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## (W.O.R.S.H.I.P) - Wonders

(Wonders - Expect them)

Before we start this lesson, let's spend a few minutes reviewing the previous lesson: Worship - Together/Alone.

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Another part of worshipping God is EXPECTING Him to work miracles and wonders. The Bible is full of examples of the types of miracles & wonders we can expect to see in our lives.

Q) Can you think of any miracles, signs, or wonders displayed in the Bible?

Let's look at some examples of people in the Bible that EXPECTED miracles/wonders to happen, and received them:

For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch His garments, **I will get well.**" <sup>29</sup> And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

(Mark 5:28-29)

This woman had been suffering for years with some issue with blood. Note how according to the passage, she had faith that if she just touched Jesus' garments, she would be made well.....and she was made well! She was expecting a miracle and received a miracle.

Here is another passage:

<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, <sup>6</sup> and saying, "Lord, my servant is <sup>7</sup> lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented." <sup>7</sup> Jesus \*said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel..... <sup>13</sup> And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you **as you have believed.**" And the servant was healed that very moment. Matthew 8:5-10,13

This man believed and expected his servant to be healed by Jesus.

The biggest difference between the US and other countries experiencing many miracles is **expectation**, a child-like **expectation**. For example, in the Foursquare Church in Cambodia, God is performing miracles through orphan children! These children learn the Word of God, hear about miracles, and simply believe. As a result, God has used these children to not only perform miracles of healing but even to raise people from the dead.

So in addition to expecting God to work miracles for ourselves, we can expect God to use us to perform miracles for others. Indeed, as followers of Christ, we have been given power from God to lead others to Him; this includes the working of miracles! Let's take a look at this passage:

But Peter said, "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!"

(Acts 3:6)

Here Peter gives a great example of how we are to move in expectation that God's wonders & miracles will move in others through us!

## Greater works we shall do

Don't just take our word for it! In this next passage of scripture, Jesus Himself tells us His expectation of us doing the works He did which includes miracles and even greater works and miracles than He did:

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.  
(John 14:12)

Did you know that? (DISCUSSION)

- What miracles have you experienced in your life?
- What do you think about Jesus expecting us to do greater works/miracles than He Himself did?
- How can you live aware of this expectation and give God opportunities to not only do miracles in your life but use you to perform miracles in the life of others?

Lastly, let's read this last passage of scripture together.

You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.  
(John 14:13)

With all this in mind, let's go forth and see some miracles!