

Illuminating Bible Passages

The following illuminating Bible passages are key passages to understand how to get miracles faster. They have been presented elsewhere in this set of Bible studies, but they are gathered here to make them easy to locate and review. Keeping them in one's heart will help to manifest God's will faster. Receiving a miracle is just agreeing with God's will/Word to manifest on earth what God wants to give us.

Basics

Read the "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means by Faith," and "G154 To Call For" foundation studies often until their content is settled in your heart. Consider their relationship to other Bible passages to build consistent, clear Bible narratives of how to receive miracle so that you can confidently "receive" per Mark 11:23-24.

(1) Man's faith action moves power to get the miracle prayed for

Woman's faith action healed her

Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in [her] body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue (power) had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy (your) faith hath (has) made thee (you) whole (restored to total health); go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

The Bible passage above shows clearly that power (Acts 10:38) is moved by man's faith action to progress the miracle. This principle is emphasized by "according to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29). When we compare what she did in this episode with the rest of the Bible, we see that she did a Mark 11:23. Here is what happened: (1) the woman believed Jesus could and would heal her (Luke 4:18, Acts 10:36-38), (2) she said she would be healed (her Mark 11:23 statement) when she touched Jesus' clothes (her qualification statement), (3) when she touched Jesus' clothes (fulfilled her qualified Mark 11:23 statement) God's power left Jesus and healed her (Acts 10:38), (4) Jesus called what she did "faith" and it was her faith action that made her whole.

This is a unique example of Mark 11:23, because not only did she speak the outcome (Romans 4:17) that her body would be made whole/restored, but she also spoke the manner in which (touching Jesus' clothes) she would be made whole. And when she did her faith action (touched Jesus' clothes), God's **power** (Acts 10:38, Luke 4:14) moved from Jesus to heal her in the manner she said. It is important to note that Jesus was in neutral and did not direct God's **power**. Therefore, it was only her Mark 11:23 statement that moved the **power** God placed on Jesus to heal her and to heal her in the manner specified by her faith statement.

Luke 6:19 (below) shows, again, that man's faith action, in agreement with God's will for us, moves power to manifest God's will for us. [See the "God Wants Us Healed" and "How Not Receive from God" studies.]

Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue (**power**, *G1411*) out of him, and healed *them* all.

Faith on, Power on; Faith off, Power off

Moses (man) lowered his rod and Amalek prevailed

Exodus 17:8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

Moses is taking the initiative to do God's will according to Exodus 4:17, 3:8, 3:17.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

Verse 11 says that Moses held up his hand. Exodus 9:22-23, Exodus 10:12-13, and Exodus 14:16 show that "hand" and "rod" are interchangeable. Therefore, we conclude that when Moses held

up his hand/rod in agreement with Exodus 4:17. "Israel prevailed" when Moses held up his rod.

But, when Moses "let down his hand, Amalek prevailed." So, when Moses, for any reason, did not act in agreement with God's will (Exodus 4:17), God stopped doing God's will. This is why 1 Thessalonians 5:17 + Mark 11:23-24 will ensure that God's power continues to progress the miracle.

12 But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Aaron and Hur propped up the rod and continued to hold up the rod until sundown. And because they acted in agreement with God's will (as expressed in Exodus 4:17) until sundown, God's power continued to aid the Israelites until sundown.

This is a good example of "according to your faith be it unto you" in Matthew 9:29 because God's power persisted in helping the Israelites due to their persistent "faith" action. We should also be persistent in doing our "faith" actions: like Jesus did in Mark 8:22-25, like Paul did in Ephesians 1:16, Colossians 1:9, and as we are told to in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Joshua 1:8 and Proverbs 4:20-22.

In this episode, intercessors did God's will to move God's power to do God's will. Here, God told man to use the rod to get the Israelites to the Promised Land. Aaron and Hur helping Moses to hold the rod up is sufficient to satisfy God's will concerning the rod, as declared in Exodus 4:17.

This episode shows that God's power is just waiting for some man to believe God's Word is true and to act in agreement with God's Word/promise. Miracles do not follow some special man, but follow any man doing "faith" in agreement with God's will.

We can do faith anytime, anywhere

Exodus 14:15 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Wherefore criest thou unto me?** speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

When Moses and the Israelites were trapped by the Red Sea, Moses called to God. God replied, "wherefore criest thou unto me?" (above). God, then, reminded Moses to raise his rod to act in agreement with God's will as stated in Exodus 4:17. This means that we can and should act

in agreement with God's stated will anytime and anywhere. Furthermore, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says that we should do the prayer of faith endlessly. This is another aspect of "according to your faith be it unto you," Matthew 9:29.

