

## I. Introduction/Review

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## II. Faith Acts

- A. **James 2:26 (NKJV)** – *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

**James 2:26 (AMP)** – *For just as the [human] body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works [of obedience] is also dead.*

**James 2:26 (CEV)** – *Faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead.*

1. **Faith requires corresponding action.**
2. ***It is important to understand what corresponding action is required when we are using our faith.***  
*(What is God Saying)?*
3. **There is a time to pray – there is a time to act.**  
*(Many are trying to pray when it is time to act).*
  - a. **Exodus 14:15 (NKJV)** – *And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward”*
  - b. Israel did not need to pray – they needed to act!
4. **Action is the open door for God to work.**
  - a. Faith invites God to work through obedient actions.



- b. Faith action opens the door for God to walk into my circumstances.

## B. Examples of corresponding actions and the supernatural

### 1. The first miracle of Jesus.

**John 2:1-11 (NKJV)** – <sup>1</sup>*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup>And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” <sup>11</sup>*This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.**

- a. Jesus did not just create wine, He gave an instruction that required corresponding action.
- b. If no one had been willing to act, the first miracle would not have occurred.
- c. The supernatural occurred as they obeyed the instruction they had received.
- d. We need to listen closely for the instructions given to us by the Lord.
- e. We need to be willing to follow his instruction although they may not make sense in the natural.

- f. As we act on our faith through obedience, the supernatural supply of God’s power will meet us at the point of need.

## 2. The woman and the water pots.

**2 Kings 4:1-7 (NKJV)** – <sup>1</sup>A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.” <sup>2</sup>So Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. <sup>4</sup>And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones.” <sup>5</sup>So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. <sup>6</sup>Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” So the oil ceased. <sup>7</sup>Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.”

## 3. Naaman

**2 Kings 5:14 (NKJV)** – So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean

## 4. Jonathan and his armor bearer

**1 Samuel 14:6-14 (NKJV)** – <sup>6</sup>Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.” <sup>7</sup>So his armorbearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jonathan said, “Very



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*well, let us cross over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them. <sup>9</sup>If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them. <sup>10</sup>But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us." <sup>11</sup>So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden." <sup>12</sup>Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something." **Jonathan said to his armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel."** <sup>13</sup>And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armorbearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armorbearer killed them. <sup>14</sup>That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.*

- a. Jonathan's miracle began with a thought in his heart.
- b. Jonathan's miracle was developed with words in his mouth.
  - *Jonathan's statement of faith.*
  - **NKJV** – Nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few.
  - **NLT** – He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few.
  - **CEV** – "But the LORD can help a few soldiers win a battle just as easily as he can help a whole army.
- c. Jonathan's miracle was activated by action.
  - There was a moment in time when He had to choose to move forward, acting in faith to believe God for the victory.
  - In the natural world this was a sink or swim moment.
  - In the faith world – it was a sure thing.  
*Jonathan believed in His heart that his God would supply the needed strength for winning this battle.*
- d. Jonathan's miracle involved the adjoining of faith by another.
  - **Matthew 18:19 (NKJV)** – "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."

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- **There are times that my faith needs to employ the faith of others.**

- e. When Jonathan and his armor bearer acted in faith, the power of God met their faith and produced supernatural results.
  - Faith is met by the supernatural when it takes a step.
  - We must be willing to step out in faith if we are going to experience the supernatural in our lives.
  - GFC EXAMPLE – Moving from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Carnaby Square.

## 5. Cooperative Action in the healings of Jesus

- a. A blind man had to wash in the pool of Siloam  
**John 9:7 (NKJV)** – *And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing*
- b. The man with the withered hand.  
**Matthew 12:13 (NKJV)** – *Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.*
- c. Ten lepers  
**Luke 17:14 (NKJV)** – *So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.*
- d. The woman with the issue of blood.  
(She decided her own cooperative action.)  
**Matthew 9:21 (NKJV)** – *For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.*
- e. Many acts of faith in Gennesaret.  
**Mark 6:53-56 (NKJV)** – <sup>53</sup>*When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup>And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, <sup>55</sup>ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. <sup>56</sup>*Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.*
  - It was an act of faith for the people to bring the sick to him.*



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- It was an act of faith to carry people on beds to him.
- It was an act of faith to lay the sick in the market place where he was.
- It was an act of faith to touch his garment.
- ALL THAT TOUCHED HIM WERE MADE WELL!

### III. Closing Thoughts

**Our faith must cooperate with obedient action if we are to experience the supernatural power of God.**

- A. Listen closely to the instructions of the Holy Spirit.
- B. Do not attempt to make the instructions given to others as your own. – Jesus had different instructions for different circumstances.
- C. Practice obedience in the little detail. Whatever He says to you, “Do it”!