

## Bible Miracles Explained

This study shows how Bible miracles work so that we can get the miracles God wants to give us.

### 3 steps for man to receive miracle from God:

1. God declares God's will towards man (recorded in the Bible, God's Word).
2. Then man acts in agreement with God's declared will towards man. Bible calls man acting in agreement with God's declared will "faith." [See the "What Jesus Means By Faith.doc" study.]
3. God then implements on earth God's declared will that man acted in agreement with. (God's power does the work, Acts 10:38, Mark 5:27-30, 34.) [Read the other studies in this set to see how lower-level factors are involved.]

The following Bible episodes show how this principle operates throughout the Bible.

### God stated God's Will for Moses to take the Israelites to the Promised Land

Exodus 3:8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exodus 3:17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

Exodus 4:2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

Exodus 4:17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

The above verses state God's will regarding Moses taking the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20 (above) express God's general will regarding going to the Promised Land. For us, it is important to note Exodus 4:17 (above) where God said that Moses will use his rod to do miracles to implement God's will.

**It is God's will that Moses use his rod to do signs to take the Israelites to the Promised Land.**

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**Moses (man) used his rod to do a sign: turned rod into serpent**

Exodus 7:10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

Moses/Aaron (man) first does God's will (Exodus 4:17, 3:8, 3:17, 3:20) and then God implements God's will on earth.

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**Moses (man) used his rod to do a sign: turned river into blood**

Exodus 7:17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

Exodus 7:17-18 (above) states God's will.

Exodus 7:17 (above) is very interesting. It shows that God views Moses raising the rod as God raising the rod in God's hand to smite the water. It agrees with Exodus 3:20.

Exodus 7:20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

**Moses (man) first does God's will (Exodus 4:17, 3:8, 3:17, 3:20) and then God implements God's will on earth.**

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### **Moses (man) used his rod to do a sign: frogs invaded Egypt**

Exodus 8:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs:

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 8:1-5 (above) states God's will.**

Exodus 8:6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

**Moses/Aaron (man) first does God's will (Exodus 4:17, 3:8, 3:17, 3:20) and then God implements God's will on earth.**

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### **Moses (man) cried unto the Lord: frogs died**

Exodus 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

**Moses negotiated (in Exodus 8:8-11 above) with Pharaoh to do God's will (Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20).**

Exodus 8:12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

**Both starting and stopping God's frog plague are God's wonders. When Moses cried unto God because of the frogs, Moses spoke in line with God's will (Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20) to smite Egypt with God's wonders in order to take the Israelites to the Promised Land. Both Moses and God did according to God's will.**

Moses (man) first does God's will and then God implements God's will. This episode is interesting because God did according to man's word (Moses' words in agreement with God's will) to do God's will on earth.

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**Moses used his rod to do a sign: lice invaded Egypt**

Exodus 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

**God reiterated God's will that Moses use his rod to do signs.**

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Moses/Aaron (man) first does God's will and then God implements God's will on earth.

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**Moses (man) intreated the Lord: flies departed**

Exodus 8:20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

**Moses intreated God in agreement with God's will (Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20).**

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

**Then God did God's will. This is like "according to your faith be it unto you" of Matthew 9:29.**

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## Moses (man) first proclaims God's will and then God implements God's will

Exodus 9:1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.

4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel.

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

**Moses (man) first proclaimed to Pharaoh God's will. Moses acted in agreement with Exodus 9:1 (above), Exodus 3:8 and Exodus 3:20.**

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Then God implemented God's will.

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## Moses (man) first acts in agreement with God's will and then God implements God's will

Exodus 9:8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 9:8-9 and Exodus 3:8, 3:20 state God's will.**

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.

**Moses and Aaron first sprinkle ashes in agreement with God's will and then God implements God's will.**

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## Moses used his rod to do a sign: hail pounded Egypt

Exodus 9:18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Stretch forth thine hand** toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:18-22 (above) states God's will (together with: Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20, and 4:17). "Hand" in verse 22 above and "rod" in verse 23 below appear to be interchangeable.

