The Bible makes it so simple. All that is evil comes from Satan. All that is good comes from God.

John 10:10 The thief (the devil) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Joshua 23:14b And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you, and not one word of them has failed.

Psalms 84:11b The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

God desires only the best for us! In His redemptive work, God has already provided every miracle that we need in our lives. He wants to bless us with our miracle more than we want to be blessed.

We position ourselves to receive our miracle through repentance and forgiveness. We must meditate on God's Word regarding the needs in our life – asking, listening and expecting God to give us His direction. Faith comes as we hear from God, as we believe, and write what He has spoken to us. We can boldly speak in faith for our miracle. We can obey and act on what He has spoken to our hearts. We can give thanks to God as we patiently wait for the manifestation of our miracle to come.

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