God starts working when man starts doing faith

2 Chronicles 20:1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then **thou wilt hear and help.**

Jehoshaphat is stating God's Word, and then said his faith statement.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our **God, wilt thou not judge them?** for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

Jehoshaphat, again, said his faith statement.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

This is very like Zachariah 4:6.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; **to morrow go out against them:** for the LORD will be with you.

Here, God stated God's will for them (their faith action).

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 And **when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir**, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

Man does faith and then God does God's Word.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

(2) Stronger faith gets more/greater result

The Bible episode of Peter walking on water (below) is very illuminating: (1) Jesus measures our faith by the miracle we get, (2) God's power moves based on the strength of our faith, (3) stronger faith moves more power.

Peter Walks on Water

Matthew 14:24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O **thou of little faith**, wherefore didst thou doubt?

1. Jesus' "come" (verse 29) expressed God's will. Peter acted according to God's will when Peter walked on water. [See the "Bible Miracles Explained" study.] God's power was holding up both Jesus and Peter. But the wind whipped up the waves (an adverse circumstance, like sickness or rumors of job layoff), and Peter saw it and was afraid (that God's Word was not good enough). Notice that it was the adverse circumstances that caused Peter to be afraid. This is how the devil attacks to shake one's faith. The devil attacked Adam and Eve to cause them to doubt God's word and to tempt them to choose the devil's word over God's word. [Adam and Eve essentially called God a liar. If they had believed God's Word, they would never have eaten the fruit (for God said they would die).] When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the devil tempted Jesus to leave God and to choose the devil's word over God's Word. Here, Peter could believe God's word (when Jesus said "come") or he could believe the wind and waves would overwhelm God's power/will to support Peter. Just imagine what Moses was thinking when God told Moses to tell Pharaoh the bad news. Moses hesitated and God was mad that Moses thought God's power was not up to Pharaoh's power. We've all been in similar situations confronted with this same choice. This episode shows that we should not dwell on the adverse circumstances, rather, we should focus and act on what God said about the circumstances. Do 1 Timothy 6:12, "fight the good fight of faith." See the "Korkor Ebola Healing" testimony.

2. Peter was afraid, and he probably did something to express his doubt (like stop walking, as one pastor thought). Then a bit of God's power left Peter, because Peter "began to sink." It appears that God's power cannot coexist with doubt of God's power, and by extension, with doubt of God's word. God's power acted/reacted instantly and by degrees to Peter's agreement/disagreement with God's Word.

3. Jesus had no trouble standing on water. God was not weak. One pastor thought that even as Peter started to sink, Peter could have risen back up to the top of the water, if Peter had remembered that God is God and God can easily support Peter. [See the "Bible Miracles Explained" study.]

4. Jesus attributed Peter's beginning to sink to Peter's doubt, for Jesus said, "why did you doubt?" Jesus described it as "little faith." Beginning to sink is still a miracle, although a smaller miracle than walking on water. So, doubt results in "little faith," and "little faith" results in smaller miracle. This episode shows the inverse of Mark 11:23 and is an example of ". . . according to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29). This example tells us that the degree of our belief in what God says regarding receiving from God regulates how much we receive when we do faith. Mark 11:22-24 says that we need to believe we receive when we do faith. [See the "What Jesus Means by Faith," "How Not Receive From God," and "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" studies.]

5. This is why we must not speak contrary to what we are praying for. (Of course, we are already praying in agreement with God's declared will in the Bible.) When we act/speak in agreement

with God's Word/will, God's power immediately works to implement it. When we act/speak contrary to God's Word/will, we provoke God. Acting/speaking contrary to God's Word affects God's power towards us, and by degrees, as this example shows. Do not express fear. Do not express doubt. Do as Joshua did when Joshua shut up the Israelites as they walked around Jericho (Joshua 6:10). Fear alone does not cause faith failure (Jairus' daughter example, Luke 8:41-55). However, fear-induced words and actions that contradict God's Word cause faith failures (see Numbers 13-14 where their acting contrary to God's Word cost them).

6. Peter did a Mark 11:23 when he called out to Jesus, "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30) Peter did not request help (such as, "Jesus, if you would, please save me?"). A related point is that Peter also did a Mark 11:23 when Peter said, "tell me to come to you on the water" in verse 28.

7. I state again that this example shows that God's power reacts instantly and by degrees to our acting in agreement or acting in disagreement (even doubt) with God's Word/will.

This passage shows the biggest problem with man receiving miracles. If Christians were raised in a family where miracles manifest regularly and on demand, then they would grow up doing the same. However, most Christians do not see miracles manifest regularly and on demand, and they are taught miracles are not for this time. They do not search the Bible for themselves. As a result, they believe very weakly that they receive from God when they pray.

