

# Gv4341 Gv Seven Miracles We Need

by George Verwer

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*George Verwer emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's miracles and training through life's challenges while encouraging community support and positivity.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by discussing a film that was shown on TV, which he found unedifying due to its negative content. He advises young people not to dwell too much on negative things as it can lead to a nervous breakdown. The speaker then transitions to talking about miracles, specifically referencing the story of Caleb and Joshua in the book of Numbers. He mentions that he has a message about Caleb and Joshua but will not give it at that moment. The sermon concludes with the speaker mentioning the miracle of George Floyd, which he refers to as the ability to finish a message on time, and the seven neglected miracles in the 20th century church.

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## Transcript

Well, it's hard to believe that we have come, at least I have come, to the end of my little series of burdens to share with you, and I want to thank you for praying. I want to thank so many of you who have passed on little personal notes of encouragement, and I will not forget. I haven't forgotten 1980 when I was here.

By the way, we put those tapes of 1980 into an album similar to this. This is a new album. They've gone all over the world, those messages given right here at Prairie.

We never expected that, but it was all done by this friend of mine. He's already gone off with the motorhome and the books because he couldn't make it. I'm going in some other kind of vehicle, more Canadian type vehicle.

I think it's a jet propelled tractor or something. But it's amazing what God can do with cassette tapes, and I know there was a little mix-up this morning. Some of you wanted to order tapes.

You couldn't order them, but I think that if you persevere, that will be resolved, and it's good. It's good when you try to do something, and it doesn't work out. That's part of God's training program.

You know, God speaks through revelation. Watchman Lee talked about this in his book, *Release of the Spirit*. I know there's not everything I like about that book, but he talks about how God speaks through revelation.

We hear something, it hits our heart, we repent, and we say, Lord, do something, and there's a release of our spirit. It's the way he describes it. And he then goes on to speak how God speaks through circumstance, and oftentimes we were willing for the revelation and the repentance and the brokenness.

We're not willing for God speaking through circumstance. You go to get something, and it's not there. So you get irritated or something.

I don't think anybody here got irritated over that. But the little things that go wrong are part of God's training program. You go to someone, and you want to show them some love, and they don't want any love from you.

They think you're trying to pull something. It goes wrong. That's God's training program.

It's not just the Greek class. It's when the Greek teacher is an absolute bore beyond all calculation. Both are God's training program.

And we got to understand this. Things that go, in any Christian institution, things will go wrong. Things are going wrong in OM all the time.

And we often learn more when things are going wrong than when things are going right. And this is God's school. And I hope you don't think God's conference ends this evening.

God's conference goes on. Many of you are working to, to, you know, pay some of your bills to keep going. God teaches us so many lessons through work.

When I was a student at Moody, I took a part-time job delivering fur coat buttons in the loop in Chicago to make a little money. I think for missions. I, I don't remember.

But I was always giving out tracts, and I was working for a Jewish man delivering fur coat buttons. And one day, he sent me down to pick up some money. Somebody was delivering some money.

I'm not sure what this man was into actually, but I had to pick up some money on the corner. So I went down, and of course, I was giving out tracts, waiting for the man to come with the money. Pretty soon, you know, they thought I'd run off with the money, and they sent a couple of goons down.

And of course, I was on the wrong corner, giving out my tracts. And the contact had come with the money and gone, and they're waiting upstairs for the money. And I'm down there, you know, Moody student, praise the Lord.

And I learned so much through that. And many other experiences, things that I, mistakes I made. I misread the social policy.

Moody, by the way, has a social policy, a dating policy. It's basically, you know, it's pretty heavy, long thing, you know. No dating cats, you know.

So I, when I went into Moody, I was a bit anti- girl at that time, and I'd just come out of that few mess-ups, so I was off women, you know how it is. So I didn't read that section. Then, as I told you the other night, I met my wife, Dreena, and I went down to have this date, you know, when I shared with her about the cannibal soup.

Sorry if some of you missed this, but that's, that's why we have tapes. And I discovered that, in innocence, I was breaking social policy. And so, God spoke to my heart.

And I went to the Dean of Men, you know, a little freshman. These spiritual giants, you know, Deans, you know, they look like giant pillars looming up in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. And I, you know, knocked on the Dean's door, Dean Brolman, you know.

Man of God, George Verwer, evangelical twit. And I went into the Dean, and I said, you know, Dean, I didn't mean to do it, but I think I've broken this social policy. I've got this girl.

She's a, she's a night school student. She's an employee, and we were meeting, studying the Book of Acts in this, in her. She was living outside the Institute in some women's hostel, and there was a rule about not being alone in a room outside the Institute, you know, one of these complex rules.

And, you know, I, I didn't know what was gonna happen. As I shared with the Dean that I'd broken the social policy, and he was so gentle, and he, you know, he was so appreciative that I'd even come, because a lot of students were just, they were shooting the social policy down with, you know, guided missiles. And he became one of my closest friends, Dean Brolman.

And it was my friendship with just a few on the administration. I bring into balance something I said about the Moody staff the other night. It was a bit, bit heavy.

I felt a bit of a twitch about that. But it was my relationship with the Dean, and relationship with just a few other people that was so important. And, and students, one of the reasons you may not have more relationships with faculty and staff is you lack the ability to take the initiative.

That's deadly. That's, that's spiritual cancer, the failure to take initiative. Because people have a lot of work.

They have a lot to do. And so they'll, they'll do what's, you know, what's to do. But on the other hand, most spiritual people like me are saying, Lord, if there's someone with a burden, bring them to me.

We are not mind readers. We're also more shy than we look. I still have a little bit of a shy streak.

You may not believe that. I know it seems a drop of skepticism just went across a lot of faces. But all of us wrestle with shyness, with a bit of insecurity.

And I'm not the kind of person that, you know, walks in a room with 40 people, I'm a stranger, just walks in total ease, shakes everybody's hand. Hello, I'm George Ferry. Oh, yeah, hello.

Yeah, so good to see you. Not me. I'd rather slip around the corner and look for the punch.

And, you know, sit down and hope that someone might maybe quietly come to me and say something to me first. Now, if I, as a hyper choleric, have a few hang ups yet about people being at ease in crowds, social activities. Or how many of you feel you're just at ease, Mr. Personality? Social life, just piece of

cake.

How many of you? Piece of cake. I don't see too many hands. And God, this is just my introduction, you know.

Right now, I could care as much about Edmonton as I am, you know, fishing for kangaroos in Spain. I like to, you know, I like to shoot where I am. Let's bloom where we are.

