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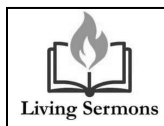
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Foreword

There are sermons that encourage us, sermons that instruct us, and then there are messages that reshape the way we see God, ourselves, and the purpose of the Church. *Miracle Life Seminar – Part 1: Christ Our Model* belongs to the latter.

In this timeless teaching, Dr. T.L. Osborn invites us back to one of Christianity's simplest yet most profound truths: Jesus Christ is not merely our Saviour to admire—He is our model to follow. Building from the opening verses of the Book of Acts, he reminds us that the ministry of Jesus did not end with His ascension. Instead, it continues through every believer who understands their identity in Christ and is willing to become His representative in the world.

As you read these pages, you will notice that Dr. Osborn does not present ministry as the work of a select few. He consistently challenges the idea that God's power is reserved for famous preachers or specially gifted individuals. Rather, he points readers to the believer's calling to continue what Jesus began "to do and teach" (Acts 1:1). His passion is to move the Church beyond religious routine into a life that reflects the living Christ.

Throughout this message, Dr. Osborn draws from decades of missionary experience across many nations. His illustrations are not presented to elevate personal achievements but to testify to the unchanging power of the Gospel when Christ remains the focus. Again and again, he redirects attention away from human ability and back to the Lord Jesus, insisting that every genuine miracle points to Christ rather than to the messenger.

Readers will also discover recurring themes that shaped Dr. Osborn's ministry: redemption, the believer's identity, the authority of Christ, and the conviction that God desires to work through ordinary men and women who make themselves available to Him. Whether you have walked with Christ for many years or are only beginning to understand your calling, these truths remain deeply relevant.

As editors, our responsibility has been to preserve Dr. Osborn's voice while making the transcript easier to read. Spoken expressions have been carefully punctuated, obvious transcription errors corrected, and paragraphs arranged for clarity, but every effort has been made to retain the warmth, conviction, and conversational style that characterised his teaching. Scripture references have also been standardised for easier study without altering the preacher's intended meaning.

Our prayer is that this book will do more than inform your mind. May it strengthen your faith, deepen your confidence in Christ, and remind you that the same Lord who worked through His disciples still desires to reveal Himself through His people today.

May Jesus Christ remain your model, your message, and your strength as you continue what He began.

Grace and peace,

— *Wisdom Epsi*

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

It is an honour to be part of your learning for your ministry and your life. We call these seven sessions that we're going to share with you a **Miracle Life Seminar**.

Today, we're opening this seminar, and we're going to read our scriptural foundation from the Book of Acts, the first four verses.

I believe it's important that the seven major ideas we're going to share with you concerning life and ministry are all found in the first four verses of the Book of Acts. When you think about it, isn't that exactly where they ought to be?

The ministry of Jesus comes to an end, and our ministry begins. Between those two is a bridge of four verses that connects our ministry with the ministry of Jesus.

The object of everything we're going to share while we're together is this:

We are the continuers of what Jesus began.

That is my perspective of ministry.

I am here in this world to continue doing what Jesus did. That is why He gave me the same power the Father gave Him. With that power working in me and through me, He believes that if I will accept it and embrace it, I can do everything that He did.

That is apostolic ministry.

And that is not just for the men and women whose names are widely known. That is for you.

Don't ever let these truths fly over your head and say, "That's too good for me."

It is not.

Accept it for yourself.

Message Objective

Our objective is to discover the kind of person God wants us to be.

Now, if that is not your objective in being here, then perhaps this seminar may seem boring to you.

But I believe that if you've paid the price and made the effort to become part of a Bible school like Victory Bible Institute, then you're serious about your life and your calling.

So let's establish our objective right from the beginning:

To become the kind of person God wants us to be.

Why?

So that we can experience the miracle life of Jesus and continue what He began.

Jesus takes us beyond religion into God's miracle life.

There is a tremendous difference.

Everything about Christianity is a miracle.

That is why we call this a **Miracle Life Seminar**.

The Seven Miracle Dynamics

The word **MIRACLE** contains seven letters:

M – I – R – A – C – L – E

It occurred to me to take those seven letters and see if I could connect each one with a fundamental principle of apostolic ministry.

If I could do that, it would provide a solid foundation that would continually nourish us.

The substance of these seven lessons is really the substance of my ministry all over the world.

You'll hear me say things like that because you haven't been where I've been.

I've often said,

"I've been there and done that."

And I truly have.

Throughout the world, I have witnessed that when these truths are embraced in your spirit, there is no nation, no people, and no tribe that can resist them.

For almost six decades, in nearly one hundred nations, I have never seen a crusade fail. Never. Why?

