

## Guest Speaker: Jim Oxendine

### Title: Embracing Boldness: Living in the Miraculous Power of God

#### Summary

In this powerful message, we're challenged to embrace a life of boldness in our faith. The central theme revolves around the early church's audacity in Acts 3 and 4, where Peter and John heal a lame man and face opposition with unwavering courage. This story reminds us that when we've truly been with Jesus, it shows in our actions and demeanor. Pastor Jim Oxendine emphasizes four key values that create a godly atmosphere: recognizing God's goodness, believing nothing is impossible with Him, understanding everything was settled at the cross, and knowing our significance in Christ. These principles can transform our approach to life and ministry, empowering us to step out in faith and expect miracles. As we internalize these truths, we're encouraged to live as salt and light, allowing God's power to flow through us in our everyday interactions. This message invites us to reevaluate our spiritual boldness and challenges us to become vessels for God's miraculous work in our communities and beyond.

## Main Points – Guest Speaker: Jim Oxendine

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**Sermon Summary:** This message emphasizes the importance of boldness in Christian faith and the pursuit of miraculous experiences. Pastor Jim Oxendine encourages believers to step out in faith, expecting God to work through them in powerful ways. He stresses that every Christian has the potential to be used by God for signs and wonders, not just famous preachers. The message highlights the need for a shift in atmosphere within the church and community, calling for believers to embrace their identity in Christ and operate in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Key Points:

- Boldness is essential for experiencing and demonstrating God's miraculous power
- Every believer has the potential to be used by God for signs and wonders
- Four values that create a godly atmosphere: God is good, nothing is impossible with God, everything was settled at the cross, and you are significant
- The importance of knowing who you are in Christ and walking in that identity
- The need for an atmospheric shift in the church and community to see more miracles
- Prayer and intercession are crucial for breaking demonic influences and creating a godly atmosphere
- Christians should be ready to share the gospel and pray for people in everyday situations

### Scripture Reference:

- Acts 3:1-10 (The healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate)
- Acts 4:13, 29-30 (The boldness of Peter and John, and the prayer for boldness)

### Stories:

- The story of R.W. Schambach giving out bottles of oil and encouraging people to pray for healing
- The account of a young man getting arrested for praying in hospitals and healing people
- The speaker's personal experience of praying for a waitress and giving her a generous tip
- The healing of a young boy with a withered arm in Guatemala
- The speaker's experience with T.L. Osborn and miracles in Russia and Poland

# Small Group Study Guide – Guest Speaker: Jim Oxendine

## Small Group Guide: Living in the Miraculous

### Opening Prayer:

Begin the session with a prayer, asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to guide the discussion.

### Key Takeaways:

1. God is still in the business of performing miracles today.
2. Believers are called to live boldly and expectantly for God's miraculous power.
3. There are principles for living in the miraculous that we can apply to our lives.
4. An atmospheric shift in our community can lead to more signs, wonders, and miracles.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jim Oxendine mentioned 21 principles for living in the miraculous. Which of these principles stood out to you the most and why?
2. How does the idea that "God is good" impact your daily life and your approach to challenges?
3. The sermon emphasized boldness as a key characteristic of those who see miracles. How can we cultivate more boldness in our faith?
4. Discuss the statement: "Your experience with Jesus will determine the miraculous in your life." What does this mean to you practically?
5. Pastor Jim talked about creating a godly atmosphere through four values. How can we implement these values in our personal lives and in our community?
6. What obstacles do you face in believing for and expecting miracles in your life?
7. How does the concept of being "significant" to God influence your identity and actions?

### Practical Applications:

1. Daily Declaration: Start each day by declaring "God is good" and "I trust you, Lord" regardless of circumstances.
2. Bold Prayer: This week, pray boldly for something you've been hesitant to ask God for, believing that nothing is impossible with Him.

3. Sharing Your Faith: Look for an opportunity to share your faith or pray for someone in your workplace or community this week.

4. Scripture Meditation: Spend time meditating on Ephesians 1:17-23, as recommended by Pastor Jim.

5. Mirror Exercise: Each morning, look in the mirror and affirm your significance in Christ, declaring your identity as a believer.

**Closing Prayer:**

End the session by praying for an increase in boldness, faith, and expectancy for God's miraculous power in each group member's life and in your community.

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How can we cultivate the boldness demonstrated by Peter and John in Acts, and what might be holding us back from displaying such confidence in our faith?

In what ways can we create an atmosphere conducive to miracles and signs in our daily lives and communities?

How might our perception of God's goodness impact our willingness to step out in faith and expect the miraculous?