And that's a good message for Prairie, too. Stop thinking about, oh, someday I'll be a missionary in Africa. Someday I'll be on Operation Mobilization, driving my truck like Don Maxwell across the Ganges, reaching unreached people.

Forget it. For now, bloom where you are. And I tell you, in a month, it's going to get mighty cold.

Where are my American friends, you know? Yeah, look at it. Bloom where you are, because you're going to freeze in about two months. So to summarize that, summarize for those taking notes.

God has spoken to many of you through his word. These days, you've repented, you've committed your lives. He's going to speak again tonight, going to speak through your quiet time, of course, through studies.

But he's also going to speak through circumstances. Now, where is the dear lady who broke her arm? Is she here? You stand up. God bless you.

We were praying for you the moment we heard about that. And we're glad you came back from the hospital. See, she got blessed in the ministry.

But did you actually fall out of bed? No. You just heard it somehow. Student, this is a beautiful illustration of what life is.

No, I'm sorry, you had to suffer it so that I could have this illustration. I didn't arrange it. You can go out of here, some of you drive into Calgary, you get a puncture.

Up here, I don't know, maybe, you know, a cattle hit your car or something. Please, I beg of you to understand, God's great teacher is divine providence. Don't miss it.

Because all that you can get here, if you don't learn how to take divine providence, is often falls short. I'd like to mention that we still have a lot of free literature and other missions as well. And I hope you'll just take your last visit.

I'm leaving it here with Burt, the challenge of Pakistan. A leaflet from the Keswick Convention not to be ministered on to, one of the most powerful sermons I've ever read. A chapter from that book, Heart Disease in the Body of Christ by Jack Ben-Empty, just one chapter, dynamite.

And literature, how to pray for the Muslim world, Bill Wilson of OMF, praying for your missionary. One of the greatest mission societies there ever has been, still is, praying for your missionary. The why and how.

A leaflet by Ralph Satira on confession, forgiveness, very powerful stuff. And an article by Don Hillis, my experience with a kleptomaniac. And the team that I am, OM is divided into teams, and I'm on a little team that is almost completely unheard of in OM.

We don't have a big headquarters, we just have a couple of modules that help us keep things going organizationally. And our little team in London, and we're short of about six workers, is the international coordinating team, and we need typists. I think Prairie Bible Institute does as well.

And lastly, I am leaving a few of these albums that I've talked to you about with Burt, that you can get tomorrow if you're interested in getting some material, different material that will follow up on what I've been able to start sharing with you here. Now I have decided to speak to you on the subject of miracles. This is a controversial subject, it's a good one to share, and then run.

Miracles we need. We cannot read our Bible without coming across miracles. I think of Jonah and the whale, or the big fish.

I think of Noah. And you know, many humanists and unbelievers, they just mock the Bible. So many people mock the Bible.

I think a lot of young people reared in Christian homes, they don't realize how much opposition is out there. You take the miraculous out of the Bible, and you're going to get a somewhat thin book. Now in OM, we're very heavy on training.

So I'm not talking to you now, in some ways, about OM's strong points. We very much are affected by Lloyd-Jones. I want to just repeat a few items, I almost forgot this, that you must look for in your bookshop, and you must put pressure on the bookshop to get these books.

Let me repeat them again, very quickly. David Seaman's books, Healing for Damaged Emotions, Give Up Your Childish Ambitions. If you want them, they'll order them.

They had some, they're all sold out. Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones, Spiritual Depression, His Cause and Cure, or his two volumes, Sermon on the Mount. Michael Griffith's Take My Life.

Roy Hischen's Forgotten Factors, Dealing with Sexual Problems. Calvary Road, We Would See Jesus. A.W. Towson, Anything He's Written.

L.E. Maxwell, Born Crucified. Completely out of stock, what an embarrassment, it's unbelievable. But that's the way it is, the human factor, right? So you get into the bookshop there, the first thing they open Monday morning.

Now I want you to take a note of this. The first 25 people go to the bookshop on Monday and order or buy books. I want their names and their addresses, and I'm going to send you a miracle packet of 20 of the greatest books.

Not the best books, you have to buy those there. These will be books, some of them you've never seen before. Way out stuff.

A miracle packet, 20, the first people to get to the bookshop and buy any book Monday morning. Now I don't know what the bookshop staff is going to do to me over that. I don't particularly care.

But I want you to get some of those books that I have just talked about, and I want you to be more familiar with some of the other great books. I think of Charles Swindoll's writing, I saw a lot of those in there. That book, Four Seasons, it will be a classic someday.

So praise the Lord for this great literature ministry you had. I bought hundreds of books. They're already packaging them up, sending them to England.

And I'm just excited about that ministry. But I want to talk about miracles. And I want to just start with Caleb and Joshua.

Some of you have heard my Caleb and Joshua message. I got several of them, but I'm not going to give that one now. So don't start going to sleep.

I know right after lunch is sleepy hour, isn't it? How many are feeling a little sleepy, just a little sleepy? Okay, hold your hand up. People behind those people, give them a little tap. A little tap.

Don't knock it now. Numbers, chapter 13, verse 30, and then chapter 14. This is pre-miracle moments in Numbers.

The spies come back from the promised land. Most of them are negative, right? There's giants. Look at verse 28.

Nevertheless, the people are strong that dwell in the land. Man, this old missionary guy, in the skit last night, all the problems, you know. Cross-cultural, triple-cultural, quadruple-linguistic, quadruple-tringle, religious problems.

There are. This is a very good skit. And we'd like to recruit, not the young ones, we'd like the old ones for OM.

And it's so easy when we see the missionary task, we think about the giants. A lot of you are not willing for the mission field because you don't think you can learn a language. How many of you feel fairly sure that you can't learn a language? Just put your hand up a little bit.

Non-language types. Look at them all over the place. Others are too tired to get their hand up.

We see the giants. These spies saw the giants and so unbelief gripped their soul. And I will tell you, Satan is going to counterattack what has been done here in these three days with fiery darts of unbelief.

At me. Because I've shared with you, my life, Christian life is an ongoing struggle. But I know the road and I'm not going to go down.

I hope you know. There are certain books, philosophy and psychology, I've studied that to a degree. I'm not going to read them.

The devil is not going to come up to me and say, I challenge you to read this book, 66 inconsistencies in the Old Testament. I'm not going to read that. I've been through that stuff.

I've been down that road. I haven't got time now. God showed me what my ministry is.

I'm not going to read 66 inconsistencies in the Old Testament. Because if I read that, then I have to go and read all the other books that disprove these books that are written about these things. I don't have time for that.

I've been through that. And so, I'm going to avoid that. There are certain books that are very negative to me.

There are certain films that might come on the TV. I won't watch it. I've got enough struggles.

