



The Miracle of Believing

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Do you believe in miracles?

- **If so what do you about them?**
- **Do you believe they are occurrences of long ago or just the experiences of a lucky few today?**
- **Do you believe a miracle could happen for you, better yet do you believe you could help facilitate a miracle for someone else.**

What we believe can hinder the occurrence of miracles!

Unbelief

Matthew 17:19-20(New International Version)

19Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 20He replied, "Because you have so little faith.

Mark 6:1-6(New International Version)

4Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 5He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

What we believe can prompt us to perform miracles!

Matthew 14:27 - 29(New International Version)

25During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

Matthew 17:20 (New International Version)

...I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."



What we believe can equip us to deliver miracles to others and change the world!

Mark 2:1-5(New International Version)

1A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

We help to make miracles happen:

- **Exercise your faith.**
- **Live expectant that miracles can happen.**
- **Believe that you can deliver a miracle.**

The challenge:

- Name your unbelief--identify a couple of ways to overcome your unbelief and then practice those ways for 30 days, until they become habit. Then seek the opportunity to do the miraculous!