What does it mean practically to live on the 'front side' of the cross, fully embracing Christ's finished work?

How can we balance humility with the assertion that we are 'significant' and 'God's favorite' as mentioned in the sermon?

In what ways can we apply the 21 principles for living in the miraculous to our everyday lives and interactions?

How might regular meditation on Ephesians 1:17-23 transform our understanding of our position and authority in Christ?

What steps can we take to move from being passive spectators to active participants in God's miraculous works?

How can we cultivate a lifestyle of repentance and maintain a 'fear of the Lord' while also embracing our significance in Christ?

In what ways can we practically demonstrate that 'everything was settled at the cross' in our approach to spiritual warfare and daily challenges?

## Scriptures – Guest Speaker: Jim Oxendine

Here are the scripture references mentioned or alluded to in the sermon, along with some relevant verses for key themes:

### Explicitly mentioned:

1. Acts 3:1-6 (The healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate)
2. Acts 4:13 (The boldness of Peter and John)
3. Acts 4:29-30 (Prayer for boldness and signs and wonders)
4. Acts 1:8 (Promise of power to be witnesses)
5. Luke 1:37 ("Nothing is impossible with God")
6. John 19:30 ("It is finished")
7. Ephesians 1:17-23 (Prayer for wisdom and revelation)

### Alluded to:

1. Matthew 10:8 ("Freely you have received, freely give")
2. James 5:14-15 (Anointing with oil for healing)
3. Mark 16:17-18 (Signs following believers)
4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (New creation in Christ)
5. Ephesians 2:6 (Seated with Christ in heavenly places)

### Relevant verses for main themes:

1. On boldness:
  - 2 Timothy 1:7
  - Proverbs 28:1
  - Hebrews 4:16
2. On God's goodness:
  - Psalm 34:8
  - James 1:17
  - Romans 8:28
3. On the power of the Holy Spirit:
  - Acts 1:8
  - 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
  - Romans 15:13
4. On healing and miracles:
  - Mark 16:17-18
  - James 5:14-15
  - 1 Corinthians 12:9-10
5. On believers' identity in Christ:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Ephesians 2:10
- 1 Peter 2:9

6. On faith and trust in God:

- Hebrews 11:1
- Mark 11:22-24
- Proverbs 3:5-6

## Devotional – Guest Speaker: Jim Oxendine

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the transcription:

### Day 1: Embracing Boldness in Faith

Reading: Acts 4:13-31

**Devotional:** The early church was marked by extraordinary boldness in the face of opposition. This boldness came from their intimate relationship with Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Today, reflect on areas of your life where you may be hesitant to step out in faith. Ask God to fill you with the same boldness that Peter and John displayed. Remember, you are not alone - the same Spirit that empowered them lives in you. How might your life and witness change if you embraced this boldness fully?

### Day 2: God's Goodness in All Circumstances

Reading: Romans 8:28-39

**Devotional:** One of the core values mentioned is "God is good." This passage reminds us that God works all things for the good of those who love Him. Even in our darkest moments, God's goodness remains constant. Reflect on a challenging situation in your life. How might viewing it through the lens of God's unchanging goodness shift your perspective? Ask God to deepen your trust in His goodness, especially when circumstances seem to contradict it.

### Day 3: The Power of Christ Within Us

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

**Devotional:** The Pastor Jim Oxendine emphasized praying Ephesians 1:17-23 daily. This powerful prayer reveals the immeasurable greatness of God's power available to believers - the same power that raised Christ from the dead. Take time to pray through this passage slowly, personalizing it. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to truly comprehend the hope and power you have in Christ. How might your daily life change if you lived with a constant awareness of this resurrection power within you?

### Day 4: Our Significance in Christ

Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10

**Devotional:** The final value mentioned is "You are significant." This passage beautifully articulates our identity in Christ - chosen, royal, holy, and God's special possession. In a world that often makes us feel insignificant, these truths are transformative. Meditate on each phrase describing your identity. Which one resonates most with you today? Ask God to help you live out of this God-given significance, seeing yourself and others through His eyes.

### Day 5: Nothing is Impossible with God

Reading: Luke 1:26-38



**Devotional:** Mary's encounter with the angel reminds us that "Nothing is impossible with God." When faced with the humanly impossible, Mary responded with faith and surrender. Think about a situation in your life that seems impossible. How might Mary's example inspire your response? Spend time in prayer, offering your "impossible" to God. Ask Him to strengthen your faith to believe in His limitless power and to align your heart with His purposes, even when they surpass human understanding.