They had a film on TV in England recently about the atomic bomb or hydrogen bombs being dropped on Sheffield. It was similar to that The Next Day film that was put out in the States. I never saw that, but I heard about it.

Shockwaves went across the United States when that film was shown on TV. This was a similar, but they say, more well done, more realistic. And I just watched a little of it.

And I said, Lord, this isn't edifying me. I already know this problem. I've read about it.

I've been through it. Atomic Holocaust problem. All of that.

And I just turned it off. Left my daughter's room. I left her room.

Don't dwell too much, young people, on the negative, the problems, the difficulties. You get yourself into a nervous breakdown. One of my favorite verses, Philippians.

Think on that which is pure and good and lovely. What is it? Philippians 4.8. I love that verse because I have a very deep, severe, cynical and negative streak. You've seen it twitch out in my message just every once in a while.

And God has been helping to be more positive. So easy to see negative things in people. So unbelievably easy.

So easy to see negative things in the church. You don't need any education for that. Anybody can tear down.

I could tear this place down in one night. Give me a couple of your football players. Hockey players.

A little bit of benzene or gas. Finished. Nothing.

Don't ask me to build anything like this. That takes an architect. And I want to tell some of you older folk.

They're a little bit critical of young people. Anybody can tear down young people. You don't need any intelligence for that.

You're not proving any spiritual maturity. Tearing down the young people. Always criticizing.

Always got something negative to say about this generation. Probably nobody here like that this afternoon. This is just for those listening to the tapes.

But I want to tell you. I want to see the older people who can edify young people. I want to see the older people who can encourage young people who are discouraged and fed up.

And want to get out of the whole crazy thing. That's the kind of older people we need today. And I'll tell you.

Many of the godly men I met at Moody. Many of the godly people I met around the world. Older people.

They're that kind of people. They may have their strong convictions. They may, you know, speak straight.

And young people shake when they speak. But on a personal basis, they've got an arm of love reaching out. Open your heart.

Open your home. Don't worry if a little mud gets on your carpet. And God will use that in a mighty way.

Easy to see the problems. So they saw the Amalekites, the Negev. In the Negev, the Hittites, the Jebusites, the Amorites.

The hyper-fighting fundies. They're all there. Operation Impossible.

What did Caleb do? Now, the first thing this man did. That's a difficult job for any leader. Is to get everybody to shut up.

I mean, be quiet. It's a difficult task. Notice verse 30.

Caleb stilled the people before Moses. And then what did he say? Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it. Now, Caleb's a bit like the Americans.

And you know, it's great if you Americans and Canadians can learn to live together in harmony and love. We are very different countries. One of the mistakes we make is not realizing the tremendous differences there are between Americans and Canadians.

And Canadians need more patience because Americans, by the very nature of their country, are less conscious of Canada than Canada is forced to be of the states. That's just simple understanding. And so Americans are naive about what I call the border factor.

Some of them, until I was 16, didn't even know there was a border up here. And God can enable Canadians and Americans to work together and love one another. Now, Americans, to me, are a little bit like Caleb.

I don't like to generalize, but sometimes you have to do to get a point across. Because there are all kinds of Americans. Some of the Americans in our work are the shyest people we've got.

And some of the Canadians that we had are some of the noisiest people that we had. Ha ha ha ha ha ha! I'll tell you, when Bert Kempis joined Prairie, you picked up another 10,000 supporters. They're praying for you.

And I tell you, it has been a great privilege for me to work with Bert Kempis these 18 years. We haven't always agreed, but he's a man that I've been able to always negotiate with. He might come forward with a big punch, and you just back off and tell him to go jog and then talk to him later.

And you'll find that he's a man of love and a man of compassion. So Bert is a different kind of a Canadian. But that's what happens when you get this, what I call the Dutch factor, the deadly Dutch factor.

It's all over Canada. It's like the rivers up here, except it never freezes. The deadly Dutch factor.

But Caleb was a bit like the Americans in that he was seemingly, from this expression, a little bit, you know, let's go, that type. Let's go up and, you know, what are you guys talking about? We don't need any more committees. Let's go.

Let's go up. We are, well, I shouldn't have said we. I mean, that's saying we are going to do something.

I mean, in Keswick, we learn not to use this word, I or we. Now look at, look at Joshua. Go to the next page.

If you've got a Schofield Bible, go to the next page, 126. Talk about getting in a rut. I got in this Bible when I was 18.

I've been there ever since. Numbers 14, verse 8, we come across another man. And remember, these are the only two men that ever got into the promised land.

So it's an important bit of history. Talk about a minority movement. Joshua is a little more like the Canadian, the English-Canadian factor.

Notice his vocabulary. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land. Sounds like Keswick.

You know anything about the Keswick movement? Deeper life movement. And give it to us, a land which floweth with milk and honey. To me, that sounds more spiritual, doesn't it? Now, you put an Englishman next to an American, every time the Englishman will sound more spiritual.

He might be as carnal as a backslidden grasshopper, but next to an American, he will sound spiritual. And in America, we love, the states, we love these British accents. Stephen Holford, he just comes through, we'll bow down.

Al Ripeth, you know. Some of these men with their lovely accents. But here's the point.

Both Caleb and both Joshua, they were both right. They were both men of faith. They were both men who believed in miracles.

And they were both there when they got in the promised land. And they were both there when Jericho fell. And to me, one of the most exciting miracles in the Bible is the fall of Jericho.

God is a God of miracles. If you go into the New Testament, you come to the Gospel of John, the book that God used to bring me to the Lord Jesus Christ. You will find miracle after miracle.

We don't have time, but I think of that rather interesting miracle. Isn't it recorded as the first miracle? What was it? John's students changing the water to wine. And right through, miracle after miracle.

And right into the book of Acts, still miracles. I think today, some of us, I'll put myself in that camp. We have overreacted to the abuse of miracles.

And so we're over here, and it's sad. Some are even saying miracles are not at all for our day. Now, I'm sure you don't teach that here.

But you probably teach what I teach, sort of a balanced, modified version. The main thing God is doing today isn't just blowing the law of gravity, you know, at every twitch. I have studied this for 30 years.

It's something that concerned me. Because, listen, as a young student at college, before I even got to Bible college, I wanted everything God had. Everything, I tell you.

I would fast two, three days to get anything I thought was new. I read Torrey's book. Torrey, he was a moody man.

He wrote on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Moody Press later banned it. I got a hold of Torrey's book, The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I said, well, if there's a baptism of the Holy Spirit, you know, I want it. Whatever there is, I want it. I got down to the floor.