Because Jesus doesn't fail.

If we allow Him to be the centre of attention, if we allow Him to do His work, He will never fail.

However, if we're trying to promote our own ministry, our own reputation, or our own importance, disappointment will eventually come. But with Christ, disappointment is unnecessary.

Beyond Religion

This seminar is going to take us beyond religion.

By the time we're finished, religion won't mean very much to you.

The miracle life will mean everything.

So we're talking about seven Miracle Dynamics.

A pastor in Brazil once told me,

"I don't like that word 'dynamics.' I don't even know what it means."

He had to translate it into Portuguese and wasn't comfortable using it.

But after attending one of these seminars, he came back and said,

"Now I know what it means, and I love the word."

Dynamics are energising forces that produce action or motion.

These are:

- Seven Miracle Dynamics.
- Seven fundamentals for success with God.
- Seven truths to guide and influence your life.
- Seven sessions that will build upon one another.

- Seven concepts that motivate action.
- Seven essentials of the Christian faith that make it possible for us to continue the ministry Jesus began.

Success with God

Hear me carefully.

I'm talking to you because you've committed your life to studying God's Word and reaching your world.

Otherwise, I would never have come. I'm too old to waste time. Every day is precious to me.

I told Pastor Billy Joe that if I could invest what I know into your lives, then I would gladly come.

One day I'm going to die.

You're going to keep living.

If you'll receive these truths and continue running with them, I'll be happy, and God will reward that investment.

That is why I'm here.

You'll find me very serious.

I'm happy, but I'm serious about life.

Life is important.

Now let me ask you a question.

Do you want success with God? Or are you willing to settle for mediocrity?

Perhaps you're satisfied with having a little church on the corner.

There's nothing wrong with that, and God won't be angry with you.

But personally, I'd rather help more people.

Our Scriptural Foundation

Let's read our scriptural foundation.

Acts 1:1–4 (KJV)

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me."

We Continue the Book of Acts

These four verses form a bridge between the Gospels and our own lives.

Jesus' ministry is recorded in the Gospels.

The continuation of His ministry is recorded in Acts.

And the Book of Acts has no ending.

There is no final "Amen."

There is no conclusion.

Why?

Because we are part of it.

The Acts of the Apostles are still being written through our lives today.

As Daisy and I once wrote in our book, **The Gospel According to T. L. and Daisy**, every believer is writing a gospel every day.

Mark wrote one.

Paul even referred to "my gospel."

We wrote ours.

Now you're writing yours.

Your life is the continuing record of the good news you've experienced through Jesus Christ.

The Miracle Acronym

Inspired by the opening verses of Acts, the word **MIRACLE** becomes an outline for seven foundational principles.

M — Christ Our Model

Acts 1:1 says:

"...all that Jesus began both to do and teach."

That became the letter **M**.

Our Model.

Jesus is where everything begins.

I — The Inspiration of His Example

Acts 1:2 says:

"...until the day in which he was taken up..."

Whenever I become discouraged, I remember Him until the day He was taken up.

His life continually inspires me.

R — Our Response to God's Mandate

The passage says:

"...through the Holy Ghost had given commandments..."

A command from God is a mandate.

When God gives a mandate, we must respond.

Many people spend their entire lives responding to the voices around them while ignoring God's voice.

I want my response to be directed toward Him.

A — Our Action as His Delegates

The Scripture says He gave commandments to those whom He had chosen.

He chose them.

He sent them.

Being chosen demands action.

We are His delegates.

Wherever we are...

Whatever we do...

We do it in His name.

Everything we do here is done in His name. Everything He does there is done in our name.

C — The Credibility of the Gospel

Acts says:

"...he shewed himself alive... by many infallible proofs."

Those infallible proofs establish the credibility of the Gospel.

The Gospel is credible.

The devil is not.

That is why when I arrive to preach, the devil leaves. I don't have to spend my time casting him out. He already knows the message I'm bringing. And the same is true for you. Not because there's anything great about T. L. Osborn.

There is no great T. L. Osborn.

There is only a great Christ.

L — The Legality of Our Faith

Jesus spent forty days speaking about the Kingdom of God.

That led me to another principle:

The legality of our faith.

Think about what that means.

When you understand your legal standing in Christ, the devil becomes concerned every time you arrive.

He recognises someone who knows their authority.

E — The Experience of His Energy in Me

Finally, Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the promise of the Father.

That became the final letter:

The experience of His energy in me.

Each of these seven principles is so full of truth that you'll receive study sheets to accompany them.

Keep them.

Treasure them.

If you ever lose one, we'll gladly replace it.

But don't lose the truths themselves.