23 And **Moses stretched forth his rod** toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

Moses (man) first does God's will (Exodus 9:23 above) and then God implements God's will (Exodus 9:23 above).

Exodus 9:22-23 (above) show that "hand" and "rod" are interchangeable.

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Moses (man) first proclaimed God's will and then God implemented God's will

Exodus 9:27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled.

32 But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they were not grown up.

**Moses (man) proclaims God's will (in agreement with Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20, and 4:17).**

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

**God implements God's will after Moses (man) does in agreement with God's will.**

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**Moses (man) used his rod to do a sign: locusts covered Egypt**

Exodus 10:4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?



8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Stretch out thine hand** over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

Exodus 10:12 (above) states God's will (together with Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20, and 4:17).

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locust went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

Moses (man) first does God's will and then God implements God's will.

Exodus 10:12 (above) and Exodus 10:13 (above) show that "hand" and "rod in hand" are used interchangeably.

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Moses (man) first intreated according to God's will and then God implemented God's will

Exodus 10:16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

Moses (man) first intreats God according to God's will (Exodus 3:8 and 3:17) and then God implements God's will.

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## Moses (man) used his rod/hand to do a sign: God covered Egypt in darkness

Exodus 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

Exodus 10:21 (above) and Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20 state God's will.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Moses (man) first does God's will and then God implements God's will.

In Exodus 10:12-13, the Bible seems to use "hand" and "rod in hand" interchangeably.

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## Man struck lamb blood on door posts: then death plague passed that house

Exodus 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 12:5-13 (above) God's will.**

Exodus 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer (*allow*) the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

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28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

**The children of Israel do God's will.**

Exodus 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

The children of Israel (man) first do as God's will and then God implements God's will.

**Moses first acted according to God's will and then God implemented God's will.**

Exodus 14:9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

Exodus 14:15 (above) is very interesting. It seems that God expected Moses to know what to do. It seems that God expected Moses to know Exodus 4:17 by now: that Moses can/should initiate the "man-does-faith" part so that God implements God's will of Exodus 3:8. See Verse 16 below.

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.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

Exodus 14:15-16 (above) states God's will. In Exodus 14:16 (above), "hand" and "rod in hand" are interchangeable.

Exodus 14:21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

God does God's will after Moses (man) does according to God's will.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Moses (man) first does God's will (Exodus 14:15-16, 3:8, 3:17, 3:20, 4:17) and then God implements God's will (Exodus 3:8).

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### Moses (man) did according to God's will and then God implemented God's will

Exodus 15:22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

Moses first does according to what God shows him and then God implements God's will (Exodus 3:8).

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### Moses (man) struck the rock with his rod: God produced water from the rock

Exodus 17:1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Moses (man) first does according to God's will (Exodus 3:8, 3:17, 3:20, and 4:17) and then God implements God's will. This episode, like the other episodes, shows that God supplies people's needs to implement Exodus 3:8.

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## 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 hands, Moses held up the rod, according to Exodus 4:17. "Israel prevailed" when Moses held up his rod. Like all the other miracles above, God helped Israel when Moses held up his rod.

But, when Moses "let down his hand, Amalek prevailed." So, when Moses, for any reason, did not act according to God's will (Exodus 4:17), God stopped doing God's will. This reinforces that we should act according to God's will/Word so that God's power is on our side as God implements His will.

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.

Note that these Israelites were losing to Amalek when God's power was not helping them. Since they were fighting a battle, the Israelites would have continued to lose and ultimately be destroyed. Good thing 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.

This episode also shows that intercessors that do God's will also move God's power to do God's will. Here, God's will is that man 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 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. Miracle does not follow some special man, but follows any man doing "faith" in agreement with God's will.

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## God says that man first does according to God's Word and then God saves man

Numbers 10:9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

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## More "faith" action produces more results; Not believe God is a bad idea

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" action (more striking of the rock) resulted in more water.

It should be noted that Moses initiated "smote the rock twice" in verse 11 above. Moses executed this faith action contrary to God's immediate will of "speak ye unto the rock." God's power still responded according to Exodus 4:17 to produce water abundantly due to Moses striking the rock twice.

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.

