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Miracles vs Faith

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- Believing what God said!
- Believing in the promises of God!
- Believing in the Character of God!

"Saving faith is the heartfelt conviction...that Christ is reliable. It is the confidence that He will come through with His promises and that what He promises is more to be desired than all of the world." (John Piper, Desiring God)

And *without faith it is impossible to please him*, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

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<sup>3</sup> For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

<sup>4</sup> When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. <sup>5</sup> But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. (Romans 4:3-5)

<sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. (Ro. 4:20-21)

Saving faith and living faith

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So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Ro. 10:17)

Acts 20:35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more **blessed(happy or joyful)** to **give** than to **receive**.'

Will you put your faith in action?

Will you be a giver and not focus on you receiving?

Money, Time and Talents...at work, home and church?

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**Learn – Believe – Act – Experience**

### Is your Faith in Action?

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

<sup>6</sup> And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. <sup>7</sup> Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. (Ephesians 2:6-7)

...he who promised is faithful' (Heb 10:23) We confidently believe that 'The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it! (1 Thess 5:24)

### Is your Faith in Action? w/ Unseen Rewards

**How is your faith to the needy?** (James 2)

<sup>13</sup> There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

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**Here's your opportunity...**

<sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, <sup>16</sup> and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? <sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (James 2)

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**W** Here's your battle... **n?** (Matthew 6)

<sup>19</sup> "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money <sup>33</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (Mt. 6)

### Is your Faith in Action?

**With your eyes?** (Matthew 5:28) Jesus states: But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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**Here's every man's battle...the need to grow strong in the truth and put faith into action.**

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### What is the point?

#### 1. When His Word is heard are you willing to take action on it?

Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. (vs 50)

#### 2. Do you have meaningful faith that affects others?

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