



### **HELP MY UNBELIEF**

Hope – When You Really Need a Miracle - Pt 7  
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**MIRACLE** *an event that cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency*

*Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these... (John 14:12)*

**Cessationism** *the theological belief that the miraculous signs of the Holy Spirit such as prophetic revelation, speaking in tongues, and healing were reserved only for the Apostolic age.*

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**Continuationism** *the theological belief that the miraculous signs of the Holy Spirit such as prophetic revelation, speaking in tongues, and healing are still in operation today.*

- **OUR GOD HEALS. BUT HE DOESN'T HEAL EVERYONE ALL THE TIME.**

*Erastus has remained at Corinth; I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. (2 Timothy 4:20)*

*Don't continue drinking only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. (1 Timothy 5:23)*

### **WHY JESUS DIDN'T DO MIRACLES**

#### **1. JESUS REFUSED TO PERFORM MIRACLES TO PROVE HIMSELF.**

*The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, demanding of him a sign from heaven to test him. Sighing deeply in his spirit, he said, "Why does this generation demand a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation." (Mark 8:11-12)*

**2. JESUS NEVER PERFORMED A MIRACLE THAT INTERFERED WITH GOD'S ULTIMATE PLAN.**

*Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now? (Matthew 26:53-54)*

**3. JESUS DIDN'T DO MIRACLES WHERE THERE WAS NO FAITH.**

*And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith. (Matthew 13:58)*

*He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Mark 5:34)*

*Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:19)*

*And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road. (Mark 10:52)*

**MARK 9:14-29** *Immediately the father of the boy cried out, "I do believe; help my unbelief!" (v 24)*

**OUR FAITH ISN'T BASED ON WHAT GOD DOES. OUR FAITH IS BASED ON WHO GOD IS.**

**WHAT MIRACLES ARE YOU PRAYING FOR?**

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