**Expect the Miraculous - Part 3 (sjm 9-29-2024)**

**Ecc 1:9** That which has been, is that which will be again, And that which has been done, is that which will be done again

 **Ester 4:14**And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

 **1 Peter 1:20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Peter%201%3A20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30500a)]interpretation,

**I just asked Jesus – what brings about miracles**

 **Miracles are “What I Am”: Where I am “you have miracles” – provided some faith is exercised (mustard seed)**

 **I call it a Climate of Expectancy: Lets create a climate of expecting the miraculous right here at NCL**

**Expecting:** **To look forward to: Wait for: Watching closely: Watch for intently: Believe it is yours!**

 **Without the Miraculous you have form without substance:** (flashy but nothing backing it up)

**What happens without expectancy or believing?**

 **Mark 6:5**And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, & heal them.

6 And he marvelled *(was utterly amazed)* because of their unbelief *(negative expectancy)*

 *(Unbelief stops the ability of God to do miracles)*

 But without faith it **is impossible** to please him: He that cometh to God must believe that he is & that he is a **rewarder** to those who diligently seek him

 **Impossible** – One of the definitions in Greek is “Powerless”

 **Rewarder** – to search intently

**What can happen with Expectancy? Mark 9:23 If you can believe “All things are possible to him that believes”**

**Matt 8:13 Centurion:** As thou **has believed**, so be it done unto thee (Centurion said – speak the word only & my servant will be healed or have a miracle

**Matt 9:2** They brought a man sick of the palsy Jesus **seeing their faith** said uno the sick, be of good cheer thy sins be forgiven. Later stated: What is easier to say, thy sins be forgiven or arise and walk **8** They glorified God

**Matt 9:22 Woman with issue of Blood had Expectancy:** If I can just touch the hem of his garment

**Matt 9:28 Blind men:** Believe ye that I am able to do this? Yea Lord. Then he touched their eyes **saying “according to your faith be it unto you”**

**Matt 15:21-28 Expectancy of the Canaanite women**

**Acts 5:12**  At the hands of the apostles **many** signs & wonders (attesting miracles) were **continually** taking place

 **13**  Unbelievers were speaking highly of them & putting them in high esteem.

 14 More & more believers in the Lord, crowds of men and women, were constantly being added to *their number*

 **15** to such an extent that they even carried their sick out into the streets and put them on cots and sleeping pads, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them [with healing power].

**You must expect a miracle** - if you want it to happen: On the main street of the bible miracles were always happening, daily : That’s because people were **expecting** them to happen. They were **looking** for them to happen: They were **believing** God for them to happen: On the main street of the bible, *(the apostles & believers were seeing miracles daily)*

1. People expected God to take a hand in their lives.
2. People expected God to speak to them;
3. People expected God to move on their behalf;
4. People expected him to stretch out his mighty hand & display his supernatural power:

 We can live just as they did 2000 years ago. ***(God spoke to me = it is our destiny)***

**Destiny:** The events that will necessarily happen to a particular person in the future.

**God has Expectancy out of us**

 **Matt 8:18 & 26:27** Jesus gave instructions: Go to the other side (what has he told you)

 **Ps 5:3** In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait **expectantly**

**A Great Example of Expectancy Jesus has for us (5 loaves & 2 fishes feeding 5k with 12 baskets left over)**

**Matt 14:15** As evening approached, the **disciples** came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

**16Jesus replied**, “They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.”**

17“We have here **only** five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

18“**Bring them here to me**,” he said. 19And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves & the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples & the disciples gave them to the people. 20They all ate and were satisfied & the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children

 (5 represents God’s grace, goodness, and provision. It reminds us of the ways in which God reveals Himself to us)

 *God shows us we can expect a Miracle in the area of our limitation!*

**Man at the Gate Beautiful *(a time & a season for the most impact)***

**Acts 3:1**  One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4**Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.**

6Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**Acts 3:5** He gave heed unto them expecting to receive something **“from Them”** *(gave them his attention)*

 **Heed –** To pay attention to: to watch closely, To hold Listen to: Give ear to: “To consider carefully”

They carried him daily where he begged daily: Looked up **expecting** to receive something. What we have we give you! Gave the healing power of Jesus. ***His expectancy changed from money to healing! (the best gift)***

**God expects us to have something: Then Give it out! *(can’t give out what you do not have!***

**Elijah ends Drought:**

**1 Kings 18:1** Go tell Ahab , I will send rain on the earth (It was a time of famine)

 **Before there was any sign of rain:**

 41And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. (a roar)

42 Elijah went up to Mt Carmel & prayed 43 Go look to the sea (response nothing) Elijah go look 7x

44 There ariseth a small cloud like a mans hand coming up from the sea (go tell Ahab b/4 the rain stops you)

45 then  heaven was black with clouds & wind & there was a great rain.