Let them become part of your life.

Seven Major Questions

Throughout these seven sessions, we'll answer seven major questions. Today's lesson centres on **Christ Our Model**. The primary question is:

What unlocks God's miracle life in us?

We'll also answer questions such as:

- How do we know what God is really like?
- Have you truly seen Him?
- Without miracles, is Christianity merely another religion?
- Is the Gospel truly credible?
- Can ordinary believers participate in miracle ministry?
- If so, to what extent?

Next session we'll consider **The Inspiration of His Example** and answer another vital question:

What makes the Christian faith more than a religion or merely a philosophy?

Can you actually prove the difference? You will.

After next Monday, you'll have a little sheet of paper that you can shove in the devil's face any time you meet him and say,

"Hey, buddy, read this!"

Poor devil.

What makes Christianity more than a religion?

Let's ask a few more questions.

The early church literally imitated Christ, should we do the same today?

That's a good question.

Think about it. Ponder it. Decide.

As I speak, you are making decisions. You cannot hear these truths and remain neutral. Whether you realise it or not, you're deciding:

- "Yes, I believe it."
- "No, I don't believe it."
- "That's too strong."
- "That's not strong enough."
- "I'm for it."
- "I'm against it."
- "That's pride."
- "That's too bold."
- "I can't go that far."

Watch those decisions. They are taking place in your spirit while I speak. I am a servant of God, sent from God to you for these seven sessions.

That isn't boasting.

That's simply an apostolic fact.

I've come to you as His delegate.

Throughout these talks, you'll continually make decisions, many of them without even realising it.

Deep within your subconscious you'll be saying,

"I'm for that."

Or,

"That's too much."

Or,

"I can't go that far."

Or perhaps,

"I'm not qualified for that."

Or even,

"He's exaggerating."

Or,

"The old man is becoming proud."

All kinds of thoughts will pass through your mind.

Watch them.

I'm not saying this as a threat.

I'm certainly not saying that if you don't agree, God will judge you.

No.

If you reject these truths, you'll simply miss a great deal of blessing.

God will still love you.

He'll still seek to bless you.

If you cannot receive these truths, He'll probably send someone else with another truth to help you.

God doesn't get angry with people.

Quite often it's preachers who get angry.

God doesn't have to.

More Questions Worth Answering

Let's continue asking some important questions.

- The early church literally followed Christ, should we?
- Is the Christian faith really more than a philosophy? More than a religion?
- Are Christ's teachings actually workable? Or are they merely historical records?

Notice what happened just now.

The moment I asked those questions, your mind began working.

You quietly formed an opinion before you even realised you had.

Keep your thinking under the control of God's Word.

Here's another question:

Are biblical miracles still needed in this century?

A woman in Belgium once told me,

"We don't need miracles anymore. We have medical science."

Think about that.

Our Response to His Mandate

The third principle comes from the words:

"...through the Holy Ghost had given commandments..."

(Acts 1:2, KJV)

Our response to His mandate.

The major question for that session is this:

What brings out God's best in a person?

That will be a wonderful lesson.

We'll also consider questions like these:

- Is Christ's miracle ministry applicable in today's world?
- Do you have a call from God?
- How do you know?
- What can you put before the devil that will silence him?

If you don't have a call, why not?

Face it honestly.

Another question:

Why do some Christians never have a ministry?

Our Action as His Delegates

The fourth session deals with action.

Christ chose us.

If He chose us, then He expects us to act.

The major question is:

What happens when we discover how much God trusts us?

On that day you'll receive another study sheet containing that question and the outline for the lesson. Then we'll ask several more questions.

Are Only Certain People Chosen?

Some of you Pentecostals are always chasing people who supposedly have a special anointing. You travel to conventions hoping someone will touch you and pass their anointing on to you.

Personally, I don't want somebody else's anointing. I want mine directly from God. No second-hand anointing. So here's the question:

Are only certain people chosen vessels of God?

Are you one of them?

The moment I asked that, you reached a conclusion.

Watch those conclusions.

Another question:

To whom does God entrust His miracle power?

Think carefully.

You're answering that question right now.

To whom does God entrust His miracle power?

Say your answer aloud if you dare.

One final question for that session:

Are others more qualified than you?

Again, you made a decision the moment you heard the question.

The Credibility of the Gospel

The fifth lesson centres on these words:

"...he shewed himself alive... by many infallible proofs."

(Acts 1:3, KJV)

The great question becomes:

What makes our Christian witness believable?

What makes you and me credible?

That question is deeply personal to me.

In 1945, Daisy and I went to India.

Most of you weren't even born then.

We discovered that we weren't credible to the Hindus and the Muslims.