I was a student at college. I was working in the local jail, witnessing. And Torrey, of course, his baptism of the Holy Spirit teaching, highly controversial at Moody, was for power and witnessing.

It was for holiness. It predated 1904 thinking, Azusa Street, and the birth of the Pentecostal movement. It goes back to Salvation Army.

It goes back to Wesley. And I got down on the floor, and I said, Lord, I don't understand what this is. But, boy, if there's anything more I haven't got, I want it now.

I don't know if anything ever happened then or now. Forgive my lack of clear thinking. You know, it was a long time ago.

But I'll tell you, the next day when I went into that jail, I had more power. And I'll tell you something else. Everybody in the jail got saved, except the jailer.

Only about 12 people, but it was a mini-revival in the jail. Now, I don't claim that as some great second blessing in my life, because after that I had so many other infillings and blessings and breakings. And I shared about what happened to me when O.J. Smith came to Chicago.

But I've learned not to despise people's spiritual experiences simply because I may not agree with the terminology. But I say to young people as they come on OM, and we attract a wide range of interesting people, I say, look, in OM we don't want you to push this particular vocabulary because that's not really the way most of us are thinking. But we want to see that in your life.

We want to see the fruit of the Spirit. We want to see the reality of the Holy Spirit in your life. But at the same time, we don't want to belittle their spiritual experience.

And I don't want to belittle any spiritual experience you've had, but I want to see it mature. And I want to see it as biblical as possible. And I want to see you going on.

And I feel there's a danger today of overreacting against the abuse of the miraculous. I want your bookshop to get a book called, God Wants You Rich and Other Enticing Doctrines. That book is one of the greatest arrows into extremism in America today.

Extremism, for example, like the emphasis today on slaying in the Spirit. Some of you may not know what's going on. Perhaps if you're so busy winning souls and praying people out to the ends of the earth, it doesn't matter so much that you don't know what's going on.

But in some cases, it's helpful. But there's an increasing emphasis on hyper-emotionalism and in Canada. And I've seen a lot.

And I tell you, listen, that scares me. Now, this lady who writes this book is not hyper-anti. She comes out of that background.

See? And that's why people who are into some of those things, they accept that book. You will like everything in it. But that book is six years of research by a woman who was in it.

And she points out some of the weird things going on in the prosperity movement. You know that God wants to prosper everybody financially as a doctrine. We know God prospers some.

God just prospered me this morning. Somebody put \$100 in my pocket. I mean, even Canadian we say praise Jesus.

And that's not a theology. That's not a theology. That's just God working in a particular way.

That book is the best thing written against prosperity there is. That book deals with extremism in people manipulation. Listen, there's a lot of people manipulation going on today.

There's a lot of people manipulating also to get money. I tell you, when you talked about an offering this morning, you know, it scared me right out of my shoes because I did not have that in mind. And if any of you know me, you know that George Burwell helped Mueller, George Mueller.

And I said, and it was hard and humbling for me to even share that we have this need because I've not done this in 25 years. This is a new thing God is doing in me. And it's humbling for a character like me because I tell you, into my conservative view about finance came subtle forms of pride.

And in OM at times, we thought we were the ones that really had God's way. And people would say, oh boy, OM is such a tremendous movement of faith. You're not like all these other people grabbing for the buck.

Oh boy. And God had to humble the whole of OM, I'll tell you. Because we couldn't pay our bills.

And then we started to come in too. Have you ever seen a movement about as big as OM start to come in too? I tell you, I wouldn't want to be around at the time. It started coming too as people started to backbite.

People started gossip. People started to criticize because when there's a lack of money, pressure comes on. The wives don't get their weekly allowance because we live a little bit like prairie.

We ran out of money. And so judgmentalism came in. And this came in.

Some were fasting and praying. Others were throwing rocks. Others wanted to take up jobs.

I tell you, hallelujah for the message of spiritual balance because that's what God brought. God used to bring OM through that crisis. And He showed us that it's not fair to God's people to never tell them, even our own prayer partners, even our own parents didn't know what was going on in OM.

They thought everything was fine. So it was not easy for me to tell you this morning the truth about OM. That we are in trouble and those teams aren't going anywhere.

And then of course you surprise me with this offering. But the way you did it is not manipulative. Of course someone can say, you know, there's always pressure.

I mean, in the Christian life there's always pressure with millions dying around us without Christ. That's the pressure. Not somebody giving us an opportunity for a free will offering.

And I hope you don't take any money committed to some other mission movement or part of your time committed to God's work and give it to OM. Please. I've always said, and probably in other extremism, I've often prayed, God, if there's anything you've got left after giving everybody else what they need, and we've given a lot of money away to other movements, we said, Lord, if there's anything left when you've given away, you know, given everybody what they need, then, you know, here we are in OM right now.

We could use a little bit. You know what it is to refuel a 6,000 ton liner? Don't think about it. Don't think about it.

God provides. God is a God of the miraculous. Let's not overreact to extremism.

Let's worship the God of miracles. Let's realize God can do a lot through your Bible study. God can do a lot through your training.

God could mature some of you through short-term training on OM. We believe in training. We believe in the long haul.

We believe in what Lloyd-Jones has said. But we believe also some of you need a miracle right now. Now, I believe when some of you stood up last night in brokenness and confession before God and the Holy Spirit does something greater in your life, lifts a burden, lifts a trial, gives you assurance of faith, that is a miracle.

That is just as great, just as wonderful as someone coming up here who maybe is lame and we pray and somehow they're healed. Just as great. We are infatuated too much with the spectacular in the body of Christ.

We are infatuated too much with the visible. And I tell you, a lot of this stuff when it's researched like these growing leg stories, it doesn't come out when it's researched and people are left depressed. Let me tell you just one story, I could give you a hundred.

We had a young man working with us in Turkey in the early days. And the man who led him to Christ was very much heavy into extremist things about healing. And he had all the total answers.

Beware of the dead end street of total answers. Total answer for everything. God is a good God.

He always wants only good things for you. Oh, that sounds so nice. I won't tell you who said it.

This fellow went back to England from Turkey and the man who had led him into Christ had become more and more extreme and got tangled up with some healer. And he was beginning to get doubts because things were so funny. And that man, that healer, offered for \$50 sections of his healing tent.

It's actually been done quite a lot in the States. And if you send in a certain gift, you would get a section of his old healing tent. And if you put this section on any wound or a headache or any part, then you'd pray and you'd be healed.

And they can find a verse, take a quantum leap from that one verse and do this. Let me tell you, when this happened, British people, they're just a little bit skeptical of some of these things. And that was the last straw.

That was the last straw. When that guy saw this healer selling these chunks of his tent for \$50 or whatever, you know what he decided? He said, Christianity is a load of garbage. And he became an agnostic.

