The God Who Interrupts: Stepping Into the Miraculous

Core Theme: Miracles are not random parlor tricks or emotional hype—they are the sovereign authority of the King breaking into a broken world, requiring alignment, bold faith, and obedience when human strength runs out.

Scriptures: John 2:1–11; Mark 5:25–34; Matthew 19:26; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Corinthians 4:20.

I. Introduction: Stop Normalizing What Jesus Came to Break (4–5 Minutes)
Let's be honest tonight. Some of us have gotten so comfortable living in the natural that we have quietly lowered our expectations of what God can actually do.

We pray safe prayers. We pray prayers that don't require God to show up, because if He doesn't, we can still pull it off with our own strength, our own connections, our own willpower. We've learned how to manage our dysfunction instead of letting the King of kings overturn it.

Write this down: **A miracle is not God breaking His own rules—a miracle is the Owner of the house stepping into a room and overriding the squatters.**

When you understand who your Father is, miracles stop looking like rare lightning strikes and start looking like the natural byproduct of His government showing up on earth.

"For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power." — **1 Corinthians 4:20**

Today, we live in a generation that loves religious talk. We love quotes, we love aesthetics, we love sounding deep. But the Kingdom of God does not advance on clever speeches—it advances on demonstrated authority.

II. What a Miracle Actually Is (And What It Isn't) (6–7 Minutes)
Before we ask God for a miracle, we have to clear away the fog around what a miracle actually is.

1. **Miracles are not emotional hype.**

Just like the Holy Spirit is not mist in a room or chills down your spine, a miracle is not dependent on how loud the music gets or how hyped the crowd is. Some of the greatest miracles in the Bible happened in absolute quietness—a whispered word, a touch in a crowded street, a stone rolled away at dawn before anyone woke up.

2. **Miracles are signs of alignment with the King.**

In the Gospel of John, John doesn't even call them "miracles"—he calls them **signs** (*sēmeia*). A road sign doesn't exist for you to stop and stare at the metal; a sign points you to a destination and tells you who owns the territory. Every time Jesus healed a blind eye, cleansed a leper, or raised a corpse, He was declaring: *"Sin, sickness, and death are out of alignment with My Father's Kingdom, and I am putting things back in order."*

3. **Miracles start where human ability hits a brick wall.**

Remember what Jesus told His disciples when they asked who could possibly be saved? He said,*"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible"* (Matthew 19:26).
If you can fix it with a loan, a self-help book, or sheer grit, you don't need a miracle—you need discipline. A miracle begins at the exact spot where your resume runs out, your doctors run out of options, and your willpower hits zero.

III. Three Non-Negotiables for Stepping Into the Miraculous (12–14 Minutes)

If you look across the Gospels, Jesus never performed miracles just to entertain skeptics. Every time the supernatural broke into the natural, there were clear spiritual dynamics at play. Let's look at three of them.

1. Obedient Action Before Visible Proof (John 2:1–11)

Look at the wedding at Cana. They ran out of wine. In that culture, running out of wine at a wedding wasn't just awkward—it was public disgrace. Mary comes to Jesus, and then she turns to the servants and gives them the greatest formula for the miraculous in the entire Bible: ***"Do whatever he tells you."*** (John 2:5).

Notice what Jesus tells them to do: *"Fill the jars with water."*

He didn't tell them to go buy grapes. He didn't tell them to pray over empty barrels. He told them to carry heavy water pots and fill them to the brim with ordinary tap water.

And notice **when** the miracle happened:

- Not while the water was sitting in the jars.
- Not while they were praying over the jars.
- The water turned into wine **as they drew it out and carried it to the master of the feast** (John 2:8–9).

Here is the principle: God rarely parts the Red Sea while you're sitting in your lawn chair. He parts the water when your foot hits the shoreline. Many of you are waiting for God to change your situation before you obey Him, and God is waiting for you to obey Him in the middle of the situation so He can change it.

2. Desperate Faith That Refuses to Wear a Mask (Mark 5:25–34)

Look at the woman with the issue of blood. Twelve years of bleeding. Twelve years of spending every dime she had on physicians only to grow worse. Under the law, her condition made her ceremonially unclean—meaning she wasn't even supposed to be in a crowd. Everything she touched became defiled.

For twelve years, society forced her to wear a label of shame.

One day she hears Jesus is passing by. She doesn't wait for a formal appointment. She doesn't clean herself up first. She pushes through the crowd, reaches out, and grabs the hem of His garment—and immediately, the fountain of her blood dries up.

Now watch what Jesus does next. He stops the whole parade and asks, ***"Who touched my garments?"***

Why did Jesus ask that? He already knew who touched Him. He asked because He refused to let her walk away with a secret miracle while still carrying public shame!

She came forward trembling, fell down before Him, and *"told him the whole truth"* (Mark 5:33). No mask. No pretending. Just raw honesty. And Jesus looked at her and said, *"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."*

Listen to me: You cannot bring a fake version of yourself to God and expect a real miracle. Stop trying to look put-together in church while bleeding out in private. When you drop the mask and bring your real brokenness to the King, He doesn't recoil in disgust—He calls you *son*, He calls you *daughter*, and He makes you whole.

3. Refusing to Let Familiar Doubt Rob You (Mark 6:1–6)
After healing the woman and raising Jairus's daughter from the dead, Jesus walks into His own hometown of Nazareth. You would think revival would break out immediately. Instead, look at verse 5:

"And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief."

Read that again. The Creator of the universe—the One who spoke galaxies into existence—stood in Nazareth,and their familiarity and unbelief choked off the flow of the miraculous. They looked at Him and said, *"Isn't this the carpenter? We know His brothers and sisters."*

They got so familiar with the package that they missed the King inside it.

Don't let familiarity make you casual with God. Don't sit in church every week hearing the Word, singing the songs, and treating the presence of the Holy Spirit like background noise.
Expectancy is the atmosphere where miracles breathe.

IV. Conclusion & Altar Call: The Same God Is in the Room Tonight (4–5 Minutes)
Let me bring this home to where you are sitting right now.

You might be looking at a medical report that looks final. You might be looking at a marriage that feels cold and dead. You might be fighting an addiction you've tried to quit fifty times on your own strength, or carrying silent anxiety that wakes you up at 3:00 in the morning.

Let me remind you who is in your corner:

- **Your Father** is the Sovereign Creator who hovered over dark, chaotic waters and spoke order into existence.
- **Your Elder Brother** is Jesus Christ, who walked out of a sealed tomb and holds the keys of death and Hades.
- **Your Resident Counselor** is the Holy Spirit—living inside you right now, never losing a battle, never missing a step, never running out of power.

If you couldn't fix it on your own, good that means you are qualified for a miracle.