

# "What Makes God Marvel?"

**Theme: The Week of Joy and Revival – Month of Av / Comfort**

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**Main Text: Matthew 8:10; Mark 6:6**

**Introduction Text: Mark 6:1-6**

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## **Introduction: When God Is Amazed**

*"And He marvelled because of their unbelief."* - **Mark 6:6, KJV**

*"When Jesus heard it, He marvelled..."* - **Matthew 8:10, KJV**

Let me begin with a question:

**Can the Creator of heaven and earth ever be surprised? Can the All-Knowing God be amazed?**

According to Scripture - yes!

The Gospels tell us of only **two times Jesus "marvelled"**:

- Once because of **unbelief** (Mark 6:6), and
- Once because of **great faith** (Matthew 8:10).

So, what **makes God marvel**?

Unbelief and faith!

This message is about stirring up **Great Faith** that pleases God - and bringing down revival in the month of **Av**, the time of **Comfort and Joy**.

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## **I. Jesus marvelled at Unbelief (Mark 6:1–6)**

Let's start where Jesus marvelled at **what should not have been - unbelief**.

*"And He could there do no mighty work... And He marvelled because of their unbelief."* - **Mark 6:5-6**

### **Context:**


- Jesus returns to His **hometown (Nazareth)**.
- They **knew His background** - carpenter, Mary's son - and **rejected His divinity**.
- The **familiarity** became a barrier to faith.

### **Key Point:**

**Familiarity breeds contempt** and kills expectation.

### **Lesson:**

Even the **Son of God was limited** not by lack of power, but by lack of **faith** in the people.

 *Let us repent of doubt and open our hearts for revival!*

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## **II. Jesus marvelled at Great Faith: The Centurion (Matthew 8:5–10, 13)**

This Roman **Centurion** wasn't Jewish. He wasn't religious. Yet, his faith caused **Jesus to marvel!**

*"When Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said... I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."* - **Matthew 8:10**

📌 **Why did Jesus marvel at his faith?**

🔑 **Keys to the Centurion's Great Faith:**

1. **Humility**

*"I am not worthy..."* (v.8)

– He recognized his unworthiness, yet still believed.

2. **Understanding Authority:**

*"Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."*

– He understood **kingdom dynamics**: Jesus didn't need to be physically present

– His Word carried power!

3. **Belief in the Power of Jesus' Word**

No need for a sign - **just the Word was enough!**

💡 **Illustration:**

Imagine someone saying to the President, "No need to come. Just send an order." That's faith in authority!

✅ **Jesus responded:** *"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee."* - **Matthew 8:13**

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## 👩 **III. The Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:22–28): Persistent, Bold Faith**

This woman had **every reason to be discouraged**:

- She was **not a Jew** (a Canaanite).
- Jesus **ignored her at first**.
- The disciples told her to go away.
- Jesus even said she was **not part of His mission!**

Yet she **refused to give up**.

*"O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."* - **Matthew 15:28**

📌 **Key Qualities of Her Faith:**

1. **Persistence in prayer** - She kept crying out.
2. **Reverence and worship** - *"Then came she and worshipped Him..."*

🔥 **Faith draws heaven's attention!**

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## 👩 **IV. The Woman with the Issue of Blood (Mark 5:25–34): Faith That Draws Power**

She didn't ask permission. She didn't wait for an altar call.

*"If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole."* - **Mark 5:28**

And when she touched Him...

*"Jesus... said, Who touched my clothes?... Virtue had gone out of Him."* - **Mark 5:30**

### **Her Faith Was:**

- **Personal** - "If I may touch"
- **Determined** - She pressed through the crowd
- **Expectant** - She believed for results before seeing them

### **Quote:**

*"Faith is not believing in spite of the evidence; it is obeying in spite of the consequence."* - **David Wilkerson**

## **Rich Faith**

This woman had **no name** in the passage, but her **faith had a reputation** in heaven!

*"If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole."* — **Mark 5:28, KJV**

She had **suffered for twelve years**, spent all her money on physicians, and was considered **unclean** by Jewish law. Yet, she pressed in through the crowd to **touch the hem of Jesus' garment**.

*"And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned... and said, Who touched My clothes?"* — **Mark 5:30, KJV**

When others brushed against Him casually, this woman **touched Him with faith** — and **virtue (power)** flowed from Jesus!

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### **Rich Faith in a Poor Vessel**

Though this woman was **physically weak**, **financially broke**, and **socially rejected**, her faith was **spiritually rich**.

*"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the **poor of this world** rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?"* — **James 2:5, KJV**

This is what we call **"Rich Faith"** — not based on what's in your wallet or your social status, but what's in your **heart**!

### **Related Scriptures:**

- **Mark 5:26** – *"She had suffered many things... and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse..."*
- **Luke 6:20** – *"Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God."*
- **Luke 12:21** – *"So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."*

### **Key Truth:**

You may be **empty in your bank account**, but **overflowing in faith**. God is not moved by riches, but by **faith that is rich** in dependence, desperation, and determination.

## Faith Lesson:

She didn't wait for Jesus to touch her. She reached out with **Rich Faith** and **drew** healing from Him.

## Power Quote:

*"When you believe, you activate heaven. When you reach, you receive."* — **Myles Munroe**

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## Summary: What Makes God Marvel?

Marvelled at	Reference	Description
Unbelief	Mark 6:6	Nazareth rejected Jesus
Great Faith	Matthew 8:10	Centurion believed in the authority of Christ
Persistent Faith	Matthew 15:28	Canaanite woman refused to be denied
Draws Virtue	Mark 5:30-33	Woman touched Jesus with expectation

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## Closing Charge: Activate Great Faith!

*"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."* - **Hebrews 11:6**

 Revival breaks out where faith is alive.

God is not looking for talent, education, or status - He is looking for **faith!**

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## 7 Prophetic Prayer Points

1. Lord, forgive me for every area of unbelief and doubt
2. I receive the spirit of faith and boldness today in Jesus' Name
3. Lord, speak Your Word and let healing flow into my life
4. Like the Centurion, I trust in Your authority and Word!
5. Make me persistent like the Canaanite woman. Let nothing stop my faith
6. Father, let virtue flow from Jesus into every area of my life — physically, financially, and spiritually
7. This month of Av, I receive joy, comfort, and revival in my home, church, and nation!

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*"Faith is not believing that God can. It is knowing that He will."* - **Evangelist Oral Roberts**