And when my friend found out that his spiritual father became an agnostic, my spiritual friend flipped out. And he overthrew the faith. He lives in Canada today.

That was an unbelief. I try to see him when I get to Toronto. I heard his wife now follows Jesus.

We don't give up on people in O.M., I'll tell you. We follow them and pray them back. Brothers and sisters, extremism has caused more grief in the United States and Canada in the past years than we'll ever know.

But let's not overreact and get ourselves into some kind of refrigerator of dead orthodoxy. We have a God who hears prayer. We have a God who supplies needs by touching people's lives.

We have a God who saves. We have a God who delivers. I prayed for people here for a long time after the meeting the night before last.

And as I prayed for them, I believed God was answering prayer. When God intervenes into a life, that's a miracle. Maybe a mini-miracle in your mind.

It doesn't matter. God is a God of the miraculous. It's not just training.

It's not just study. It's not just an O.M. discipline training program. It's not just the seven points I gave you last night.

It's God invading your life. It's God doing a miracle. We've experienced tremendous healings in O.M. And yet we always acknowledge God doesn't work the same way in everyone.

My wife was in depression. And we prayed and prayed and prayed. There was no miraculous quick healing.

God was trying to change me because I was part of the reason for her depression. And as I changed and she got medical help, part of it was linked to the fact that she had hepatitis. She had two surgeries.

A lot of other things were mounting up on her. My lack of sensitivity. Traveling 40% of the year leaving her with the kids.

And we had no miraculous deliverance from the depression. We had the slow coming out. Finally she could stop taking the medicine and she began to function again.

But she's still, she's still a wounded woman. You don't live with a character like me and not be wounded. But thank God He can heal.

He can sustain. He's a God of the miraculous. Another woman in O.M. went to a depression that made my wife, because my wife wasn't that bad in some ways.

Bad enough. But one of our women went into a depression. I mean it was fierce.

You know, the suicide, the works. I've had notes here of people that feel suicidal. Right here.

And this woman went down and we tried everything. In O.M. we're quite conservative. You know, we go to the doctors.

We're not afraid of good Christian psychiatrists. We're, O.M., you may think O.M.'s a big, you know, sort of a miracle, you know, praying in ships. We got to think people, people think that George Verra had a prayer meeting and a ship came sailing in the window.

Cock-eyed ideas. I will tell you if God hadn't given us committed, brilliant chief engineers, there would be no ship. God's work is a combination of answers to prayer and the miraculous and down to earth thinking, management and common sense.

No one has ever disproven that. That's how we've not only got two ships, but they've been running almost all the time for 15 years, one ship, six, seven years, the other ship. God is a God of the miraculous.

Anyway, this woman was in deep depression. Doctors, counselors. She went back.

She was living in Germany. She gives this testimony personally. She went back to church.

She decided to ask the elders of the church. Are some of you elders? Any of you elders of the church here? You look like an elder. You know, mustache, good looking.

Anyway, I don't know how you handle it here. But they went to the elders of the church and they said, you know, could you anoint this woman with oil? You've seen that verse there in James. And just pray for her.

Just a simple thing. No big circus. No acrobats.

No trumpets. They just prayed for her. She was healed of depression the next day.

They said, well, we don't allow that here at Moody Bible Institute. Praise God, I'll tell you some things have happened at Moody Bible Institute some people have never written about. And a lot of people don't know much about D.L. Moody.

You know what it says about D.L. Moody in one of the encyclopedias? This overweight, bombastic evangelist. D.L. Moody depopulated hell. This is a secular encyclopedia.

D.L. Moody, American evangelist who depopulated hell by one million souls. Not bad for being overweight. Wish I could have maybe a little more weight and a little more anointing with it.

No man hardly ever shook Great Britain like D.L. Moody. When he hit Cambridge University it was never the same. I am living in Britain and I still feel the impact of D.L. Moody.

He was a miracle man. He was a miracle man. And there is no greater miracle than the miracle of conversion.

There is no greater miracle than when a drunkard becomes sober and is saved by the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no greater miracle when a drug addict and we have plenty of them in OM now. Ex-convicts, ex-drug addicts, pushers, cocaine men.

What do you think we got a crew for the ship? From the Three Hills Sunday School? I mean, when we started to pray for crew tough merchant navy men to staff our ship. Most of the men who later came on the ship were not saved. That's why the ship foundation was six years in the making.

From the time God gave the burden till we had the ship, six years. Prayer, nothing happening much, God working. God was all over the world saving men on ships.

Stan Thompson with a Cunard line. First class drunkard with a Cunard line. The QE2 line.

And God saved him out in Africa. And God brought him into one of my meetings in England. He sat way in the back.

And he was sort of hiding, a little short guy. He's got a sense of humor, you know, that make E.T. and Donald Duck look dull. And God just zapped this guy.

And he became the chief electrician on our ship. And then he became involved with people. He became a chief line-up man.

He's been with us now, I don't know, 10 or 15 years. That's how God brought us our crew. Brothers and sisters, if that's not a miracle, you know, then I'm Clint Eastwood.

Believe me, God is working miracles. God is working miracles. And let us pray for miracles.

Let's believe God for greater changes in our lives. Let's believe God to do miracles right here in Three Hills. Now, what are some of the miracles I feel we need? You may not agree with this.

No problem. But I'm heavy into sevens. I got about 20 messages on sevens.

This is seven miracles we need now. In other places, I call it the seven neglected miracles in the 20th century church. Let me give them to you.

Look at the notepapers coming out. The pencils are jumping out of the boxes. Whenever you can come up with numbers, people can follow.

Great. You got your pen? Look at this, these guys. What about you back there? You want to borrow my pen? Oh, you got it.

Okay. What about Ted? Look at that pen out there. I wish I could have a picture of that.

Do you know what they gave me? I ate my first meal in your dining hall. Because here, you got hospitality here that, you know, can make rabbits drink. And I've been shunting around to different houses, feeding me.

I finally had a chance to go to the dining hall. You know why I went there? They said I could go in ahead of the queue, the line. I've not got victory yet.

With all that God's done in my life, I can't handle lines. I'd rather not eat. I can't handle lines.

So when I heard I could break into the line, I went in ahead of the line, gave everybody behind me a calendar and apologized. And then, and a student came up to me and gave me this. Can you see that? It's a level.

It's got a little thing in there, a little bubble. It's a carpenter's level to put on my tie that I might be forever reminded of Prairie Bible Institute. The problem, the thing, the bubble won't stay in the middle no matter what I do.