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## Not believing God brings a bad result

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.



## God hearkened to the voice of Israel and did God's will

Numbers 21:1 And when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

Man (Moses) first speaks according to God's will (Exodus 3:8), and then God implements God's will.

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## Speak against God brings a bad result

Numbers 21:4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

[Judging people is an action God does unilaterally.]

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Man first does according to God's will (Numbers 21:8 above) and then God implements God's will on earth.

God made a way to continue Exodus 3:8.

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## Man does God's will

Numbers 21:33 And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and og the king of bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at edrei.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

**Men first do God's will (Numbers 21:34 above) and then God implements God's will on earth.**

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## Man does God's will and then God implements God's will

Joshua 3:1 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

**God's will.**

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

**Joshua (man) speaks God's will.**

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

**Man first does God's will (Joshua 3:8, Exodus 3:8) first and then God implements God's will on earth.**

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**Man acted in agreement with God's will and God collapsed the Jericho wall**

Joshua 6:1 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

**God's will.**

10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

**Joshua stopped them from talking so that they would not contradict God's will as did the ten spies.**

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

**Man first does God's will.**

17 And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

**Joshua spoke that Rahab and her house shall survive the collapse. Joshua did a Mark 11:23. Joshua spoke "faith." (Read Rahab's story in Joshua 2.)**

18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

**Man first does God's will (walked and then "shouted") and then God implements God's will.**

Joshua 6:23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

Rahab's house and all in it survived the collapse. God honored man's word (Joshua 2).

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### Joshua (man) first did God's will and then God gave them the city

Joshua 8:18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

Exodus 3:8 still applies.

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### Joshua first spoke in agreement with God's will and then God stopped the sun and the moon

Joshua 10:8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

God's will.

Joshua 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

Joshua (man) first speaks in agreement with God's will (so that they had time to do God's will).

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Then God implements God's will on earth.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

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### Once again

Joshua 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

God's will.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

Man does God's will (just like in the case of Jericho) .

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephothmaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

Then God implements God's will.

## Samson first called to God and then God answered

Judges 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Judges 13:4-5 (above) expresses God's will regarding Samson.

Judges 16:28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

Samson first speaks in agreement with God's will.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

Then God implements God's will. "According to your faith be it unto you" of Matthew 9:29 applies here.

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## Samuel first did God's will and then God anointed David

1 Samuel 16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

1 Sameul 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

God's will.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Samuel first does God's will and then God puts the Spirit of the Lord upon David. There are two "faith" events here: (1) Samuel (a man) first anoints David and then God anoints David, and (2) Samuel first anoints with oil and then God anoints with the Spirit of God. God wants to anoint David with the Spirit of God, but God wants a man to do it in faith first, and then God will do God's will on earth.

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## David spoke God's will and God delivered him

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 28:7 (above) expresses God's will.

David used his slingshot to defeat Goliath. But David also used his "faith" to defeat and kill Goliath. First, we see that God anointed David with the Spirit of the Lord after the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil in 1

Samuel 16:12-13 below. Compare this with God anointed/baptized Jesus with the Spirit of God and power in Acts 10:38 and Matthew 3:11, 3:16. Compare this with Acts 1:5, 1:8, Luke 24:49, and Mark 16:16-18.

1 Samuel 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit of the LORD came upon David** from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

In the 1 Samuel 17:33-37 passage below, David was interviewing with King Saul to let David fight Goliath. David's interview strategy was to tell Saul that David knew well his Abraham's covenant with God. David quoted to Saul that God honored His Abraham's covenant with David by helping David kill a lion and a bear. David was saying that God's power was with David because no one expects a young lad to kill a lion and a bear. And David then told Saul that God would help David kill Goliath also. And Saul was won over, when Saul said, in verse 37, "Go, and the Lord be with thee." Saul was saying, (my paraphrase) "God will honor the Abraham covenant He has with you and will help you defeat Goliath."

1 Samuel 17:33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, **The LORD** that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, **he will deliver me** out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

David Spoke God's will: "The Lord . . . he will deliver me."

1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and **I will smite thee**, and **take thine head from thee**; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Furthermore, David spoke: " I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee."

