A person stands on a rock in the middle of a body of water, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph. The scene is set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow hues and dark, horizontal clouds. The person and the landscape are reflected in the calm water below. The overall mood is one of awe and spiritual joy.

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What do you need from God today?

Stop and think about that for a moment. It's a serious question. Picture yourself the way you want to be, healthy and whole in every area of your life. That is the will of God for you, you know. First Thessalonians 5:23 says He desires you to be “preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)” (*The Amplified Bible*).

God wants you to be sound and complete. It's His perfect will for you to be whole, undamaged and intact—spirit, soul and body—before Jesus returns. In light of that fact, let me ask you again: What changes

would you need God to make for His will to be fulfilled in your life? What would it take for you to be whole?

It would take a miracle.

That may well be what you're thinking right now. If so, I am here to tell you God has one for you. He has as many miracles as you need. He is the God of the miraculous.

What's more, He is thinking about you today. That's amazing, isn't it? The fact that the Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth has you and me on His mind is almost more than we can comprehend. Yet we know it's true because the psalmist says, "How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you

*When you woke up
this morning, God
was thinking about
you....*

are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of

me!" (Psalm 139:17-18, *The Living Bible*).

Just imagine that! When you woke up this morning, God was thinking about you. He

was aware of your needs. He was mindful of the blessings He has laid up for you and He was making plans to get them to you.

In other words, when you awoke this morning God had your miracle on His mind.

Every Part Precious

I preach about healing a lot and healing is wonderful. But sometimes you need more than healing—you need a miracle. A miracle is different. A miracle is something that is absolutely impossible apart from the supernatural working of God. It's something that cannot happen by natural means.

If you have a disease, you need healing. But if you have a part missing—if you were born without fingers or toes, for example, you need a miracle. For years it's been prophesied that we will see those kinds of miracles again in the Body of Christ. It's been prophesied that we'll see all the miracles the early Church saw and even greater miracles than those. I sense in my heart we're there!

I truly believe it. Some might say, "Surely,

you don't expect to see someone grow a part on their body where there was none before?"

Yes, I do. God has parts for people! The Bible says He made all our parts before we were born and we can easily believe that. Why then is it so unthinkable that He could add another part at a later time, if needed?

Just before the verses that tell us of God's thoughts about us, the psalmist says:

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect [or unformed]; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them (Psalm 139:14-16).

According to these verses, God wrote down all your members (every part of you) in His

book. And because God does all things well, He didn't write them down as broken or missing. He wrote them down as whole and intact.

My friend Billye Brim has revelation of this so she speaks to her body according to these scriptures. She says, "My parts are written in God's book. So parts, I command you to be the way God designed you to be. I command you to be whole and complete, in agreement with God's book. All my parts are intact, with nothing missing, nothing broken. All the parts of my body function and work as they're designed to work. I receive what the Book says about me!"

You may not have thought God cared about your parts, but He does. Your parts are as important to Him as they are to you. He made them for you and wants you to have them the way He made them. We need to get this revelation because God is ready to restore some parts. He wants to work miracles!

Expect the Impossible

I am fully expecting to see those miracles

in the days and months to come. In times past, we've had people who were very small in stature because of disease or abnormality, come to Healing School and ask us to pray for them to grow. In the natural, their DNA had patterned their bodies to be very small. But that's not their heavenly DNA. That's not how God designed them to be. That's just something that happened as a result of the devil's work in this world. Through thousands of years of getting people to sin, he's been able to mess up God's perfect plan for people—not only spiritually but physically.

What do you think God did when He saw that the devil's work had perverted His divine plan and made that person abnormally small? Do you think He said, "Oh, my. I guess the devil won this time. I'd better go back to My book, scratch out My perfect physical plan for this person and write in 'midget-sized,' instead"?

Certainly not! God never changes. He just kept the original entry in His book which says that person's DNA is perfect. Now He's waiting for someone to agree with Him and believe for

His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

If faith in the Word of God is spoken and released without wavering, I believe we can see that small person G-R-O-W up and become normal right before our eyes.

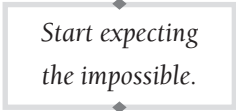
You might think that would be impossible and, naturally speaking, you'd be right. "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

"All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). So we need to start believing.

We need to start expecting the impossible!

It's Never Too Late

Of course, people with physical abnormalities or missing parts aren't the only ones who need miracles. Miracles are also needed when natural circumstances have gone on so long that it looks like it's too late for a turnaround. Abraham and Sarah needed that kind of miracle. They needed a child for their lives to be whole and intact.



*Start expecting
the impossible.*

Yet they were well past childbearing age when God told them He was going to give them one. They were about 100 years old.

No doubt, their natural thoughts were, *Even if God did heal our barrenness, it's too late for us now. We're too old. That kind of thing can't happen this late in the game.*

But God did it for them, didn't He? He proved that it's never too late for a miracle.

A friend of ours experienced a "never-too-late" kind of miracle in his family. His name was Justus Du Plessis, and although he has now gone home to be with the Lord, he experienced some amazing things during his lifetime as a Pentecostal minister in South Africa. On one occasion, his father was desperately ill. In fact, his father's death was so imminent, the doctor who came to see him went ahead and filled out his death certificate.

After the doctor left, the church members gathered around to pray and, while they were praying, he was healed. Do you know what he did? He got up, took a shower, milked the cows and then walked to the doctor's house to return his death certificate.

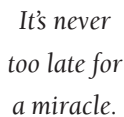
Talk about a miracle coming late in the game! You know it's late when you have to take back your own death certificate!

Clearly with God, it's never too late for a miracle.

The Definitive Factor

OK now, you may be thinking, if God wants to give me a miracle and I want to receive one—what's the problem? Why hasn't a miracle already taken place in my life?