What are the seven miracles we need? First of all, and believe me, this is a very serious, very serious set of thoughts. So it's good to lubricate it with a little laughter. But let's think carefully.

Number one, the miracle of stability. Is that a big word in your vocabulary? I talked to a man who had 12 men in a meeting about 15 years ago. These were men heavy, heavy, heavy, heavy into the things of the spirit.

I think you know what I'm talking about, right? Miracles, gifts, tremendous things. And I fellowship with all kinds of people. You know what this man said? Of 10 or 12 people, leaders who were in that meeting 10 or 12 years ago, almost all of them have been wiped out.

Only two or three left. Most of them by immorality or pride trips or extremism. You know, my burden is not firecracker miracles.

Don't feel intimidated if you didn't make an outward decision during these days together. God may have worked a greater miracle right there in your chair as you were sobbing your heart out than those who stood or came forward. Our God is sovereign.

We can't limit Him. But I believe today the way society is, the way culture is, we need a miracle of stability. 1 Corinthians 15, 58.

Say, we don't like verses out of context. I've heard that before. But some verses, when you quote them, you know right away there's 50 other verses backing that verse up.

So there's no law against quoting certain verses out of context. I can't read every chapter. I'm running short, as you can see, already on time.

1 Corinthians 15, 58. Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Do you have that one memorized? When you pray for me, that's what I want you to pray.

Stability. Stickability. Doesn't mean I stay in the same job or the same ministry all my life.

But it means I stick close to Jesus. I walk every day in the power of the Lord Jesus. I stand against the fiery darts and that my life represents what we read about in the Word of God.

Listen, people out there, they're going to read your life. They're not going to read your theology notes. Take notes in the theology course.

Try to get an A. Rejoice if you get a B. If you get a C, apply to Operation Mobilization. But believe me, as you go out, as you go out, they are going to read your life. They are going to read your life.

You need stability. One of the reasons that I do a little jogging and an exercise program is I don't actually like that. I don't like it that much.

And I have incorporated into my life a balance of things I like and things I don't like. Now, if you think I just sailed through three days of conference here, counseling people in every spare minute, no time to barely gather my wits around me, and I just sail out of here this afternoon, you know, like some spiritual Concord taking off out of Calgary. I don't think Concord flies to Calgary yet.

Well, you're wrong. Because I'm running out of steam, I'll tell you right now. I'm running out of steam.

And my wife is running out of steam. She's already done run out. But tomorrow, we're going to take the day off.

I've had people already phoning me. Oh, this one wants to have lunch with you. This one wants to meet with you.

This one wants to be on another meeting. The XO Embers are coming out of the trees. Recruits for the Muslim world.

And I've said on the phone, you're not going to find me tomorrow. And I found out about a little park not far from Edmonton. And I found out about a few other things.

And I'm going to disappear. And I'm going to spend time with my wife. We're going to go for a walk.

And I'm going to put my Walkman on. And I'm going to play some music that you can't play. But remember, someday you'll be where I am.

But no day will ever, ever be where you are. Stability. God wants stability.

But if we're going to have that stability, we've got to get the right ingredients into our life. And four years at Prairie or three years is a good place, I think, to do it. I don't think God's brought you here by accident.

And I hope before you go from here, you will get what God wants you to have. And I hope it will build stability into your life. And that means sometimes doing things you don't like to do.

And you get an ingredient of doing things like tomorrow for me that I want to do. Legitimate things, not sinful things. But legitimate things sometimes are considered sinful by some people.

And if you think you're ever going to solve the worldliness problem, forget it. You never will. You never will.

Not with some people. And people can lay a guilt trip on us, more free types, you know, quicker than Easter rabbits and eggs at Easter. Which I think, by the way, is an abomination.

I won't get into that. One of my extreme ideas. And I think sometimes we get confused between a carnal desire and an innocent recreation or part of the human factor.

I'm still wrestling. I'm still learning. I'm still reading.

If you want to write me, feel free. I've had some interesting letters from Prairie over the years. Most of them very good.

Stability. And I will tell you, I have given this message in very in different ways, but in very big meetings in different theological places. And it's amazing.

I get little opposition. In fact, the publisher is chasing me for this material to publish it, which I'm not going to allow. Why is that? Because that publisher knows this is so needed today.

This is a miracle of stability. Number two, we can go over this one quickly. The miracle of spiritual balance.

That takes a miracle for the likes of me. Anyway, maybe spiritual balance comes easy for you. Maybe you could write me a letter.

Ten ways to have spiritual balance. I don't think you get it just by putting on a level as a Thai class. I think spiritual balance for many of us here is a miracle.

And I'll tell you, God's been doing a miracle in me. And my wife is so thankful for it. My co-workers are thankful for it.

My daughter is a bit extreme in some ways. She's got her doubts. I shared with her the other day.

She came to me and said, Dad, I think you're getting extreme in the area of balance. But just look with me at Ephesians 4.15. What a beautiful set of verses. I love Ephesians, as I think you well know.

Galatians, Ephesians 4. Look at these words. Talks about coming into the unity of the faith. Verse 13.

Knowledge of the Son of Man. Mature man. Measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

You ever heard men like Andrew Murray speak on these verses? Wow. That's what characters like me need. That we from now on be no more children tossed and fro, to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine.

By the sly of men, the cunning craftiness by which they lie and wait to deceive. You know, I thank God. I thank God for your little magazine, Prairie Overcomer.

I want to give you a challenge. I was a magazine salesman before I was doing a lot of things before I was saved. But I got my whole student body when I was a freshman in high school.

Got them all selling magazines. That's how we paid for a new field for the football team. So I mobilized everybody selling magazines.

So I want to mobilize all of you selling magazines. I sign you up right now. Everybody who sells 10 free subscriptions to Prairie Overcomer, you write to me.

I'll send you 10 free books. I want you to recruit people to get that little magazine out. That magazine is a voice of balance.

Most Christians in America, states especially, don't even know it exists. You know, you're not exactly a high profile operation. You know, in New Jersey, you say, Prairie Bible Institute.

What? Prairie Bible Institute. Oh. They never heard of it.

We got a new generation out there. They know who Andre Crouch is. They know Johnny.

They know Charles Colson. They know, you know, all kinds of characters. They said, Mr. T. I heard now he's saved.

Boy, that's a big fish. Prairie Bible Institute. They don't know.

What? Is this one of the best kept secrets in Canada? Shh. We're not telling anybody. There's revival in three hills, but don't tell anybody.

We may have to share it. I can't believe that they give away these magazines. By the way, someone took that one that I had here.

He did ask me for it. No more blown to and fro by every wind of doctrine. That's why we need balanced biblical material like that.

