

Faith = Miracles

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As the song says, "If you need a miracle, then what you've got to do, is have a little faith to pull you through." A miracle is defined as an extraordinary event in the physical world that is beyond human powers and is considered a work of God. It's a supernatural intervention that the natural mind cannot comprehend. The Bible tells us that the natural mind knoweth not the things of God. To understand the workings of God, we must enter the supernatural spiritual world with God.

We all have experienced or read about someone who has received a miracle. So, what is the component of receiving supernatural intervention? Faith. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (KJV)." It is with faith that we accept God, His blessings and His promise for everlasting life. How is this reflected in our everyday life?

One Sunday morning in a small Southern Baptist Church, I accepted the call of Christ. Though a child, I understood and believed the requirements for being saved – believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus came and died and rose again for our salvation. My child faith was untainted by the world and my spirit was clean. There were no complicated preconceived notions – no barriers to exercising the faith that I had innocently embraced.

A child's thoughts are without motive when they believe. Remember the time as a child you believed your father could conquer the world? When I was a little girl, my father was the

ultimate hero. He could fix broken toys, appliances and hearts. In my eyes, he had all the answers and I had faith that he would make everything okay.

Why, then, can't we transfer that child-like faith into an expectation from God? Why do we have such a hard time transferring the earthly faith to our heavenly Father...the real know-all Father? Romans 12:3 tells us that we have been dealt "the measure of faith" (KJV). Example after example of faith exercise is displayed in His word; Abraham, the father of faith (get thee from around your kin folk and their doubt so your blessings can rain down!); Noah (who ever heard of a dude building an ark when rain had never been seen?); David (a small pebble can take out a giant!); Mary (the immaculate conception); and many more.

We have been given the power to speak and claim our blessings through faith. Faith will set you free if you don't grow faint hearted. Faith will grow as you grow in knowledge. Just as the mustard seed parable – a phenomenal representation of what He can do for you. The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it is planted, it grows to be the biggest plant of the garden.

What has your faith done for you lately? Take a moment to reflect on some of my favorite faith and miracle passages:

- child-like faith (Matthew 18:3)
- parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32)
- natural man knoweth not the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- faith cometh by hearing (Romans 10:17)
- a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)
- faith grows exceedingly (2 Thessalonians 1:3)
- without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)
- increase your faith (Luke 17:5)
- Jesus calms the storm (Matthew 8:23)
- woman with issue of blood (Matt 9:21)
- Job's fear and adversity (Job 1)
- walking on water (Matthew 14:25-33)
- the widow's meal and oil (1 Kings 17:9-16)
- water converted to wine (John 2: 1-11)
- faith as your shield (Ephesians 6:16)
- faith more valuable than gold (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Have you exercised your faith lately? When you think life is about to overwhelm you, meditate on Ephesians 6:16 that says "above all be sure you take faith as your shield, for it can quench every burning missile the enemy hurls at you (PHI)." Perhaps this should be part of our daily prayer: "God, renew my child-like spirit so that my faith in You will grow beyond my wildest imagination." Remember, faith = miracles.

"If You Need A Miracle" reached No. 4 on September's Christian Country chart and is a single from Deborah's new album Her Name Is Deborah. She is a Top 5 nominee for 2008 ICM New Artist of the Year, and says, "I look forward to seeing you in October at Trinity Music City." Send your comments and prayer requests to deborah@deborahhightower.com.

