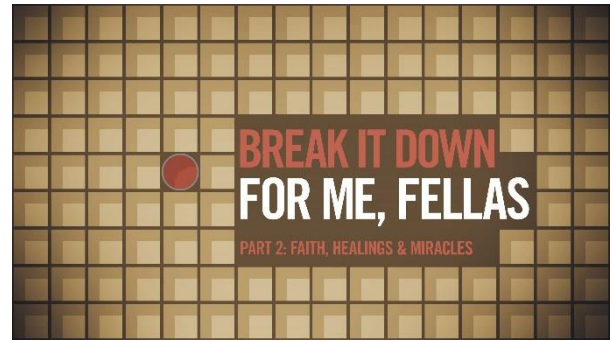


Break It Down For Me, Fellas Part 2: Faith, Healings & Miracles

Series: Spiritual Gifts

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12



1. Gift of Faith/Unassailable trust (9a)

"To another faith by the same Spirit..."

This is the special endowment of trust and confidence in a moment of specific need.

Example: In Acts 27, Paul was being taken on a ship to Rome to stand trial. A violent storm arose after Paul's word of knowledge and wisdom about the storm were ignored. Now that they were in the storm, Paul was granted an endowment of faith about the life-threatening situation. We are told in Acts 27:21-25, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. 22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, 24 and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' 25 So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told."

2. Power to heal (9-10a)

"To another gifts of healing by the one Spirit..."

Plural: Greek - gifts of healings. This may indicate various gifts for various kinds of sicknesses; it may also mean that the Holy Spirit will empower various people for various illnesses. The revealing of this gift in the NT seems to prevent us from declaring that an individual possesses this gift to utilize at his or her will. Each healing requires a special endowment which is passed through the person exercising the gift, more so than being permanently granted to the person.

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Example: Paul healed numerous people instantly and miraculously, yet Scripture also says that he did not heal or was unable to heal if he tried, Trophimus (2 Tim. 4:20). Epaphroditus, who was Paul's companion, was not instantly healed of some life threatening illness (Philippians 2) but was eventually healed after some season of battle with the sickness. Apostles, deacons, prophets & elders all used this gift in the NT. Also as clearly in Scripture, non-apostolic members of the body of Christ also used this gift as seen in Galatians 3:4 and 1 Cor. 12:10.

3. Power over the natural order

"...to another the working of miracles..."

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father."

John 14:12

"When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, 'How did the fig tree wither at once?' 21 And Jesus answered them, 'Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. 22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Matthew 21:20-22

"These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:17-18

Miracles are found all throughout Scripture: Splitting of the red sea; the rotation of the Earth (Joshua 10; 2 Kings 20); Elijah and the supply of the oil and the meal (1 Kings 17); deliverance from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3); water into wine (John 2); deliverance from demonization (Gospels & Acts); walking on water (Matthew 14); Paul cursing Elymas with blindness (Acts 13); Paul and the snakebite (Acts 28);

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