Cunning craftiness as they lie and wait to deceive. That's heavy stuff. That's not laughing material.

Men, evil men lying in wait to deceive false doctrines, extremist church groups, cults. Fifteen. Look at it.

But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, who is the head, even Christ. Underline those verses. Write them out.

Speaking the truth in love. Speaking the truth in love. See, balance isn't my idea.

It's biblical. From whom the whole body fitly joined together, compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. There is 25 reasons right there why we should use other translations and not just the King James.

Write in that verse. I want to say something. I'm going to get in trouble.

I don't care. People that try to say the only Bible you can read, and I speak as King James for 30 years, this is the only translation you should use or can use. I tell you, that is one of the most weird, weird extremes I have ever heard of.

And it hardly exists anywhere but in western Canada and a few parts of the United States. It's weird. It's way out.

It's bizarre. Turn from it, I beg of you. If any of you are in there, turn from it because you don't know what you're talking about.

I don't care if you produce a book that thick on the subject. Oh, my. Forgive me.

Forgive me. I actually don't want to ever get loud in my preaching anymore. Lord, forgive me for being loud in my preaching.

But I can't help it. That's me. I get excited because I know these things are side tracks, side roads that are keeping us from getting the job done so millions don't have Gospels, millions don't have tracts, millions don't have anything of the Gospel or the Word of God.

And we're fighting over translations. And we're putting money into books to propagate that are divisive and that destroy people. And somebody else put money in a book recently that was vicious about Christian music.

And it divides the body and it turns us against one another. And as Billy Graham said, we've taken the sword of the Spirit and we're carving one another up instead of going forth as a mighty army to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Brothers and sisters, you are in the most Biblical conservative Bible college in the world.

Anybody who gets further on down the conservative line from this, he's out of the ballpark. Call him. Come on in the ballpark.

You can't play baseball in the parking lot. You're going to get run over by a Rolls Royce. Unity, love, speaking the truth in love.

This is Biblical. This is God's way. And so that's a great miracle we need.

And we've had the joy in OM of seeing thousands of people come out of extremism. It's one of the greatest ministries I have. Sometimes I think it's equivalent almost to my evangelistic ministry.

None of it in some ways is that great. God is great. But the joy of seeing people come into balance.

I've had thousands of letters from people that have come into freedom and balance. They're praising God again. They're fellowshiping with other believers again.

They're happier because I'll tell you, a lot of these heavy convictions that are not Biblical. Know what they produce? Ulcers, migraines, twitches, hair loss, feet fungus. Fifty different diseases.

Really? Can come from being too uptight, majoring in minors, because we get bitter when people don't listen to us, don't we? And we react when people don't believe the same as we believe. And I'll tell you, don't misunderstand me. The people that have criticized me the most and disagree with me the most and say things that are ugly and I don't believe.

I've never had problems loving those people. You know I've got a lot of problems in my life. I've never had problems loving enemies.

I go for enemies like finches go for grass seed. I mean, enemies are great. You can put your arms around an enemy and say, look, I don't agree with you.

I think you're so completely all wet. But I love you as a person. Let's go for a walk together.

Why don't we hike around Banff and go fishing and talk about all of your kinks. And we'll talk about mine as well. The third miracle is the miracle of George Brown.

We're ever finishing a message on time. But we haven't got that far yet. The miracle of moral purity.

Last night I went and spoke at the boys men's dorm after I was here. And they asked me to speak on lust. And I tell you, I was really flying high after the meeting last night.

When you see 100, 200 people stand up and God touching and blessing, you just go right into orbit. So when I got to that dormitory and they asked me to speak on lust, they don't know what they were asking for. And that was wild.

But I'll tell you, the Holy Spirit worked in that meeting as much as any meeting. If I had come here and only spoke in the dorm on lust, I would consider worth the visit. Because I'll tell you, when you nail that thing down and when moral purity starts to become a reality in your life, you are on the way to God doing great things in your life.

The miracle of moral purity. I could give example after example how men one minute are jumping up and down and seeing miracles, quote unquote, and the next minute they're in adultery. One wildcat evangelist,

I said this last night, I repeat it, left nine girls pregnant in one town in the southern state.

One young man who saw that. He saw the pregnant girls after this evangelist left. He was so disillusioned, he abandoned Christianity.

This is all written up. He abandoned Christianity. He became a worshipper of Satan.

He saw people giving his fingers. I don't remember whether he gave his finger in a sacrificial thing to Satan, but he was going to give his whole body. And he drenched his body with kerosene on the beaches of New York and was going to ignite it.

That all came when he saw all this impurity in what supposedly was a man of God. But you know the good part of that story? People had been praying for that man. And on the beach of California, he got saved.

And he never ignited his body as far as I know. You know what's happening in America. You know the broken marriages.

That's only the tip of the iceberg. I don't think we should point our fingers just at the broken marriages. What about all the marriages that look together but are not together? And all the other weird things that are going on that people don't like to talk about.

I believe the great miracle America and Canada needs today is the miracle of moral purity. Let's pray for miracles. Let's believe that it can happen.

Let's not just go with the tide. Let's not just say, ah, this is the way it is today. It's the end times and put our heads in some kind of religious sand like some kind of proverbial gospel ostrich.

A miracle of moral purity. Number four, the miracle of a happy, holy marriage. I wish I had time to give you my message on marriage and communication in marriage.

But I believe Satan is attacking the home. Satan is attacking marriages. I know he's attacked mine.

And the great miracles I've seen are miracles in keeping my family together, keeping my wife and I together. The fourth miracle, a miracle of a happy, holy marriage. The fifth miracle is the miracle of listening and learning.

Oh, how dull. A miracle. A miracle.

Listening, learning. It is today. It is today.

People don't listen today. And so when you get young people and the Spirit of God is moving in their lives so they sit and they listen. I believe this is a miracle here that you have listened so intently to me hour after hour because God is working in your lives and because God is doing something through His Word and we need, I need this.

I did too much talking. God has been getting me to be quiet. And I just pray of you, trust God for a miracle in the area of learning to listen and learn.

Think of James 1.19. Let every man be quick to listen and slow to speak. I bet that's not your favorite verse, is it? It's been a hard one for me. And then, number six, the miracle of ongoing reality.

The miracle of ongoing reality. Not just a great blessing here. People filled with the Spirit.

People converted. People set free. But ongoing.

Tomorrow. You ever get the Monday morning blues here in Prairie? Is there such a thing? Monday morning blues? How many ever get the Monday morning blues? Wow, a lot of people. And I have a philosophy about Monday morning.

I won't get into it now. There's no time. But I believe Monday morning you've got to be ferocious.

