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Biblical Definition of a Miracle:

- those acts that only God can perform
- usually supersede natural laws



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Baker's Bible Dictionary

- “an event in the external world brought about by the immediate agency or the simple volition of God”
- “occurs to show that the power behind it is not limited to the laws of matter or mind as it interrupts fixed natural laws”



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A miracle is a **SIGN**
God uses to point to
Himself.



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Wk 02: Faith & Miracles

4 Examples of Faith for a Miracle:

1. **Woman with Bleeding Issue**

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Matthew 9:20–22 (NLT) — “Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, **21 for she thought, ‘If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.’** **22** Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, ‘Daughter, be encouraged! **Your faith has made you well.**’ And the woman was healed at that moment.”

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Matthew 9:27–30 (NLT) — “After Jesus left the girl’s home, **two blind men** followed along behind him, shouting, ‘Son of David, have mercy on us!’ **28** They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, ‘**Do you believe I can make you see?**’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ they told him, ‘we do.’ **29** Then he touched their eyes and said, ‘**Because of your faith, it will happen.**’ **30** Then their eyes were opened, and they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, ‘Don’t tell anyone about this.’”



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2. Two Blind Men
3. **Woman with Demon-Possessed Daughter**
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“Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22 A Gentile woman** who lived there came to him, pleading, ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.’ **23** But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. ‘Tell her to go away,’ they said. ‘She is bothering us with all her begging.’ **24** Then Jesus said to the woman, ‘I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep --

Matthew 15:21-28 (NLT)

the people of Israel.' **25 But she came and worshiped him**, pleading again, 'Lord, help me!' **26** Jesus responded, 'It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.' **27** She replied, '**That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table.**' **28** 'Dear woman,' Jesus said to her, '**your faith is great. Your request is granted.**' And her daughter was instantly healed."

Matthew 15:21-28 (NLT)



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4. **Woman Who Lost and Found Her Salvation**

“Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, ‘Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. **45** You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. **47** I tell you, her

Luke 7:44-50 (NLT)

sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.’ **48** Then Jesus said to the woman, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ **49** The men at the table said among themselves, ‘Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?’ **50** And Jesus said to the woman, ‘**Your faith has saved you**; go in peace.’”

Luke 7:44-50 (NLT)



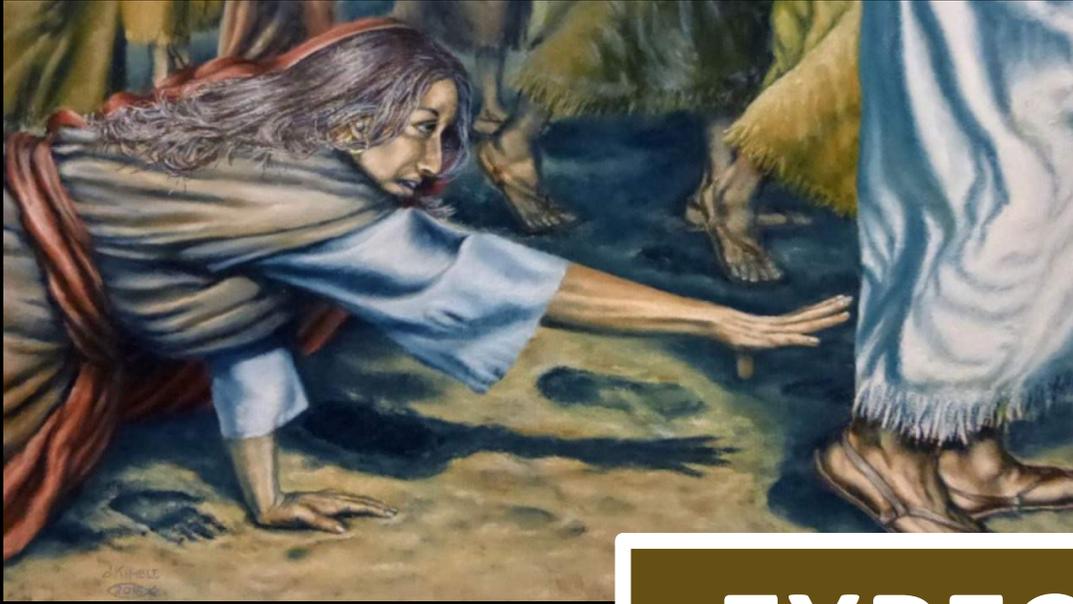


What Did Jesus See in the Faith of These People That Made Him Respond?



