

From Minimum to Miraculous

Some times we wonder why we don't see much of the miraculous and healing, signs and wonders the bible talks about, well maybe you don't wonder, but I do! The Gospel of Mark says in chapter **16:15- 20** Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized **shall** be saved; but he that believeth not **shall** be damned. **17** And these signs **shall** follow 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**. **19** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **20** And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following**. Amen.

I have been thinking recently about this very topic for quite a few weeks when I went and visited a church where Stuart Gramenz was talking. He used this verse and my eyes were opened, Jesus said to the disciples **1. Go. 2. Preach the Gospel. 3. Cast out devils. 4. Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.** So they did what Jesus said to do and then point number **5.** Is that the Lord **worked with them confirming the word with signs following**. I have stated previously that we don't see miracles in our lives because we don't "do" but have not really fully understood what I was saying. The word "Shall" used above in all cases is talking in a future tense, in other words it will happen sooner or later.

I think the main point that I have missed here is point number 1, 2 & 3. I have failed to go and preach, and to take authority over devils, therefore, basically I do not see the healing of the sick! Including myself I would have to say also. The Bible also tells us in Proverbs that the fear of man brings a snare. What is a snare? The dictionary tells me that it is a trap or a noose, so what does a noose do? It hangs people if I remember correctly, so basically what happens is that instead of us preaching the gospel or the good news to people that we meet we get a fear that rises up within us and it brings a noose around our neck and we tend to get off the track, caught up in other conversation or arguments and fallacy or old wives tales and we don't get to share the Good News as we should like it is.

The result being that we don't see the miraculous! If we were to first keep our focus on the minimum that is required by us as sons and daughters of the most high God, we would slowly but surely work our way into the miraculous. So what is the Minimum, you ask me! Don't know? Have a look at point number **1**, then point number **2** in the scripture first quoted here. All that is required of us is the great commission and the new commandment given to us by Jesus, these are the minimums, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself, then GO!

So what holds us back other than the fear of man? We recently had Don Fenby come and do a set of questions that showed us our gifts and talents in God or the body of Christ, I was not surprised to see that most of us there at our home church were high in the exhorting area but I was surprised to see that also quite a few were very low in the area of knowledge. Don said to us that the chart was for us to find our weaknesses and work on them and to utilise our strengths. If you were, or are one of those who has a lack of knowledge or are low in this area, this may be why you don't see the miraculous as well. We need the minimum here too, knowledge of the word of God.

We need to know who we are in God, what God has done for us and what we can do in the power of the Holy Spirit before we can see the miraculous. I have attached once before this sheet but I attach it again for your use, a list of scriptures that show us who, what and where we are as Christians. If you were to quote these scriptures out loud every morning before you knew it, it would become a part of you. You will find yourself in a situation one day and need to know what the Bible says and out it will come and surprise you. The Bible says that my people perish due to lack of Knowledge in **Hosea 4:6**. The Prophet Hosea is not talking about general knowledge in what you know either, he is talking about **revealed knowledge** the same as Peter received when he replied to Jesus "you are the Christ, the son of God", Jesus' reply was "flesh and blood has not revealed this to you Peter but my Father in heaven". **This is what we need**, Revelation knowledge from the Father through the Holy Spirit.

I also heard Stuart Gramenz say that Jesus spent about 3 hours in prayer every day and it only took him probably 3 seconds to heal someone, he also said that the disciples only asked **one** thing of Jesus, not how do you perform these miraculous signs and wonders, but they asked "Lord teach us to Pray". Knowledge of the word (Jesus) and a relationship with the Father one on one, not just corporate worship in church on a Sunday but fellowship everyday with the Father will bring us to the miracles that we desire to see, we need to hear from Heaven! Stop and think about it for a while!

It may seem hard, but I think that it is time that we woke up to ourselves and have a reality check on our Christian walk, me especially. We need to spend more time with the Bible, studying, prayer and fellowship with the holy Spirit, fellowship with one another to encourage one another. The Bible actually tells us to "encourage one another daily" in **Hebrews 3:13**, all of Hebrews chapter 3 is worth the read and thought. If we want revival we first have to do the minimum, then God will bring us into the Miraculous.

Find out what God has for you through intimate prayer, his thoughts toward us are of love, peace and prosperity, healing is a sign and a wonder for the unsaved, so lets **Go, Preach, Cast out Devils and heal**, not in "*Jesus name amen*" but **with the name of Jesus**, the **authority** he has given us by the power of his name.

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