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.



48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

God did God's will. For Goliath to survive as champion, Goliath must have reflex and coordination of Kobe and Shaq. For the stone to be lethal, it must be big enough to be visible, tracked, and dodged. Therefore, just as with the lion and bear, God helped David to defeat Goliath. [See Mark 11:22-23 and Matthew 9:29.]

## God's will for the New Testament miracles:

The good news (gospel) for us is not only that Jesus died and rose again for our salvation, but also made the kingdom of God available to us here and now. Jesus told the Israelites this, and Jesus told us this in Mark 1:1 and Mark 1:14-15, Luke 16:16, Matthew 12:28, Luke 11:20, Mark 9:1, Luke 9:27, Luke 12:31-32. Jesus told this gospel to everyone and then told the disciples to tell this same gospel to everyone. One detailed exposition of this gospel, at the beginning of his ministry, is shown in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. Jesus said that everyone is blessed (Matthew 5:3-11) and that God would supply our needs (Matthew 6:30-33, Matthew 7:7-11). Jesus then proceeded to demonstrate and implement this gospel. And since Jesus did God's will and would never violate God's will, then what Jesus did demonstrated God's will for us.

Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

God knows our needs now. The context for the following verses is our needs being met by God. Therefore, for God to supply our needs, we are to do the following:

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

We are to pray that the kingdom of God to come in earth as the kingdom of God is in heaven. This is what Jesus proclaimed in Mark 1:14-15 and in many other places in the gospel books. God meeting our needs is not automatic: we need to pray as spelled out in this prayer (commonly called the Lord's Prayer).

We are to also pray that God's will be done in earth as it is in heaven. God wants God's will be done in earth. This is important in the following examples.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

The verse above reiterates that God wants to supply our food/needs and that we are to pray that God supplies our food/needs.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

The verse above shows that it is God's will that we not get into trouble and that we are to pray such. The verse above also shows that it is God's will that God delivers us from trouble, but that we are to pray for this.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

It is important to note that the prayer clauses above are all Mark 11:23 clauses. Therefore, it is God's will that we pray Mark 11:23-24 prayer in order for God to meet our needs. We are to do "faith" (Mark 11:22) that God meets our needs.

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

<sup>29</sup> And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup> Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 6:28-30 above show again God's will to supply our needs. However, God Jesus said that we have "little faith." Jesus was referring to our weak ability to receive from God.

Mark 5:34, Luke 17:19, Mark 10:52, Luke 7:50, and Matthew 15:28 (just about) show that Jesus called "faith" that which bring God's miracle to us. In Matthew 9:29, Jesus said that receive from God according to our "faith." Therefore, Jesus was saying in Matthew 6:28-30 that God wants to provide our needs, but our "little faith" hinders our receiving from God.

Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

<sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:31-33 (above) is still in the context of God supplying our needs. But Matthew 6:33 says that we need to seek the kingdom of God first and then all these things shall be given to us. Since the context is the things we need on earth, we must be able to get into the kingdom of God when we are here on the earth. Jesus said that the kingdom of God was here in Mark 1:14-15. See the study "Gospel of Kingdom of God."

The word "kingdom" means dominion or the right to rule. Therefore, "kingdom of God" means "where God's dominion or rule takes place." Another way to say it is "where God's will is in effect" or "where God's will is implemented or made to happen." This matches with the Lord's Prayer where we are to pray that God's kingdom and God's will come on earth. If God's will takes place on earth then God's rule has taken place there.

In Mark 5:34, Luke 17:19, Mark 10:52, and Luke 7:50, these people must have received their miracle from God in line with God's will for them. They must have entered into the kingdom of God because their miracles were added unto them just as "seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Jesus said that it was their "faith" that cause them to receive their miracle from God. Therefore, our "faith" will cause us to do the same. The study "What Jesus Means By Faith" show that "faith" is we first act or speak in agreement with God's will/Word and then God implement/make happen God's will that we acted or spoke in agreement with. Many such examples will be shown later.