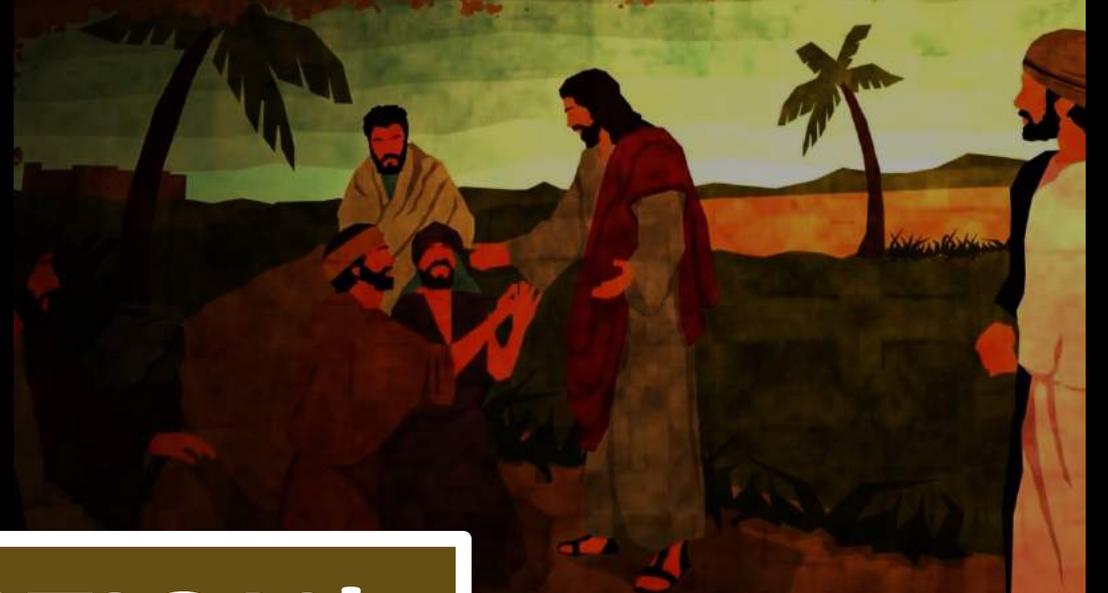
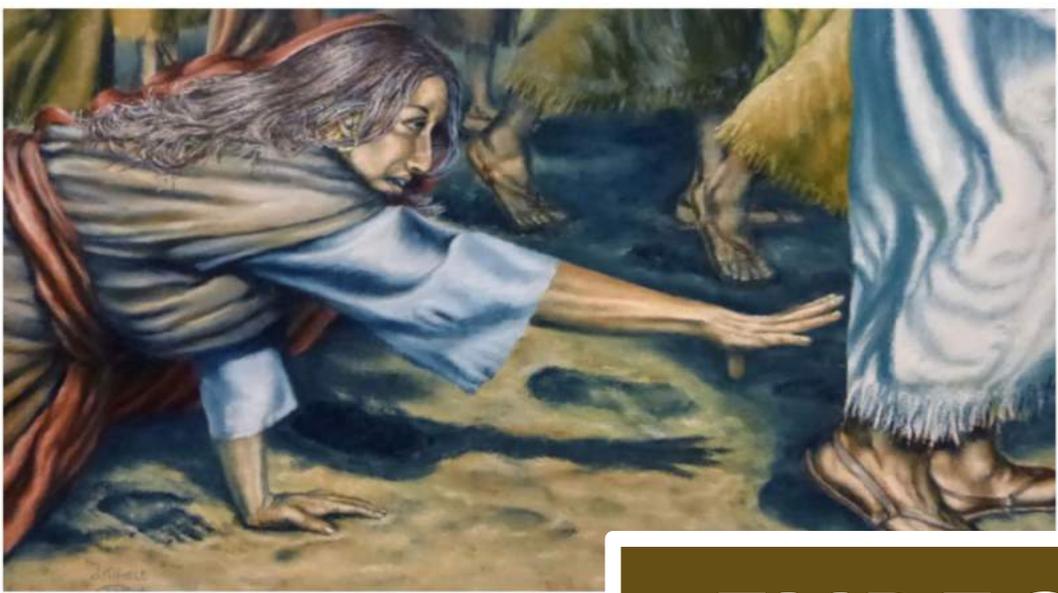
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1. Faith That Believes **GOD IS ABLE**