You've got to be ferocious. I got to often be quite a far distance away from my house Monday morning at a very early hour as our team meets together for, you know, beginning week devotions. We have devotions most days.

All Monday morning. I tell you I believe tomorrow is as important as today. My Christian faith is not a faith hinged on meetings, on singing together, even on getting ministry from the Word of God.

My Christian faith is hinged on Jesus Christ in me. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. When I feel lousy, when I feel great.

When I have a headache, when I don't have a headache. And I find, to be quite honest, that for me the Christian life has been getting rougher. I'm not the same.

Same idealistic, naive, mountain-moving, wildcat. I've been humbled. I've been wounded.

You may not know it. I'm a wounded man. I got arrows, 50 of them, sticking in my back.

They just haven't looked close enough. And I'll tell you though in the Christian life, in God's warfare, arrows come in. God can bring healing, and they can be there, and you don't even feel it.

I have been shot. I have been spit at. And some of it's my own fault.

That's the most interesting thing to suffer for. To suffer for Jesus' sake. That's great.

I told you about that stone in India. I've been in prison in Russia. Oh, I love to tell my Russian imprisonment story.

The audience, wow. My reputation. People said, wow, he's been in prison in the Soviet Union.

Two days. It actually was a hotel room, you know. But I'll tell you what I learned from.

I learned when I suffer because George Verwer made a mistake. He said, oh no. No, no, when you suffer for righteousness' sake, God will be with you, but when you suffer for your own mistake, God dies, you're all on your own.

You can only repent and grovel in the sand, and let somebody else sort of pick you up, if they feel merciful. If I didn't believe that God could overrule my mistakes, I would leave my ministry right now. We have a God who can overrule, and that produces the stickability that those covenanters had in Scotland, when they were ready to be killed for the sake of the covenant, and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And that's the miracle we need today. I'm not saying we never trust God to see a man wonderfully healed. I'm not saying we don't trust God to bring in finance miraculously.

I'm not saying we don't trust God to do sometimes unusual things, though God doesn't just throw the miraculous around, like a little baby with a bunch of new toys at Christmas, throwing them out the window. We have an ordered God in some ways. We have an orderly universe.

There are basic laws. When you break those basic laws, you're going to get in trouble. Recently, one of our leaders, he's pushing himself too much.

He's pushing, he's taking the burdens. People criticizing, people saying this, taking it personally. Pretty soon, migraine headaches.

Pretty soon, other symptoms. Broken the natural laws. He can pray, we prayed.

But you know what happened? When he just took a bit of a break, our board of directors gave him a little bit of a drink. The day after the break, the headaches started to go away. Don't play around with the natural laws of God unless you've got some very clear, very clear unusual guidance or circumstances.

The miracle of ongoing reality. And number seven is very similar. I know this message wasn't what you thought it was.

The miracle of perseverance. First Corinthians 9, I buffet my body and bring it into subjection. Lest after preaching I become a reprobate.

And I would recommend that it's better to go slower and persevere to the end. It's better to pull back and persevere to the end than to just somehow get out of pace and out of step and come apart in the process. Now some of you may disagree with my definitions.

You say, I don't believe these are miracles. That's okay. No big thing.

I'll love you just as much. You can imagine me giving this message in certain places. Just let your imagination go some of the places I speak in.

And they hear this message. And I want to tell you sometimes when I give an invitation, I'm not going to now, the Holy Spirit roars through. I get criticized for the places I preach.

You know the big thing today in some quarters? Guilt by association. Guilt by association. But let me tell you something.

They tried the same thing on Jesus. And just because I go somewhere to preach doesn't mean I agree with everything going on there. But I believe God has called me to preach the gospel.

And I'm not going to have men tell me where I can preach and not preach. I have to get that from God and my co-leaders. My co-leaders who I'm in subject to, who know me, know my ministry.

Of course, I'm quite a lot more submissive than I look. But I will tell you. I believe that these are the miracles we need most of all.

If I had a lot of time, I'd be willing to stay here all afternoon and privately pray for people that have illness. Pray that you'd be healed. And also probably tell some of you to go to a doctor.

Or to do this or get some rest. I believe in that. And I know you do.

But I think these are seven more important issues. Seven miracles. And I want to ask you as I close right now.

Will you trust God for a miracle in your own life in these areas? Not just training. Not just more study, more reading, OM, discipleship training. No.

Today. Will you believe God for a deeper work of grace in those seven areas in your life? Now. Will you pray with me right now? And in your heart say, Lord, do a miracle in me.

A miracle of faith as it was in Caleb and Joshua. So though I see the enemies, I see the problems. I can go up and conquer in the name of Jesus.

It's the only thing that will enable some of you to ever be missionaries. To ever learn a language. To ever persevere.

Miracles. Right now. And tomorrow.

And the next day. Let's pray. I want you to pray your own prayer.

I want you to ask God for a miracle in your life. And to believe it. To believe it.

A miracle of stability. A miracle of spiritual balance. A miracle of moral purity.

Some of you are afraid you're never going to make it in that area. Trust God for a miracle. Nothing is too hard for him.

A miracle of ongoing reality. A miracle of a happy, holy marriage. A miracle of listening and learning.

A miracle of perseverance. Running the race to the end. No turning back.

Will you trust Him? Will you trust Him? For a miracle? Then He will do it. According to His Word. Let's pray.

God. Lord, You know. You know my own needs.

I need a miracle. I need a miracle of stability. I need a miracle of ongoing persevering faith.

God, I've got my doubts, my struggles, my hurts. And I believe in miracles. Because I believe that You are a God who answers by fire.

I believe You are a God who works through weak, feeble earthen vessels. And I pray, O Lord, do a miracle in me. Do a miracle in the faculty right here.

Do a miracle, Lord, in the high school. Do a miracle in the college, the institute. Do a miracle, Lord, among our visitors.

Do a miracle among those who are hurt. They need healing for damaged emotions. You can do it.

They need healing of memories. You can do it. They need healing for broken homes, broken hearts.

Miracles in the area of worry. Miracles in the area of fear. Miracles in other areas.

Lord, You are a miracle-working God. We don't want to go from here in our own energy. We don't want to go from here in our own strength.

We want to go from here in the miraculous. In the steps of Caleb and Joshua. In the steps of Elijah and John the Baptist.

In the power of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our goal. This is our belief.

And it's based on Your Holy Word. We thank You, Lord Jesus. We bless You.

We worship You. In inadequacy and failure, we're trusting You. For not only a fresh touch, but a specific miracle in our lives.

That we may never be the same again. And that when people see us down the road, they will see Christ in us. Because we met with You at this hour.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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