Matthew 7:7-11 (below) again show that if we would call for our needs, God, our father, would give it to us. Matthew 7:9-11 show that Jesus was talking about things on earth and not things in heaven.

Matthew 7:7 **Ask** (*call for, G154*), and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that **asketh** (*call for, G154*) receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son **ask** (*call for, G154*) bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he **ask** (*call for, G154*) a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that **ask** (*call for, G154*) him?

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have **faith** [in] (*of*) **God**.

23 For verily (*truly*) I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in

his heart, but shall **believe** that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire (**call for**, G154), when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

A few more instances of God's will for us here on earth:

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with **power**: who went about doing good, and **healing all** that were **oppressed of the devil**; for God was with him.

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.

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.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, 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.

Acts 10:38 (above) says that God anointed Jesus to heal those oppressed by the devil. 1 John 3:8 (above) says that Jesus was sent to undo the devil's work, including sickness, theft, killing, and destruction (John 10:10 above). John 14:12 (above) says that we are to do Jesus' work also. Therefore, we are also to undo sickness, theft, killing, and destruction, as well as casting out devils. We will show many examples of such in the following Bible miracles.

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## Woman's faith healed her

Acts 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

<sup>37</sup> That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

<sup>38</sup> How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:36-37 (above) says that Jesus told everyone that God anointed Jesus to heal those oppressed by the devil.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised (by the devil),

<sup>19</sup> To preach the acceptable year of the Lord (*jubilee from devil's bondage*).

<sup>20</sup> And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

<sup>21</sup> And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Luke 4:18-21 (above) reiterates Acts 10:36-38 that God anointed Jesus to heal and set people free from devil's bondage.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32 (above) say that the truth of Acts 10:36-38 and Luke 4:18-21 shall set us free from the devil's bondage, including sickness.

The above are God's will for this woman in the episode below.

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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.

She acted on what she heard of Jesus' message, of God's will for her .

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 woman (man) first act in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will to heal her when power moved from Jesus to her, due to her "faith" action.

"Thy faith hath made thee whole" in Mark 5:34 is God's will that we can use to receive from God.

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## Lepers' faith healed them

God's will for the lepers are Acts 10:36-38, Luke 4:18-21, and John 8:32. Also see the study "God wants us healed."

Luke 17:12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up [their] voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

They called on Jesus to heal them because they believed what Jesus told everyone. They acted on God's Word/will.

14 And when he saw [them], he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, **as they went, they were cleansed.**

Jesus responded to their "faith" action and told them to show themselves to the priests, for they need to get themselves checked out to be declared clean. Jesus, the prophet, spoke God's will. They first acted on the God will that Jesus proclaimed and then God implemented God's will that they acted on.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on [his] face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where [are] the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: **thy faith hath made thee whole.**

"Thy faith hath made thee whole" in Luke 17:19 is God's will that we can use to receive from God.

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## Woman's faith action saved her

When we read the four gospel books where John the Baptist preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, that Jesus preached Luke 4:18-19 everywhere (Acts 10:36-38), and Jesus' response to the woman caught in adultery, we see that it is God's will we be forgiven if we repent. This woman acted in accordance with God's will and obtained forgiveness. Jesus called her action "faith," this thing that delivers miracles. "Faith" is an acting in agreement with God's will.

Luke 7:37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

**She acted to receive forgiveness.**

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

**Jesus then did a Mark 11:23 action: "Thy sins are forgiven."**

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy **faith** hath saved (*delivered from penalties, G4982, "sozo") thee; go in peace.*

This woman came to Jesus to obtain forgiveness just like others who came to Jesus to obtain healing. Jesus said that her acting in agreement with God's will was the "faith" that saved her. She first acted in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will.

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## Blind men's faith opened their eyes

Same God's will as the previous examples applies here.

Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, [Thou] Son of David, have mercy on us.

They accepted what Jesus said (God's will) and acted on it to come to Jesus, calling for help.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, **Yea, Lord.**

Jesus asked for a confirmation that they believed what (God's will) Jesus told everyone. Their answer of "Yes, Lord" is their action that agreed with God's will (their "faith").