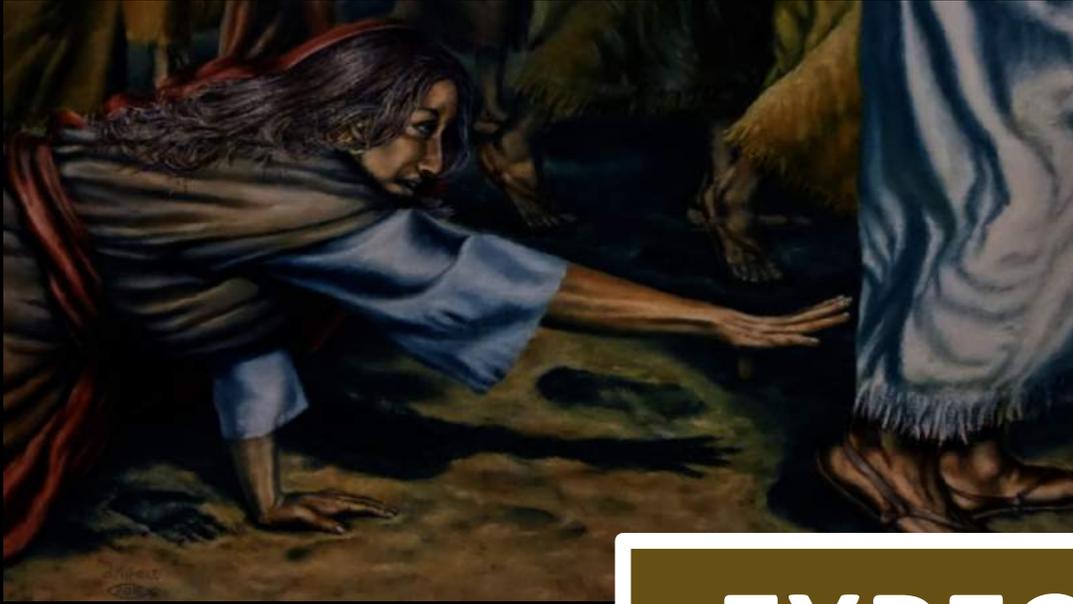
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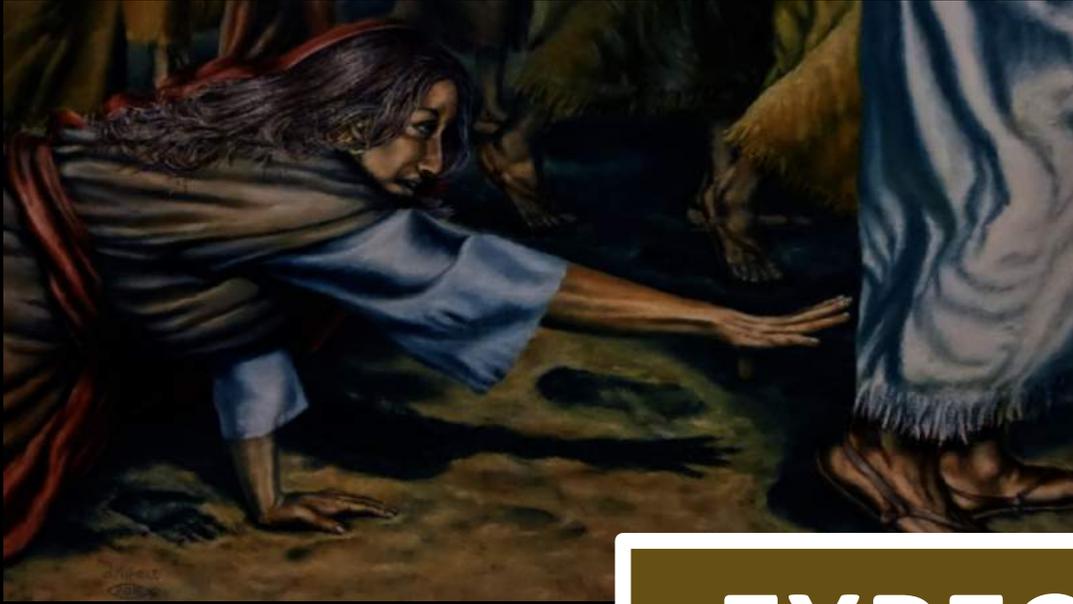
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