

BREAKING THE MIRACLE BARRIER

When Your Strength Ends

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LUKE 18:27 KJV

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

CENTRAL THESIS

The miracle barrier is the point where human ability ends and complete dependence upon God begins.

We move beyond that barrier in one of two ways:

- a. We reach the end of our own power and sincerely surrender to God.
- b. We become so consumed with glorifying God that worship overtakes fear and makes room for supernatural intervention.

Neither desperation nor praise is a technique for manipulating God. The indispensable elements are sincere consecration, a surrendered heart, and a willingness to leave the outcome entirely to God's discretion.

INTRODUCTION

There are moments when prayer, effort, intelligence, influence, money, and human connections have taken us as far as they can go. We arrive at a barrier that cannot be crossed by human strength.

That barrier is not necessarily evidence that God has abandoned us. It may be the place where God is separating our confidence in Him from our confidence in ourselves.

A miracle does not begin merely because a situation becomes difficult. A

miracle begins when the limitation of humanity meets the sovereignty of God.

We often want God to strengthen our methods. God sometimes allows our methods to fail because He wants to become our only confidence.

1. HUMAN SUFFICIENCY MUST END

Human strength has limits, but God's power does not. The barrier becomes a doorway when we stop trusting ourselves and depend completely upon Him.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:8–9 KJV

For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.

Paul said the pressure was "above strength." God allowed him to enter a situation that exceeded his natural capacity so that his trust would be transferred from himself to the God who raises the dead. There are dimensions of God's power we may never recognize while we remain convinced that our own power is sufficient. Self-sufficiency can become a silent barrier to the supernatural: we acknowledge God, but we do not actually depend upon Him.

God sometimes permits us to be outnumbered, outresourced, outplanned, outconnected, and out of answers—not to destroy us, but to dismantle the illusion that we were ever our own source.

2. CONSECRATION MUST PRECEDE MANIFESTATION

Consecration prepares the heart before God changes the circumstance. We are not bargaining for a miracle; we are placing our motives, desires, and lives under God's authority.

JOSHUA 3:5 KJV

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

Before Israel saw wonders, Joshua called the people to sanctification. We frequently want God to prepare the miracle while resisting His attempt to prepare us.

Consecration means that I separate myself from whatever competes with God's authority over my heart. It is not an attempt to purchase a miracle; it is the sincere realignment of my life with God.

The question is not only, "Do I want God to change this?" The deeper question is, "Am I willing for God to change me?"

- My motives
- My habits and private compromises
- My unforgiveness and pride
- My attachment to control
- My willingness to obey

God is not merely listening to the words coming from our mouths. He is examining the posture of our hearts. A person can pray while remaining proud, fast while remaining controlling, or worship while privately demanding a particular outcome.

A sincere heart asks God to correct whatever is resisting Him, remove every motive that seeks His hand without desiring His heart, and bring every desire under His authority.

3. DEPENDENCE MUST BECOME WORSHIP

Dependence admits that we have neither the power nor the answer. Worship

redirects our attention from the size of the battle to the unchanging nature of God.

2 CHRONICLES 20:12 KJV

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

Jehoshaphat made three powerful confessions:

1. We have no might.
2. We do not know what to do.
3. Our eyes are upon You.

"We have no might" is the surrender of strength. "We do not know what to do" is the surrender of intellect. "Our eyes are upon You" is the redirection of faith.

Dependence does not mean passivity. It means we refuse to move independently of God. After Jehoshaphat acknowledged his insufficiency, God gave Judah a strategy that military reasoning could never have produced: send the worshippers ahead of the army.

2 CHRONICLES 20:22 KJV

And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir.

Judah did not praise because the battle was already over. They praised because God was still worthy before they saw the outcome. Worship was not denial of the battle; it was a declaration that the battle had not changed who God is.

When they began to sing and praise, God began to intervene. The power was not in musical sound, but in surrendered people sincerely glorifying God while facing an impossible situation.

4. THE OUTCOME MUST BELONG TO GOD

Surrender does not doubt God's ability; it releases our demand for a particular result. Mature faith trusts God's method, timing, and purpose even when they differ from what we requested.

DANIEL 3:17–18 KJV

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace... But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods.

The three Hebrew men made one of Scripture's purest declarations of faith: God is able, but even if He does not deliver us in the way we expect, we will remain faithful.

Immature faith says, "I will glorify God if He gives me my desired result." Mature faith says, "God is worthy regardless of how He chooses to resolve this."

There are times when God removes the fire, delivers us from the fire, walks with us through the fire, or uses the fire to reveal what could not otherwise be seen. Sometimes what was intended to destroy us only burns away what had us bound.

Their surrender gave God complete discretion over the method of their deliverance. They did not use faith to dictate the outcome; they used faith to remain loyal while God determined the outcome. Mary and Martha wanted immediate relief. Jesus was pursuing a greater revelation. They wanted healing, but Jesus intended resurrection.

Their requested outcome was not wrong; it was simply smaller than what God intended to reveal. What feels like divine delay may be God refusing to be confined to the level of miracle we requested.

5. OBEDIENCE MUST MEET SOVEREIGNTY

We cannot perform the miracle, but we can obey the instruction God gives

us. Our responsibility ends where faithful obedience meets God's sovereign power.

JOHN 2:7 KJV

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

At Cana, the miracle required ordinary obedience before supernatural transformation. The servants could not turn water into wine, but they could fill the vessels.

Moses could not divide the Red Sea, but he could stretch out the rod. Joshua could not collapse Jericho's walls, but he could lead the people around them. The widow could not manufacture oil, but she could gather vessels. The disciples could not multiply bread, but they could place it in Jesus' hands.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 KJV

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Paul asked God three times to remove his thorn. God did not give Paul the outcome he requested; He gave Paul sustaining grace. The supernatural response was not removal—it was divine sufficiency.

Sometimes God changes the condition. Sometimes He changes our capacity within the condition.

Sometimes He changes the timing, and sometimes He redirects the entire outcome.

- Peace that exceeds explanation
- Strength beyond our capacity
- Wisdom we did not possess
- Endurance we could not manufacture
- Grace that keeps us when the situation remains

CLOSING: GET OUT OF GOD'S CHAIR

The deepest barrier may not be the size of the problem. It may be our attachment to control. We want to decide what God should do, how He should do it, when He should do it, who He should use, and what the outcome must look like. But surrender means getting out of God's chair.

Surrender means we stop trying to be the architect of the answer and allow God to be sovereign. Today, God may be calling us to admit, "My power is insufficient," or to declare, "God's glory is more important than my comfort." In either case, the response is the same.

The miracle barrier is broken when there is nothing left to prove, nothing left to manipulate, and nothing left to control—only a surrendered heart, a consecrated life, and complete confidence in God.

CLOSING DECLARATION

I HAVE REACHED THE END OF MY STRENGTH, BUT I HAVE NOT REACHED THE END OF GOD'S POWER.

I SURRENDER THE TIMING, THE METHOD, AND THE OUTCOME.

BY FAITH, THROUGH SURRENDER, AND FOR HIS GLORY—

I AM BREAKING THE MIRACLE BARRIER.