

"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

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"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**.

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.

Ask the audience:

Could it be that we, too, limit what God wants to do in our lives because of hidden unbelief?

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

★ 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**

👩 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..."*
3. **Humility with boldness** - *"Even the dogs eat the crumbs..."*

Ask the audience:

Are you willing to humble yourself and still believe when God seems silent?

Faith draws heaven's attention!

IV. The Woman with the Issue of Blood (Mark 5:30–33): 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**

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

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!**

Call and Response with the Audience:

- Do you believe God can heal you today?

- Do you believe God can revive your family, church, and city?
- Do you believe His Word is enough?

Then speak it, believe it, and **receive it!**



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!**

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