Consequently, our job is to build up our faith quickly and persistently. See the "Fight the Good Fight of Faith," "The Work We Do," and "Prayer Authority" studies on how to do this. In the meantime, pouring in faith frequently and persistently will still progress the miracle and manifest smaller miracles. Also, pouring even more faith from many people, like the intercessors did for Peter in Acts 12, will help with the job. See the "Jesus Paul Do More Faith" study.

One time, I said to Terry Mize (something like), "I have a notion that big jobs require more faith." Terry replied, "That sounds about right."

(3) The Work We Do

[Remember, this set of Bible studies only addresses how to receive miracles faster.]

We shall do the work Jesus did (Jesus said this with a "truly," and then a second "truly.")

John 14:12 **Verily** (truly), **verily** (truly), I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do** also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12 (above) says that because Jesus was going to Father God, the body of Christ is to carry on the work that Jesus did, and even greater works than Jesus did. Jesus emphasized this with a “verily” (truly) and then a second “verily.” Jesus really means this.

So, what work did Jesus do?

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 (above) says that Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil. John 10:10 (below) says that the devil steals, kills, and destroys.

John 10:10 The **thief** cometh not, but for to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Jesus manifested God’s will on earth. Therefore, we are also to manifest God’s will on earth. [See the “Gospel of the Kingdom of God” study.]

How can we do John 14:12?

Jesus did miraculous work. How can we follow Jesus’ footsteps and do John 14:12? Actually, we are equipped identically as God equipped Jesus (Spirit of God and power and all authority on earth) to manifest God’s will on earth: see the “Jesus Church Parallels,” “The Work We Do,” and “Gospel of the Kingdom of God” studies. We are well equipped to do John 14:12.

Also, it is important to continuously build up our faith (by consider/read the Bible and these studies), as shown by Romans 10:17 and John 10:7 below.

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

John 15:7 If ye abide (*live*) in me, and my words abide (*live*) in you, ye shall ask (*call for, G154*) what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

(4) The stranger manifests miracle

Mark 9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw **one casting out devils in thy name**, and **he followeth not us**: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

Mark 9:38 above confirms that miracle is just man supplying faith so that God manifests God’s will earth. God sent the twelve and then the seventy to do John 14:12, 1 John 3:8, and John 10:10. The stranger was able to do the same, and Jesus was perfectly fine with that. Miracle is not tied

to any special person. Even a stranger can do John 14:12 without being told to do so by Jesus. God wants to manifest John 14:12, 1 John 3:8, and John 10:10 on earth. God is just waiting for some man to do faith in agreement with God's will.

(5) Acting in agreement with God works despite disobedience

More "faith" actions produce more results; "faith" action works despite disobedience

Numbers 20:1 Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

Numbers 20:8 (above) states God's will.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

Moses did not do according to God's will of "speak ye unto the rock" in verse 8 above. But, not only did water come out of the rock, water came out abundantly, in contrast to Exodus 17:6. Moses struck the rock twice, instead of once as in Exodus 17:6. The result was water came out **abundantly**. Moses was still doing "faith" action in agreement with Exodus 4:17 and Exodus 3:8. God's power still worked according to God's will of Exodus 3:8 and Exodus 4:17. And more "faith" actions (struck the rock twice in agreement with Exodus 4:17) resulted in more water.

However, Moses and Aaron executed this faith action contrary to God's immediate will of "speak ye unto the rock." They were disobedient. "Faith" action still worked.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

God said that Moses did not speak to the rock because Moses did not believe God. We should refrain from not believing God's Word, for not believing God's Word is like calling God a liar.

13 This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

Aaron died because Aaron rebelled

Numbers 20:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

Faith action works due to acting in agreement with God's will and not due to man's obedience or disobedience.

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This is not a tutorial. Only the key Bible verses are listed. You may need to look up the context, the surrounding verses, to get the full message/meaning. The verses here are in the King James translation. A popular Internet Bible with many translations and languages: www.biblegateway.com . You may find translations such as NIV and AMP easier to understand. The Bible verses are in Courier New 12 font, and the clarifications that I inserted into a Bible verse are inside parentheses in italics. If you want more precise translation, go to www.blueletterbible.org, choose the King James Version (KJV), input the book and chapter, and turn on the Strong word option. The returned web page will show Bible verses as well as each word's Strong number, its meaning, and cross references.

Also, using the name of Jesus to receive healing does not mean refusing medical care. You should receive medical care because God wants you healthy. But you should also use Jesus' name to pray the prayer of faith to receive healing from God.

Lastly, these Bible studies do not address other Bible issues. Other issues are well addressed by other Christian sources. These studies only focus on how to receive miracles faster.