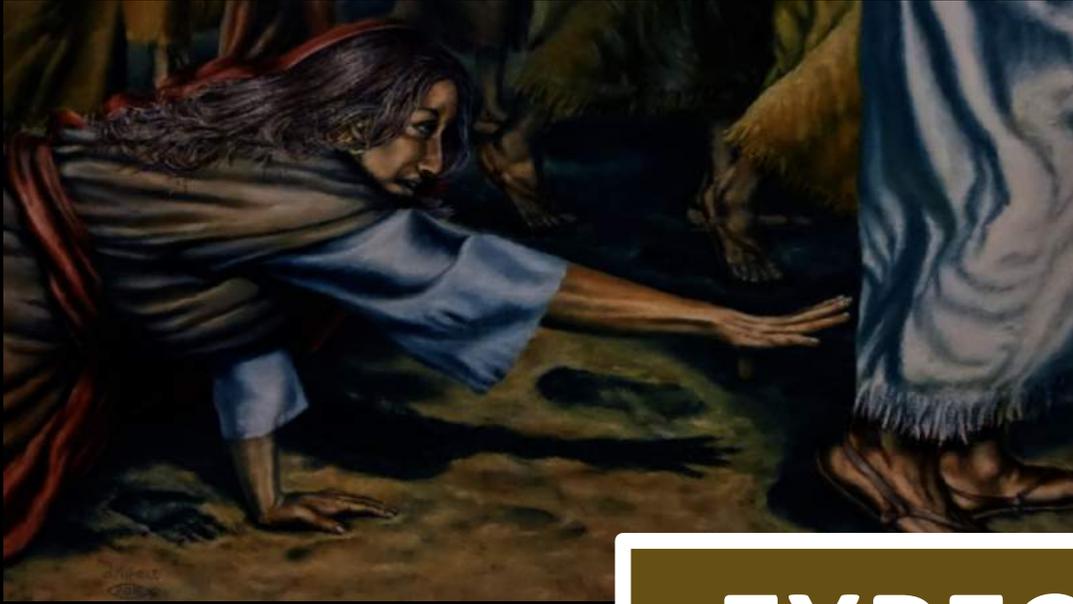
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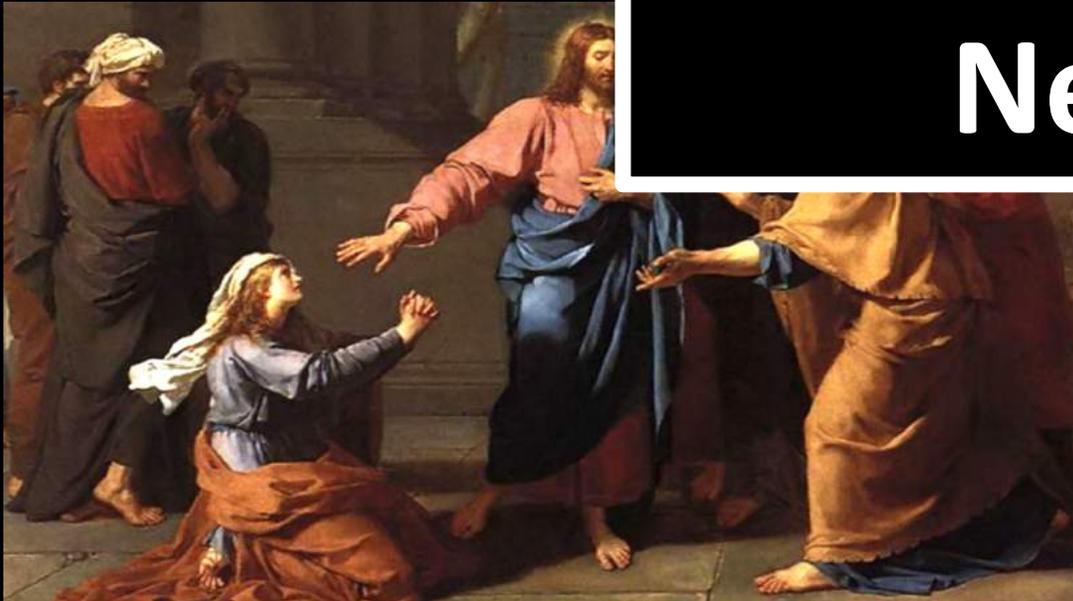