 Elijah never lost focus of God’s voice

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**Expect a new miracle every day:** 5k loafs and fished (how can this be?) Jesus astonished them and said **“give ye them to eat.** Expect a miracle 12 baskets came back: We can expect a miracle in our area of “our limitation”. No food around 5k men and women & children 20k crowd **they were Looking at the human and living in their limitation.** Jesus lived outside of their limitations. His charge to us to feed a hungry world. Comes to us in the form of a miracle.

**Jesus expected disciples to create a miracle:**

**Matt 14:18 instructed them to recline at the table or take your place at the feast**

**John 14:12**

**Mark 16:1717**And these **signs** shall follow (accompany) them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

**18**They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**20**And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them**, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

 \***Confirm** - establish the truth or [correctness](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=1e424f4fdf06d354&sca_upv=1&sxsrf=ADLYWILUW3wjhki7HRQpstG88G9mDlLOUQ:1726946645900&q=correctness&si=ACC90nwZrNcJVJVL0KSmGGq5Ka2YWJG6Yod2cn1XXxFf0B9r4OidsqxcdYnHgv6EM7HcSkagR7gnCf9pz_oo0X8Qy1PC26jIAlzCAwhjTbETC3pBLpJOBYU%3D&expnd=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiu2v_K4dSIAxUrrYkEHXBoJikQyecJegQIOhAO) of (something **previously** believed), suspected,

**Look up** – your redemption draws near.

**Conception** - In one study, researchers found a miscarriage rate of 9.4 percent at 6 weeks of pregnancy, 4.2 percent at 7 weeks, 1.5 percent at 8 weeks, 0.5 percent at 9 weeks and 0.7 percent at 10 weeks. **Expecting –** like a woman in labor (pretty sure thing) Like planting a seed – expect it to mature

Why did Elisha follow Elijah so closely He expected it

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**Spiritual Insights Class:**

Return unto me and I’ll return unto you (with the same measure ye mete it shall be meted unto you)

to send or give back in reciprocation

**Mens Breakfast**

* **Robert Morris The founder and pastor of Gateway Church in Southlake resigned in June after allegations of sexual abuse of a 12-year-old girl in the 1980s. Morris's wife and son also resigned from their church positions, and three elders took a leave of absence.**
* Josiah Anthony The lead pastor at Cross Timbers Church in Argyle resigned after church elders received a report of "inappropriate communication" with a former church member. The church initially said that Anthony's actions did not involve children or illegal activity, but later released a letter detailing the circumstances that led to his resignation. Multiple women came forward alleging that Anthony sent them sexually explicit messages.
* Terren Dames The senior pastor at North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship in Plano was removed from his position in May after being arrested on charges of soliciting prostitution
* Tony Cammarota The pastor at Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco was terminated over a "moral failure
* Tony Evans, senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church, announced [in a statement to the church.](https://www.ocbfchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/DrEvansStatementonWeb.pdf) his departure on June 9 due to an undisclosed “sin." He had been at the church for almost 50 years. “While I have committed no crime, I did not use righteous judgment in my actions,” Evans told the church. “In light of this, I am stepping away from my pastoral duties and am submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders.”
* American pastor Mark Driscoll has resigned from Mars Hill, the megachurch he founded 18 years ago. He was not asked to resign by Mars Hill, which at its peak had around 14,000 people attending across its numerous church plants. The 44-year-old was undergoing a voluntary six-week sabbatical while the church was investigating allegations against him. Pastor Mark has never been charged with any immorality, illegality or heresy. Most of the charges involved attitudes and behaviors reflected by a domineering style of leadership. (abuse of power and offhanded jokes)
* Pastor & Author – Scott Sauls Sauls admitted earlier this year that he had been harsh with church staff and used the power of the pulpit as a weapon against those who disagreed with him.
* Chris Reed