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.**

In response to their "faith," Jesus did a "faith" statement (Mark 11:23 statement of "According to your faith be it unto you"). From the episode of Mark 5:25-34 we know that God's power moves to do God's will when someone does "faith" in agreement with God's will. In the Mark 5:25-34 episode we know that she was in contact with Jesus' cloth when God's power moved across to her. Presumably, power also moved to heal them because they were in physical contact when Jesus did "faith."

They first acted in agreement with God's will and then Jesus acted in agreement with God's will to move power to heal them.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See [that] no man know [it].

"According to your faith be it unto you" in Matthew 9:29 is God's Word/will that we can and should use.

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## Centurion's great faith caused a healing miracle



Same God's will as the previous examples applies here.

Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

The centurion acted on Jesus' message (God's will) and came to receive healing for his servant.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

Jesus responded to the Centurion's faith and prepared to implement God's will.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this [man], Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth [it].

The centurion stopped Jesus and said that Jesus could just command healing instead of walking and sweating to heal his servant.

10 When Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, [so] be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Jesus responded to the centurion's faith (Jesus commanding healing) and then said Jesus' Mark 11:23 statement: "as thou hast believed, be it done unto thee." It was Jesus' Mark 11:23 statement that moved power to heal the servant.

This is a very good example of "according to your faith be it done unto you" of Matthew 9:29. God's will was to heal. Jesus initially started walking to the servant to lay hand on him to heal. But Jesus did God's will to heal the servant by commanding healing according to the centurion's faith. God's will was done, but according to the centurion's "faith."

We should remember well that "according to your faith be it unto you" is God's will.

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Samuel first anoints Saul and then God anoints Saul

1 Samuel 9:16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

**It is God's will that Samuel anoints Saul .**

1 Samuel 10:1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

**Man first acts according to God's will .**

1 Samuel 11:6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

And then God implements God's will. God wanted to anoint Saul with the Spirit of God and with power (Acts 10:38) or God would not have put the Spirit of God on Saul in the above verse. But, God wanted man to do the same "faith" action before God would implement God's will.

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## Samuel first anoints David and then God anoints David

1 Samuel 16:3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

**It is God's will that Samuel anoints David .**

1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Samuel (man) first acts according to God's will and then God implements God's will. God wanted to anoint David with the Spirit of God and power (Acts 10:38) or God would not have put the Spirit of God on David in the above verse. But, God wants man to do the same "faith" action before God would implement God's will.

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## John the Baptist first baptizes Jesus and then God anoints Jesus with the Spirit of God

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Acts 10:37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

<sup>38</sup> How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

God wanted to anoint Jesus with the Spirit of God and power to launch Jesus' ministry. And yet, God wanted John the Baptist (man) to first cover Jesus with water (representing the Spirit of God) and then God anointed (covered) Jesus with the Spirit of God and power (implemented God's will).

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## We first baptizes with water and then Jesus baptizes with the Spirit of God and power

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

It is God's will that we first baptize others with water.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

If the pattern for anointing Saul, David, and Jesus continues for us, after we baptize a person in water, Jesus will baptize (cover) the baptized person with the Holy Ghost (Spirit of God) and power (Acts 10:38).

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## Abraham first sacrificed his son Isaac and then God sacrificed God's son Jesus

Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

<sup>2</sup> And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

God wanted Abraham to sacrifice Abraham's only beloved son Isaac.

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<sup>9</sup> And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

<sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And Abraham did, until the angel stopped Abraham.

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<sup>16</sup> And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

<sup>17</sup> That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

<sup>18</sup> And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

**This is why God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac: so that the body of Christ (seed of Abraham, Galatians 3:29, 3:7) can be multiplied, possess the gate of the devil, and bless all the nations (through Jesus).**

Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Mark 15:25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

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Mark 15:37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

Jesus chose to be sacrificed.

## Blind Bartimaeus' faith restored his sight

Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

**Blind Bartimaeus is already acting on what Jesus told everyone: they called Jesus "thou son of David." And they said in agreement with God's will: "have mercy on me."**

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

Jesus responded to their "faith."

