

Miracles

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A miracle. When our God in heaven intervenes on earth.

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith. Matt. 13:58

He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:5-6

Expectation creates an arena for miracles to happen.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-12 NASB

Two big mistakes:

- We *over-emphasize* demonic influence.
- We *under-emphasize* demonic influence.

What do demons do?

- Demons tempt you to sin.
- Demons distract you from God's will.
- Demons inflict suffering.

You have miraculous authority over darkness in the name of Jesus.

Connect

- Share a story about when the impossible in your life happened.

Word and Reflection

We throw around the word, "miracle" a lot. An underdog pulls off the upset. A diet pill works wonders. But what about real miracles? When the truly impossible becomes a reality? God is so much bigger and more powerful than we can imagine and He has given us miraculous authority over darkness in the powerful name of Jesus.

Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:5-6; Ephesians 6:10-13; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 1:18-21 NASB

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Read Ephesians 6:10-12. How can you apply this scripture to your daily life?
- Pastor Gregg talked about the mistake of *over-emphasizing* evil or *under-emphasizing* it. How have you experienced either of these?
- Is there anything you're struggling with that you need to battle both practically and spiritually?
- What will you do to take authority over any darkness that may be trying to steal joy and life from you? How will you invite Jesus' power and light in instead?

Action

- Start taking authority over darkness in the name of Jesus. Don't assume every problem is demonic opposition or that any problem isn't.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any places in your life where there's an absence of light. Then, bring in the light of God's Word, prayer, and confession.

Prayer

- Jesus, you've already overcome any darkness we face by the power of your death and resurrection to life. So, in the name of Jesus, we agree that spiritual darkness has no place in our lives. It has to go. Holy Spirit come with power and bring the light of the living Christ into every corner of our lives.
- Pray for your group and for those whom you're reaching out to.