

## PREPARE FOR A MIRACLE

I firmly believe in divine intervention in human extremities. It has been well said, "*Man's extremity is God's opportunity.*" I believe in divine miracles to answer the desperate need of humanity. Everything about Christianity is miraculous. From His virgin birth to His inhuman death on the cross, everything about Jesus of Nazareth was miraculous. The great ascent from the lowly birth in Bethlehem to His unprecedented influence in all the world shows clearly that He was God. This one solitary life has effected the world more than all the great men who have ever lived combined! Jesus Christ is still miraculous! Take the supernatural from Christianity and what have you left? To deny His power to work wonders and miracles today is to deny God Himself! Not only does God work miracles in the universe and in nature but He works miracles every day in human lives. He can give you a miracle if you will follow these simple rules of faith. Prepare for a miracle, expect a miracle, and hold on in faith for a miracle. Have you reached a point of extremity in your life? Are you in desperate need of nothing short of a miracle to solve your problems? Has everything humanly possible failed to meet your need? THEN PREPARE FOR A MIRACLE!

Our Lord Jesus daily prepared for, expected and witnessed miracles. The world was amazed and astonished as the sick were instantly healed, the dead were raised to life and the stormy elements obeyed His voice. To the Lord this was but the answer to the faith given by God that each one can possess. He promised that not only could we speak to a fig tree and see it wither and die, but we could speak and see mountains removed at our word. If a mountain of despondency and despair has dimmed your vision and obscured the light, then start now to lay the plans for a divine intervention in your human extremity.

One day our Lord being moved with compassion, healed the sick that followed Him into the desert. When the day was almost gone, the disciples urged Him to send the multitude away that they might buy food for themselves. When Christ commanded, "*Give ye them to eat,*" (MARK 6:37) they were completely unprepared to comprehend, much less to obey such a command. It was an impossible demand upon them from a natural standpoint and they were positively at a loss for a solution. Then Christ knowing what He must do, laid the foundation for a miracle. "*He commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.*"<sup>40</sup> *And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.*" (MARK 6:39-40) Now the scene was almost set for the miracle. To complete the final setting, He took the meagre supply of bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to the disciples. As they distributed the bread in faith, God moved in a supernatural way and multiplied each morsel until there was an abundance of food for the five thousand. He has simply prepared for a miracle and nothing short of this could happen. Christ never made provision for failure, but rather He was always confident that God was with Him.

We recall the faith of the four men that bare their paralysed friend to Jesus on a stretcher. When they arrived at the home where Jesus was, they found it utterly impossible to reach Him because of the great throng. Their friend was in desperate need of healing from Christ. They firmly believed in His love and power to heal if they could only get their friend to Him. They knew they must prepare for a miracle. They must do their part if they would see the answer to their prayer. They quickly climbed to the roof of the home and pulled their crippled friend up by means of ropes. Then after tearing out the tiling, they let their friend down in the midst before the Lord. They had prepared the setting and now a miracle was evident. When Jesus saw their faith, He commanded the paralysed man to be made whole and to rise and walk. The healing virtue of the Lord struck his wasted body, and in an instant, he was on his feet praising God for a miracle! (LUKE 5:18-26)

The little woman with the issue of blood became aware of her desperate need for healing. The doctors had given her up to die, and nothing short of a miracle could save her now. In her sic and weak condition she laid the plans for a miracle. She believed it would happen if she could meet the requirements. Christ would arrive in her town, and she was certain of His power to heal her. She did not despair of the plight, nor tearfully seek the sympathy of her friends. Only one person could help her and she must reach Him. She told herself, "*If I just touch the hem of His garment, I shall be made whole.*" Finally the moment came! The crowd was pressing in upon the Nazarene as He slowly moved down the street, speaking a word of comfort, dispelling disease and sickness everywhere. He had arrived! Her heart seemed it would pound through her breast and every fibre of her being throbbed with the impulses of the approaching miracle! She struggled to reach the Master but the crowd was milling about and pressing in upon Him. She reached for His garment desperately, only to be pushed away by the strong. She must reach Him; her only hope for life was a miracle. She had prepared, believed and prayed for this day, and now she must complete the act her faith demanded. In a last desperate effort, straining in a last attempt, she pressed through the crowd to finally touch this man of

power. Then it happened! Her faith touched Him and a strange sensation flooded her being. She had prepared and believed for a miracle and her faith had made her whole. Healing virtue surged through her being and she was made well! (MARK 5:25-34)

The widow of Zaraphath was urged by the prophet to prepare for a miracle. The famine that existed in Zidon had weakened her body and torn every last hope from her heart. Her drawn and haggard face was lined with desperation and want. Hopelessly she prepared the remaining portion of meal for herself and son. She was gathering the sticks to cook the last meal she would have with son. The end had come in her sad struggle for survival. Then God sent the man of faith to her door. He required a seemingly unwarrantable sacrifice from this starving woman. He said, *"Make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son."* (1 KI 17:13) Her unselfish obedience to this man of God, prepared the way for God to work a miracle to sustain her through the famine. If she had thought only of herself and her son and not provided for the man of God, then she would have perished by her own hand. As she gave, it was given to her a hundred fold, *"good measure and pressed down and shaken together, and running over."* (LUKE 6:38) *"And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail."* (1 KI 17:16) One of the greatest ways of preparing for a miracle to meet your monetary needs, is to first prepare for the man of God and for the work of the Lord. (1 KINGS 17:10-16)

You may have a miracle in your life. If you have a desperate financial, spiritual or physical need, then prepare for an expect a miracle, God will do the rest. He has promised to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, but you must prepare the way. First ascertain whether your desire would be the will of God. Secondly, would it glorify Christ and further the Gospel. Thirdly, would it be unselfish and in some way bless others. If the answer is yes, then simply go ahead and lay all the plans. Remember, your only limitation is the limit of your faith and vision. All things are possible when you believe. You have to remove the tombstone as did Mary, you may not be able to obey your reasoning nor the counsel of your friends. Let nothing discourage you but continue in faith, looking only at the promises of God. Do not attempt to test God, you must stake your life upon His Word. When God has witnessed by His Spirit in your heart, then you are not moving on mere assumption, you have faith. God will work with you and confirm His Word as you believe.

The miracle worker is here now! He is present with you as you read this inspired message. God will do a miracle for you if you will only believe. The Great "I AM" is changeless and His power is eternal. He will perform signs and wonders in your life and ministry if you will but trust and believe. Amen.