For a miracle to get from heaven to earth, a divine connection has to be made. Miracles aren't magic. They don't just happen—poof!—because God decides to wave His miracle wand one day. No, miracles primarily occur when people put themselves in position to receive them.



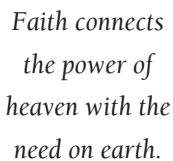
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To find out how to position yourself for a miracle, you can study the miracles in the New Testament. You'll see patterns emerge and find certain elements are almost always

involved when miracles happen.

The first of these elements is faith. Whenever a miracle takes place, someone on earth is believing. It might be the person who needs the miracle or the person who is ministering. It might be someone praying for the one who is in need. Situations may vary, but the fact remains that it is faith in God which connects the power of heaven with the need on earth. For a miracle to happen, someone has to believe that God is willing and able to do it—and to do it now.

Galatians 3:5 confirms this. The Apostle Paul, rebuking the Galatians for their legalism, asks this question: “Does He Who supplies



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you with His marvelous [Holy] Spirit and works powerfully and miraculously among you do so on [the grounds of your doing] what the Law demands, or because of

your believing?” (*The Amplified Bible*).

The answer is obvious. God works miracles because we believe! We could look at one

miracle after another and see that truth in action.

- In Mark 5:34, when the woman with the incurable issue of blood receives her healing, Jesus says, “Daughter, *thy faith* hath made thee whole.”
- In Mark 10:52, when blind Bartimaeus receives his sight, Jesus says, “*thy faith* hath made thee whole.”
- In Luke 17:19, when the leper is not only healed but his body parts are restored and made whole from the disease that had eaten them away, Jesus says, “*thy faith* hath made thee whole.”
- In Acts 3:16, when Peter and John heal the man who was crippled from birth, they give glory to the Name of Jesus. Peter says, “His name *through faith* in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness.”

It's interesting to note that the power of God

isn't mentioned in most of these instances—only the faith of the people. I think this is because God's power and His willingness to heal and work miracles never changes. The variable is people's faith. Faith is the definitive factor.

Just Do It

As important as faith is, however, it alone won't get the whole job done. You can't just sit around believing on the inside and do nothing on the outside. For faith to come alive you have to take action. As James 2:26 says, "faith without works is dead."

You can see the connection between doing and receiving in the very first miracle Jesus ever performed. I especially like to think about this miracle because it was clearly not a miracle Jesus planned to do. It was one that was drawn out of Him by the person who most wanted that miracle—His own mother, Mary. John 2 tells us that she and Jesus were attending a wedding in Cana of Galilee and the host ran out of wine. Mary looked to

Jesus to do something about it. He told her His time to do such things had not yet come, but her faith was unshaken. She continued to expect a miracle and she turned to the servants and said:

Whatever He says to you, do it. Now there were six waterpots of stone standing there, as the Jewish custom of purification (ceremonial washing) demanded, holding twenty to thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. So they filled them up to the brim. Then He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the manager of the feast [to the one presiding, the superintendent of the banquet] (verses 5-8, *The Amplified Bible*).

What happened when the servants did what Jesus said?

They saw a miracle. The water was turned into wine!

It would serve us well to always remember what Mary told the servants that day:

“Whatever He says to you, do it.” That’s one of the major keys to receiving a miracle.

Whatever the Lord says to you—do it!

If the Lord tells you to get up and run, get up and run. If He tells you to dance and shout, then dance and shout. One time a man attended Healing School, and during the meeting, the Lord told him to run. He didn’t want to run in the meeting so he ran out the door, outside and around the block. If you think that’s silly, think again, because he came back in healed!

Whatever the Lord tells you to do, do it!

If He tells you to repent of something, you repent. If He tells you to forgive someone, forgive them. He knows what you can do that will bring you into position to receive. So listen for His instructions, then obey!

Kick Doubt Out

Once you’ve believed and acted on your faith, refuse to doubt or fear. When the devil comes to you and says, “You’re not going to get that miracle. You don’t deserve it. Remember

how many times you've failed God." Refuse to entertain those doubt-producing thoughts. Instead, just answer him and say, "Bless the Lord, I don't get what I deserve. I get what Jesus bought for me. I get the mercy of God. I get a miracle!"

Every time I think about refusing doubt and fear, I think about the story of Jairus. Initially, when he came to Jesus, his daughter needed healing. She was very sick, and Jairus believed if Jesus came and laid His hands on her she would be healed. But before that healing could take place, Jairus' daughter died. Suddenly the girl didn't just need a healing, she needed a miracle.

Do you know that Jesus wasn't disturbed by that? He knew that God could work a miracle just as easily as He could perform a healing. So He told Jairus, "Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear; only keep on believing" (Mark 5:36, *The Amplified Bible*). We know this worked because the little girl was raised up whole.

That's a good word for all of us who are positioning ourselves for a miracle. No matter what

the devil says, no matter what circumstances may say, no matter what our natural senses might try to tell us—if we'll refuse to doubt, refuse to fear, and keep on believing God, our miracle will surely come!

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the

language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It's God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to watch the *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast and become a doer of the Word, who is blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25).

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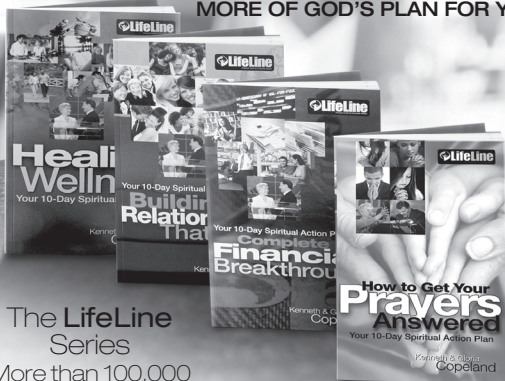
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