



Ministry of Biblical Studies

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Wednesdays @ 11am

September Theme: "When Faith Meets Power: Creating Space for the Miraculous"

"When Faith Meets Power: Creating Space for the Miraculous" is an invitation to move from silence to breakthrough, from hesitation to obedience, and from doubt to divine encounters. Each week will challenge you to pray persistently, act boldly, and believe wholeheartedly as you position yourself for God's supernatural response.



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September 3, 2025

“When God Breaks the Silence”

Scripture Focus

- 1 Samuel 1:1–20

Scripture Context and Insight

- Hannah, barren and brokenhearted, goes year after year to the temple, praying for a child. Her cry is so intense that Eli mistakes her for being drunk. Yet, in her desperation, she offers a vow to God. Her persistent, faith-filled prayer becomes the doorway to the birth of Samuel—one of Israel’s greatest prophets.

Key Verse

- “In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.” – 1 Samuel 1:10

Discussion Points

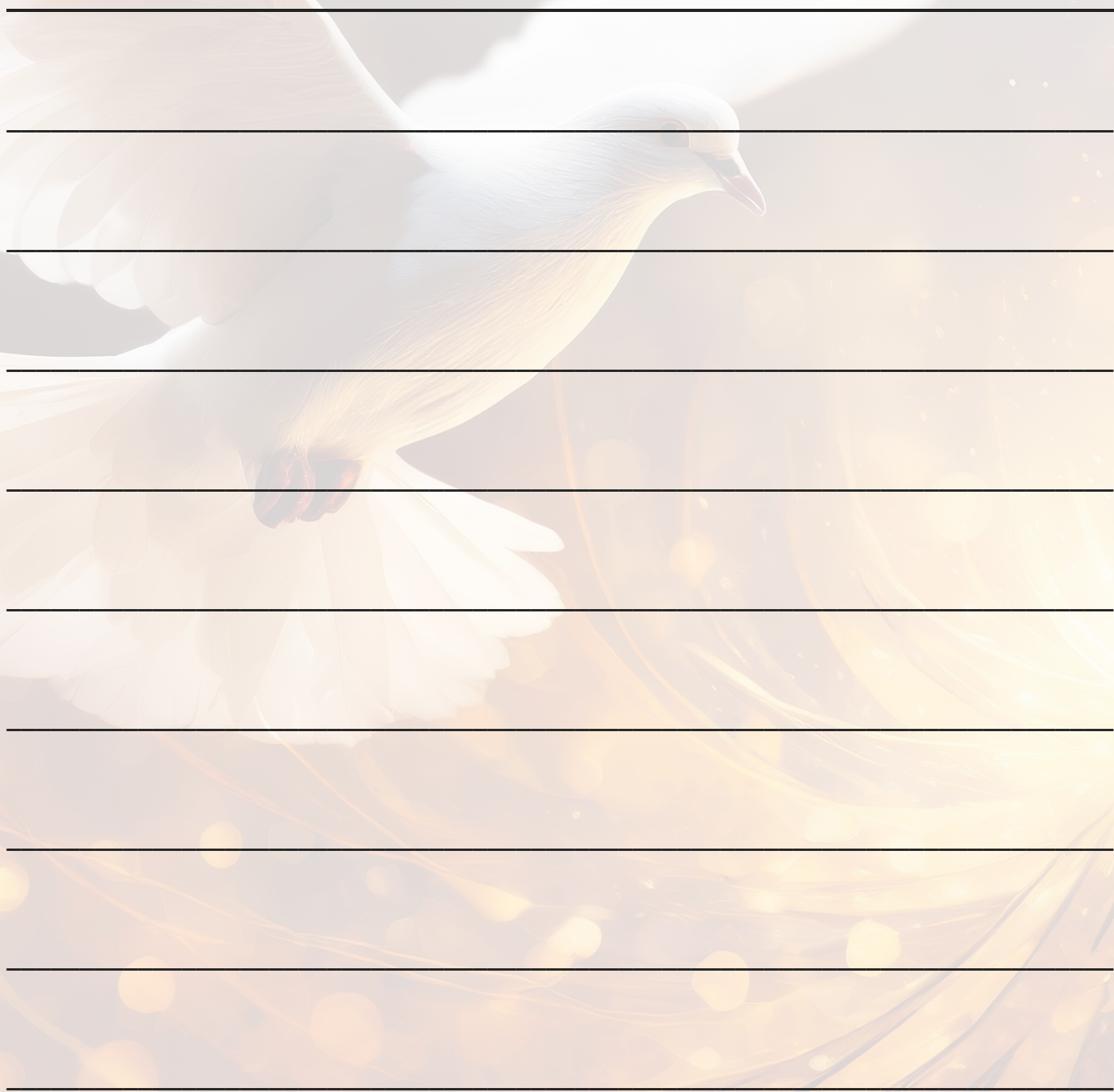
- God hears the cries birthed in brokenness and honors sincere, faith-filled prayer.
- Seasons of silence are not evidence of God’s absence.
- Miracles often come when we give our pain back to God with a promise.

Reflection Questions

1. Have you experienced a “silent season” where you waited on God?
2. What pain in your life is God asking you to surrender through prayer?
3. What promise or vow might you offer in faith, like Hannah?

Personal Journaling

- Write a prayer or reflection asking God to move in an area where you've been waiting or struggling in silence.

A white dove is shown in flight, facing right. The background is a soft, golden-yellow glow with bokeh light effects. A large, faint, white hand is visible in the upper right, reaching down. The dove's wings are spread, and its tail feathers are visible. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.



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September 10, 2025

"Stretch Your Faith"

Scripture Focus

- Matthew 12:9–13

Scripture Context and Insight

- Jesus enters a synagogue where a man with a withered hand stands before Him. Despite opposition from the Pharisees, Jesus commands the man to do something he's likely never done—stretch out his hand. In doing so, healing comes immediately.

Key Verse

"Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' So he stretched it out and it was completely restored." – Matthew 12:13

Discussion Points

- Faith that sees miracles is faith that responds—even before the healing begins.
- Stretching spiritually requires vulnerability, courage, and obedience.
- The man was healed not when he stood still, but when he obeyed and stretched.

Reflection Questions

1. What is God asking you to "stretch" in this season (faith, trust, giving, forgiveness)?
2. How do you respond when obedience requires action before the outcome?
3. Is there an area in your life that has "withered" due to fear or doubt?

Personal Journaling

- Reflect on what God is asking you to stretch and surrender in this season. What healing might come through that act of faith?



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September 17, 2025

“The Atmosphere for a Miracle”

Scripture Focus

- Mark 5:35–43

Scripture Context and Insight

- While Jesus is en route to heal Jairus’ daughter, word arrives that the child is dead. Yet Jesus urges Jairus not to fear. When He arrives, He removes the mourners and doubters—then speaks life into the child. His actions show us how creating the right spiritual environment can usher in a miracle.

Key Verse

“He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha koum!’ (which means ‘Little girl, I say to you, get up!’)” – Mark 5:41

Discussion Points

- Doubt and disbelief can suffocate miracles—sometimes you must clear the room.
- Jesus calls for faith even in the face of bad news.
- Creating space for resurrection power means controlling the voices and spirits around you.

Reflection Questions

1. What environments or relationships are influencing your faith right now?
2. How can you remove doubt and create room for the miraculous?
3. What part of your spiritual life is Jesus calling to “get up”?

Personal Journaling

- Write a reflection on how you can create an atmosphere of faith around you. What do you need to remove to make room for resurrection power?