50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

Jesus gave Bartimaeus the opportunity to speak (act) in agreement with God's will. This time Bartimaeus spoke precisely in agreement with God's will: "that I might receive my sight."

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; **thy** (your) **faith hath** (has) **made thee** (you) **whole** (restored to health). And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Jesus responded to Bartimaeus' "that I might receive my sight" by doing a Mark 11:23 to deliver to Bartimaeus what God promised. Jesus' Mark 11:23 was "thy faith hath made thee whole." To be more clear, Jesus' Mark 11:23 was (paraphrased) "you are made whole because of your faith." Jesus' Mark 11:23 phrase that moved God's power to heal Bartimaeus was "you are made whole." But Jesus only did this because of Bartimaeus' first acted in agreement with God's will.

## Woman's great faith caused a healing miracle

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, [thou] Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

This Syrophenician woman also believed what Jesus told everyone (God's will), just like Bartimaeus did.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Jesus explained why Jesus did not act: Jesus was not sent to her, a Syrophenician woman.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast [it] to dogs.

Jesus explained again that Jesus was not sent to her. Therefore, healing (children's bread) was not for her (dogs).

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the **dogs eat** of the **crumbs which fall from their masters' table.**

The woman did not fight Jesus for she said, "Truth, Lord." Instead, she took another route for she said that God was big enough to heal everyone, including her daughter.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great [is] thy (your) **faith:** be it unto thee (you) even as thou (you) wilt (will). And her daughter was made whole (restored to health) from that very hour.

She hits the nail on the head because Jesus did a Mark 11:23 in response: "be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Jesus' Mark 11:23 statement moved God's power to heal the daughter. The woman first spoke in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will.

Mark 7:26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

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## Visible faith caused Jesus to command the palsy man to be healed

Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

They first acted in agreement with what Jesus told everyone (God's will).

20 And when he **saw their faith**, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power (*authority*) upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Jesus then did a Mark 11:23 to move God's power to heal him.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

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## Jairus' steady faith caused Jesus to raise his daughter and heal her

Luke 8:41 (KJS) And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

Jairus first acted in agreement with God's will (what Jesus told everyone) .

42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

Jesus responded to Jairus' "faith" and went to heal Jairus' daughter.

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49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's [house], saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

50 But when Jesus heard [it], he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and **she shall be made whole**.

51 And when he came into the house, he suffered (*allowed*) no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; **she is not dead**, but **sleepeth**.

53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

Jesus then did a Mark 11:23 to heal her, in response to Jairus' "faith" action.

55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

## Naaman's steady agreement with God's Word healed his leprosy

2 Kings 5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

Elisha, God's prophet, spoke God's will.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some great thing*, wouldest thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Naaman finally acted in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will.

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## Blind man's steady agreement with Jesus' word restored his sight

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: (. *End of Sentence*) but (*But, Begin New Sentence*) that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ( , *Sentence Continues*)

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jesus said that Jesus must act in agreement with God's will as stated in Luke 4:18-19, Acts 10:38, 1 John 3:8, Matthew 6:28-30, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 7:20-22, Matthew 11:2-6.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, {anointed ... or, spread the clay upon the eyes of the blind man}

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, **He went** his way therefore, and **washed**, and **came seeing**.

On other occasions, when Jesus laid hand on the sick to heal, Jesus often also did a Mark 11:23 such as: "Maid, arise" (Luke 8:54-55). But this time Jesus spoke God's will: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man acted in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will.

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## Blind men's faith opened their eyes

Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, [Thou] Son of David, have mercy on us.



They believed what Jesus told everyone: that God anointed Jesus to meet their needs (God's will: Luke 4:18-19, Matthew 6:28-30, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 7:20-22, 1 John 3:8, Matthew 11:2-6, Acts 10:38). They also acted in agreement with God's will because they (1) came to Jesus to get their needs met, (2) called Jesus "Son of David," and (3) said, "have mercy on us."

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, **Yea, Lord.**

Jesus wanted them to act more explicitly in agreement with God's will. And they did when they replied, "yea, Lord." Now, Jesus can deliver what God/Jesus promised.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Jesus laid hand on them and did a "faith" action (Mark 11:23), "According to your faith be it unto you." Recall from the episode of Mark 5:25-34 that God's power moves to implement God's will when someone does "faith" action in agreement with God's will.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See [that] no man know [it].

