

4 Steps on the Journey Toward Your Miracle

The other day, my nine-year-old daughter and I were traveling to a Wednesday night service at my home church.

I don't schedule a lot of speaking on Wednesdays because it allows me to be a part of a church community and be a part of something as a family. My wife was already at church because she is one of the children's teachers so it was just my daughter and I with some time to talk.

As someone who has embraced the nerd within, you may be able to guess what my daughter and I were talking about in the car-time travel. We were discussing where we would like to travel back in time to if we could choose. Of course, we discussed the importance of having some sort of cloaking device in order to not mess with the space-time continuum.

I made the suggestion that it would have been fun to see some of the miracles of Jesus. Seeing Peter walk on water or raise someone from the dead would be pretty amazing. But from there I turned the conversation and shared about how I had heard stories in my lifetime of people who had walked on water. I shared of people being raised from the dead. The next day in the car my wife and I continued the conversation with our daughter by sharing stories of miracles that God had done in our life and ministry.

She was blown away. She was shocked as she heard the stories. It struck me that we are always one generation away from having a church that has never heard stories of miracles or experienced them for themselves. Are you looking for the miracles of Jesus in your life?

If we are to be a generation that experiences the miracles of Jesus today, we need to set the stage for Him to work. I think

of the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5 and see some things that help set the stage for a miracle. I am not going to dissect the story, but simply point out some aspects to start you on your journey.

1. It wasn't about what she said. She didn't say anything to Jesus before her miracle. We make too much about our super Christian prayer when this lady didn't say a word. It was about her reaching out to Jesus in faith. Anyone can do that. She didn't let her 12-year problem define who she was in the moment. I watched a video of T.D. Jakes speaking about this lady and he said, "Sometimes the problem so envelopes your life that it swallows up your identity."

2. She was looking for a before and after moment. What are you asking God for that could change in a moment? It is too easy to be satisfied with the normal that doesn't push us into desperation for God. I need to move from it would be nice to have a miracle to I am really looking for a miracle. Expectation in life is important.

3. Her focus was on Jesus. Her faith wasn't in herself but what she had heard about Jesus. When she looked to Jesus not only did she receive a miracle but He spoke words of life over her. He spoke to her as daughter. He spoke about her peace. What words of life would Jesus speak over us if we put more focus on Him?

4. She had to push through the crowd. How bad do you really want to be close to God? How much are you willing to push through? There were a lot of people in the crowd, but she got her healing. I must be willing to go after God even if it is difficult or inconvenient.

I know this doesn't tackle all of the issues involved in miracles, but it is a place to start. Let's pursue Jesus with the faith we have even if it is difficult and see what He will do! {eo}

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