2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV) — “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT) — “Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”



What Do **YOU** Need?



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2. Faith That Believes **GOD IS WILLING**

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) — **“And it is impossible to please God without faith.** Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists **and that he rewards** those who sincerely seek him.”



Matthew 7:7–11 (NLT) — “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. **8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.** **9** You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? **10** Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! **11** So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.”

God is **NOT**:

- **Stingy**
- **Miserly**
- **An Old Grump**
- **Unwilling to Bless**



Philippians 4:19 (NLT) — “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 1:17–18 (NKJV) — “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints”

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3. Faith That **WORSHIPS WITHOUT AN ANSWER**

Matthew 15:22–25 (NLT) — “A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.’ **23** But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. ‘Tell her to go away,’ they said. ‘She is bothering us with all her begging.’ **24** Then Jesus said to the woman, ‘I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.’ **25** But **she came and worshiped him**, pleading again, ‘Lord, help me!’”

A silhouette of a man with a beard, wearing a jacket, with his hands raised in a gesture of prayer or worship. The background is a gradient of blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Faith can worship and
praise without seeing
an answer...**

There is Great **POWER** in the
Sacrifice of Praise!



2 Chronicles 20:1–3 (NKJV) — “It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. **2** Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, ‘A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar’ (which is En Gedi). **3** And **Jehoshaphat feared**, and **set himself to seek the LORD**, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.”

“Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. **15** And he said, ‘Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, **for the battle is not yours, but God’s.** **16** Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the

2 Chronicles 20:14-25 (NLT)

Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. **17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed;** tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.” **18** And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, **worshiping the**

2 Chronicles 20:14-25 (NLT)

LORD. 19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high. **20** So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: **Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.**' **21** And when he had

2 Chronicles 20:14-25 (NLT)

consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as **they went out before the army** and were saying: “Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever.” **22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes** against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. **23** For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of

2 Chronicles 20:14-25 (NLT)

Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. **24** So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped. **25** When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry,

2 Chronicles 20:14-25 (NLT)

which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.”

2 Chronicles 20:14-25 (NLT)

**It CONFUSES the Enemy
When You PRAISE and
WORSHIP the LORD**



Faith That Receives a Miracle Sends the Singers Out First!



2 Chronicles 5:13–14 (NKJV) — “indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, **14** so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”

Worship Brings the **MANIFEST PRESENCE** of God



Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) — “Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.”

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) — “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

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4. Faith That is **NOT INFLUENCED BY OPINION**

Matthew 15:23 (NLT) — “But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. ‘Tell her to go away,’ they said. ‘She is bothering us with all her begging.’”

Luke 7:39 (NLT) — “When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!’”



There Will Always Be People Around to
DISCOURAGE You...



**People With Faith to Receive the Miracle Are
Willing to Push Through the Crowd**

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5. Faith That **DOES WHAT GOD REQUIRES**

John 9:1 (NLT) — “As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.”

John 9:6–7 (NLT) — “Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. **7** He told him, ‘Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam’ (Siloam means ‘sent’). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!”

“How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless? **21** Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? **22** You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. **23** And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: ‘Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.’ He was even called the friend of God. **24** So you

James 2:20-26 (NLT)

see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. **25** Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. **26** Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.’”

James 2:20-26 (NLT)

A silhouette of a person jumping in mid-air against a sunset sky. The person is in a dynamic pose, with one arm raised and legs spread. The background is a bright orange and yellow sky with a large, dark tree on the left and its reflection in the water below. The text "Faith That Can Be SEEN" is overlaid in the center.

Faith That Can Be **SEEN**

Faith for Provision

- **Giving and Tithing**



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Faith for Provision

- Giving and Tithing
- **Sowing and Reaping**



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Luke 6:38 (NLT) — “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

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- Giving and Tithing
- Sowing and Reaping
- **Stewardship**



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God WANTS to Meet Your Needs:

- **Spiritual**

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT) — “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.”



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God WANTS to Meet Your Needs:

- Spiritual
- **Physical**

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1 Peter 2:24 (NLT) — “He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds **you are healed.**”

God WANTS to Meet Your Needs:

- Spiritual
- Physical
- **Emotional**



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Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) — “You will keep in **perfect peace** all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!”

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