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Discipleship Groups — Level 5

WEEK 3

The Gift of Miracles

Hello everyone!

We are continuing with week three of our Discipleship classes. Up to this point we have already taught about seven of the Gifts of the Spirit: Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Faith, Healings, Prophecy, Tongues, and Interpretation of Tongues.

In the previous classes we highlighted that the gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit are to bless others. It is very important to identify the Gift that the Holy Spirit has ministered through you. If you have not yet identified that gift, ask the Holy Spirit to recall those past experiences where the Holy Spirit worked through you in the gift or gifts and be willing to be used by the Holy Ghost.

Today I want to talk to you about the eighth gift that the apostle Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians chapters 12—The Gift of Miracles

I ask you; do you think God still works miracles today? Do you think God can use people like you and me to do something supernatural?

The answer to both questions is yes.

I want to share a testimony

A few years ago, I met with a friend once a month for fellowship and breakfast. I remember this friend always opened the meeting with a question, “Pastor, do you think miracles are for these days?”

For almost half an hour I would tell him testimonies of miracles that God allowed me to see or experience. At the end of our conversation, I believed that this was enough to convince him that “God still works miracles today.”

The next month when we met again, at the start of the meeting my friend asked the same question. “Pastor, do you believe that miracles are for these days?” Again, I gave him my testimonies and told him the testimonies of other people.

At the next meeting he began with the same question! This had me a little worried. He did not believe that God still works miracles. So, I prayed and asked God for something to happen that my friend would change his mind.

On another occasion when we met, I noticed he looked differently. His face was filled with concern. This time the meeting did not begin with the question he always asked. This time my friend started the meeting with a request. He

confided in me that he needed a supernatural miracle for his work. He told me that on several occasions he had asked his bosses to change his work schedule—to be moved from the night shift to the day shift. He could no longer bear to continue working at that time. It was affecting him and his family.

The answer he received was that it was not possible, and the request was always denied.

That day he asked me to pray for a miracle to happen. I remember that we prayed and asked God to perform a miracle. A few days later we met again, and when we sat down, I saw great happiness on his face.

He opened the meeting saying, "God did the miracle! They changed me to the day shift." I said with great force HALLELUJAH.

Through the prayer we made there was a Divine intervention and the impossible became possible.

A miracle happened.

The apostle Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit gives some the power to perform miracles (1 Corinthians 12:10).

"He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said."

Today, we live in a world full of science, technology, and medical advances. However, there are situations where neither science nor logic can provide a solution and miracles show that God is still the Almighty. The gift of miracles testifies that God is an all-powerful and real God. When someone experiences a miracle, their heart is opened, and it is a good opportunity to share the gospel. In such a complex world filled with disease, economic problems, or tragedies, miracles remind us that God can still do the impossible.

WHAT IS THE GIFT OF MIRACLES?

The Gift of Miracles is the supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to do or bring about something extraordinary and impossible, to fulfill a divine purpose.

In Acts 6:8 it tells us that Stephen the disciple operated in the gift of miracles.

It says, "Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people."

In the Bible we find different accounts in which a miracle occurred.

Jesus and Peter walk on water

In Matthew 14:24-25,28-29, Matthew relates the following:

Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus."

A supernatural miracle occurred—They both walked on water.

Jesus and the multiplication of the loaves and fishes

In Matthew 14:13-21, verse 19 says:

"Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. 20 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. 21 About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!"

Here we see a miracle of supernatural provision.

A note of clarification

Sometimes, it seems that the gifts of faith, healing, and miracles are the same, but there are big differences between each one. All three appear in 1 Corinthians 12 and often operate together, but they are not the same.

- The Gifts of Knowledge and Wisdom often operate together.
- The Gift of Faith believes and declares that God will do something impossible, extraordinary, or supernatural far beyond human logic.
- Faith often precedes a miracle or healing.
- The Gift of Faith can be the key that opens the door to healing or to a miracle. The Gift of Faith is **not** the event, it is the key.
- The Gift of Healings restores health to the body. God restores a person's physical, emotional, or spiritual health.
- The Gift of Miracles is the supernatural Intervention of God that suspends or alters natural laws.

Let me share with you another personal testimony

It is called: The date on my passport

A mission trip to Cuba came up unexpectedly and it was very important that I go. I spoke with the leading Foursquare missionary of the Caribbean and began

to plan my trip. When I checked my passport, it had expired. It was Sunday and I had five days to solve this problem—I needed a miracle.

On Monday I went to the government office and put in my request and the official asked me when I was traveling. In faith, I told him next Sunday. The official said it is impossible. The process usually takes a month, and in order to leave the country the passport must have an issue date of 15 days prior to the departure date. I definitely needed a miracle!

In Cuba they had already announced my visit, and the church and leaders were expecting me. I felt in my spirit that I should go and be with the brothers and sisters there. I began to pray and activate my gift of faith to believe and declare that I was traveling.

On Wednesday, I went to the passport office and an official told me that my request required a miracle and I told him that I do believe in miracles. He told me the head official wanted to talk to me. When I spoke to her, she told me she would take my request, but she could not promise anything and told me to come back on Friday.

My trip was Sunday. We continued to pray and believe. On Friday, I arrived very early at the passport office and waited all day.

My passport arrived at 4:00 in the afternoon, and at 5:00, they were closing the office, when suddenly someone called my name, Evert Mora, Evert Mora, Evert Mora. I called out and said, "it's me."

The official said that they would take my photo and then give me the passport. I said Hallelujah! It was five minutes before they were to close the office and I saw someone coming towards me.

I had my passport in my hand—we took it and left the office. My wife and I were already out of the office, and very happy with my passport, when the official asked me if I had checked the date of issuance of the passport. "Remember," he said, "if it is not issued 15 days before the date of departure, you cannot leave the country."

I quickly checked the date and something supernatural had occurred. The government office issued the passport with a date of 15 days previous. Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit did something supernatural. That Sunday I was traveling to my destination with great joy and thanks to God.

In closing: If you have the Gift of miracles

The Holy Spirit is going to open up opportunities for you to activate this gift. God is going to use you at a specific time to fulfill His purpose. You must listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and be led by Him to act. When you hear the Holy Spirit speak, obey, and do what He tells you. That is when you will see the supernatural.

If you don't have the gift of miracles, what should you do?

Ask the Holy Spirit.

Pray this way: "Holy Spirit, if you want to use me with the gift of miracles, here I am, give me this gift."

In closing, I pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you and pour out his anointing upon you. I pray that the Holy Spirit will distribute in each of you His gifts, according to His perfect will.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

See you in the next class!
Blessings to all.