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## Faith rebukes devil to restore sorely vexed lunatic son

Matthew 17:14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

The father came to have his needs met, just as Jesus told everyone. The father acted in agreement with God's will.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O **faithless** and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Jesus then exercised authority over the devil and the devil's work to deliver God's will.

Notice that once again Jesus judged people's "faith" by the result people receive from God. When Jesus heard that they could not receive the promised/desired miracle, Jesus called them "O faithless and perverse generation." See the study "What Jesus Means By Faith" to see that "faith" means acting in agreement with God's Word/will to receive the miracle God promised us. See the next two verses to see that the context is indeed "faith" and receiving miracles from God.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your **unbelief**: for verily I say unto you, If ye have **faith** as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall **say unto this mountain, Remove** hence to yonder place; and **it shall remove**; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

In verse 20 above, Jesus included their “unbelief” (of what Jesus told them, of God’s Word) in this discussion of “faith” and receiving miracles that God wanted to give them. So we need to believe God’s Word/will as we act in agreement with God’s Word/will.

Similarly, in Mark 11:22-24 (below), Jesus discussed the relationship between “faith,” acting/speaking in agreement with God’s Word/will, and believe God’s Word/will.

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have **faith** [in] (of) God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and **shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass;** he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire (**call for, G154**), when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

As always, the context is what God’s has already given us or what God’s has already authorized us to call for. We should know God’s Word, believe God’s Word, and act/speak in agreement with God’s promise/Word.

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## Little faith (and doubt) loses/reduces miracle

Matthew 14:28 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.

Jesus, a prophet, spoke God’s will when Jesus told Peter to “come.” Peter first acted in agreement with God’s will and then God’s power supported Peter.

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

When Peter’s “faith” weakened (for Jesus called Peter’s “faith” “little faith”) God’s power that supported Peter weakened correspondingly. But Peter called for “save me” (again acting in agreement with God’s will of “come” and Matthew 6:10, 6:13), and Jesus again delivered on God’s will by saving Peter.

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

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## No faith cannot stop storm

Luke 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled [with water], and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Jesus (son of man/man) first "rebuked the wind" to act in agreement with God's will (Matthew 6:10, 6:13) and then God's power implemented God's will to protect people.

25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he **commandeth** even the winds and water, and they obey him.

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## Woman did according to the word of the man of God; Elijah speaks & child revives

I Kings 17:14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

God's will is established.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

She (man) first acted in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

God did according to God's will/Word.

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

Elijah (man) did a Mark 11:23. Elijah first acted in agreement with God's will and then God implemented God's will.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

Verse 22 above fit 1 John 5:14-15 (below) perfectly.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask (call for, G154) any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And **if** we know that **he hear us**, whatsoever we ask (*call for, G154*), we know that we have the petitions that we desired (*call for, G154*) of him.

1 John 5:14-15 (above) is talking about calling for what God has already given/promised us. Man first acts in agreement with God's will (what God has already given/promised us) and then God implements God's will (what God has already given/promised us).

## Simon acted on Jesus' word and got monster catch

Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Since Jesus called himself a prophet, "launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" in Luke 5:4 is God's will for them.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word I will let down the net.**

"At thy word I will let down the net" is the key action. Man first act in agreement with God's will.

6 And **when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes:** and **their net brake.**

Simon (man) first acted in agreement with God's will, God then implemented God's will.

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

This episode also shows God's will to supply our needs (Matthew 6:11, Matthew 6:25-33, Matthew 7:7-11). God supplied their needs abundantly through the work of their hands. We can expect the same if we first act in agreement with God's will to abundantly supply our needs.

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## Disclaimer:

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**Receiving healing from God does not mean refusing medical care.** You should receive medical care because God wants you healthy. But you should also use the following Bible reasons to help you pray the prayer of faith (James 5:15) to receive healing from God. See the "The Big Picture" and "Prayer of Faith Factors.doc" studies.

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