

**MIRACLES**

**SIGNS**

**& WONDERS**

# Building Faith for Miracles

**Know the purpose of Miracle**

**One clear purpose of miracles was to authenticate the character of Jesus and his relationship with his heavenly Father.**

God is with Jesus (John 3:2);  
Jesus is from God (John 3:2; 9:34-35);  
God has sent Jesus (John 5:36);  
Jesus has authority on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:10-11; Matt.  
9:6-7; Luke 5:24-25);  
Jesus is approved by God (Acts 2:22);  
the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father (John 10:37-38;  
14:11);  
in Jesus the kingdom of God has come (Matt. 12:28; Luke  
11:20);  
and Jesus is the Messiah (Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-23)  
and the Son of God (Matt. 14:25-33).

**A second purpose of miracles was to authenticate the message about Jesus.**

**Mark says that the Lord "confirmed his word [that the apostles preached] by the signs that accompanied it? (Mark 16:20).**

**When Luke was describing the ministry of Paul and Barnabas at Iconium, he said that the Lord "confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders? (Acts 14:3).**

# Reasons for Signs and Miracles:



# 1. Signs Reveal Jesus' Glory

**John wrote of Jesus' miracle at Cana: 'What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.' (John 2:11) John went on to shares significant works and miracles that took place throughout Jesus' ministry.**

## **2. Signs Show us what the Father is like—and Express His love for People**

**When Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus responded, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father...it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.” (John 14:9-11)**

# **3. Signs Confirm God's Word**

**'So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.' (Acts 14:3)**

**Evangelism and signs go hand in hand in the New Testament. God confirms and testifies the Gospel through signs and miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Heb 2:3-4, Mark 16:20)**

# **4. Signs are the Manifestation of God's Kingdom among us**

**Signs are the evidence of the message and establishment of Kingdom of God. Jesus said, '...if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.' (Luke 11:20)**

# 5. Result in People Believing in Jesus

**'Jesus performed many other signs... But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'** (John 20:30-31)

**John records many instances in his Gospel of people believing in Jesus after He performed a sign or miracle. (John 2:11, 2:23; 4:39, 4:53)**

**In Acts, peoples believed after signs and miracles were performed.  
(Acts 9:42)**

# Unleash Gods' Miracles:

**Discover the Secret...**

# **The first secret is to have faith in God--**

**to understand that in God all things are possible. In God,  
there is no suffering, no sorrow, no defeat, and no want.  
Without faith in God it is impossible to see the wonders  
of God.**

# **The second secret is to recognize that God has total authority over everything in this world--**

**Authority over devils, angels, circumstances, and all of the physical world (see John 14:12). When you stand in His presence, you are standing in the presence of the One who can fix anything. All He has to do is speak the word.**

**John 14:12 NKJV**

**[12] "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**



# **The third secret is to learn God's will in any given moment**

**As you commune with Him and spend time with Him, you will discover what His intention is. Then agree and submit to it.**

**Psalm 85:8 NKJV**

**[8] I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly.**

**Hebrews 12:25 NKJV**

**[25] See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,**

# **The fourth secret is to disregard your own inability.**

**Don't consider that the task being assigned to you seems impossible. Don't think only about your own inabilities, or your previous failures; rather grow strong in faith, giving glory to God.**

**Isaiah 65:24 NKJV**

**[24] "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.**

**Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV**

**[27] "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?**

# **The fifth secret is to be fully convinced.**

**Have unshakable confidence in God... The Bible tells us that Abraham (was) fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.**

**Mark 11:24 NKJV**

**[24] Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**