

Miracle in Motion

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Context: The book of Acts of the Apostles is an amazing book in the Bible right after the four gospels, in essence, it's Faith in Action! The first two chapters are about the Holy Spirit falling on the early apostles and disciples. The immediate next chapter is about these guys, putting into action all that was given to them. We pick up the story of a familiar passage in scripture and we'll draw some observations from it:

Let's read **Acts 3:1-16**

Before the supernatural, we've got to be a people consistent in the natural (Acts 3:1)

Peter & John went to the temple to PRAY, this was their daily routine. This was them being obedient and having a consistent relationship with their Lord and Saviour. However, from my own life and the generation, we're living in, we're always looking at the extraordinary, we're always focusing on the breakthrough, we're always looking for the next Big thing to happens, the next trend etc. However, from my experience and reading of God's Word, we gotta be people faithful in the ordinary.

Here are some powerful examples:

David and Goliath: The story of David before this moment

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: How they communed with each other daily and prayed before this audacious stage

Elisha and Elijah: Elisha was ploughing the field and planting seeds (daily) and then Elijah put his cloak on him

The Birth of Jesus: God would choose something so normal for His son Jesus to come to this World to be the perfect sacrifice of our sins, something SUPERNATURAL yet so NORMAL!

Responsibility in the Miracle

Look at Peter & John's response to the problem they faced, here are a few observations we can learn:

- Verse 4 says "Look at us", they are engaged and taking responsibility, not giving some lame excuse
- Verse 6, GIVE what you've got. Each one of us have something to offer, each one of us have talent, gift, ability, potential- let's use it

- Partner with People: Look at Peter in Verse 6, after mentioning the Name of Jesus he offers his hand, physically. This teaches so much, We've got to engage with people around us, it's a team effort. A classic example is the 3 friends who take their friend to Jesus through a roof (Luke 5:17-20). We've got to be people that as with people down in the dirt no matter what, just like how Jesus came Down from his throne to us, we've got to follow our saviour in delivering people in hurt and sin.

See the message in the Miracle (So Important)

- Peter says in verse 12 points to Jesus!
- Sometimes we can stray away from the main point (Acts 8, Sin blinded Simon the Sorcerer)
- God will use us greatly, but we need to focus on Jesus. Pride, self-righteousness can easily sway us away from the Main point.
- Here is the main point, it's all about Jesus, in our serving, in our preaching, in our actions, in EVERYTHING!

Things to pray for

- 1- That we would be obedient in the normal, mundane and have a consistent walk with the Lord
- 2- That we would not be afraid of partnering with people with what God has placed in us
- 3- When the miracle comes, we would never forget the greatest miracle and that's Jesus