We returned home broken-hearted.

It was almost a tragedy.

We nearly left the ministry altogether.

But thank God we discovered the answer.

So we ask:

What proof do we offer the people to whom we witness, publicly or privately, that Jesus Christ is alive?

Otherwise, we're no different from any other religion.

People around the world told us,

"Muhammad is dead. Jesus is dead."

When I travel, I must prove that Jesus is not dead.

Thank God I learned how.

So I ask again:

What proof do we offer?

Does it really matter?

Or can we simply build a comfortable ministry around polished sermons without ever touching these deeper realities?

That decision belongs to you.

You'll make it during these sessions and during your time here at Victory Bible Institute.

Think about it carefully.

Can Rituals Replace Miracles?

Here's another important question.

Do Christian rituals, without miracles, possess life-changing power?

Don't blame only the Catholics.

Protestants can become just as ritualistic.

Even in the charismatic movement, if we're not careful, we'll memorise our ceremonies just as thoroughly.

The words may differ.

The rituals remain.

So ask yourself:

Can Christian rituals without miracles truly change lives?

If they cannot, what should we do with them?

Here's one final question for this session:

If we don't share Jesus Christ, is it because we really don't believe Him?

You naturally share whatever you truly believe.

Examine your own heart.

The Legality of Our Faith

The sixth session concerns the Kingdom of God.

Its theme is:

The Legality of Our Faith.

Have you ever felt spiritually legal?

Or have you felt illegal?

The major question is this:

How does Jesus minister today in our community and in our nation?

Years ago, while attending a Methodist camp meeting in eastern Oklahoma, I heard a great Methodist saint, Harry Denman, ask one unforgettable question.

Leaning across the desk in his weak voice, he said,

"Can you tell me one thing Jesus Christ can do in your community without a body to do it in?"

That one sentence revolutionised my ministry.

Think about it.

How does Jesus minister today?

Can the Holy Spirit Work Without Us?

Here's another question.

Can the Holy Spirit do God's work without us?

That's a weighty question.

Many of you charismatics especially need to think about it.

I've never actually conducted a Pentecostal meeting.

Nearly all our overseas campaigns have been organised by Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, the Church of England, and many others.

One of our largest meetings ever gathered around 130,000 people.

Hundreds of Methodists came.

Hundreds of Baptists came.

Many believers from other denominations came.

But a large Pentecostal group stayed away because they considered themselves too important to participate.

That saddens me.

So let me ask another question:

Can we send angels to minister in our place?

Say,

"Wow."

I noticed some of you hesitated.

Your mind is wrestling with the question.

So let me repeat it.

Can we send angels to do the work Jesus commissioned us to do?

Wouldn't that be convenient?

Whenever ministry becomes difficult, we could simply pray,

"Lord, send the angels."

Don't be deceived.

When we reach Session Six, I'm going to rain on that parade.

One more question:

What does Jesus look like in our community today?

The Experience of His Energy

The final principle comes from Jesus' command:

"...wait for the promise of the Father..."

(Acts 1:4, KJV)

Don't rush ahead.

Wait for the promise.

The great question is perhaps the greatest of them all:

How big can Jesus be in you?

Think about that.

How big can He really be in you?

Another question follows:

How can Jesus be the same today as He was in Bible days?

You want Him to be.

You believe He is.

But how?

He cannot reveal Himself to the world without you.

You must let Him loose upon your generation.

Let Him be in your world what He was in Galilee.

How big can He be in you? That's exactly how big He can be in your community. No community will ever see Jesus greater than He is in His people.

So ask yourself:

What level of ministry is realistic for your life?

Or to put it another way,

How big can your ministry become?

It will become as big as you allow Jesus to become in you.

If you're trying to be the star...

If you're trying to control everything...

If you believe it's your anointing, your power, and your faith...

Then your ministry won't become very large.

But if you settle it from the beginning that Jesus is the Star, everything changes.

Jesus Himself said:

"...I can of mine own self do nothing..." (*John 5:30, KJV*)

It's easy to quote that verse. But then we turn around and boast about *our* anointing, *our* power, and *our* faith. We enjoy seeing people fall under our hands because it makes us feel important. We want the spotlight.

Jesus wants the glory.

He is the One who does the work.

Is God Limited by You?

Here's a question especially for the ladies.

Fasten your seatbelts.

Is God limited by living in you?

Is He limited because you're a woman?

Is He limited because you're a layperson?

Over these seven sessions you'll gain a greater understanding of your own life and ministry.

Your faith will become stronger.

Your hope will shine brighter.

Your love will grow deeper.

Your life will become fuller.

Christ Is Our Model

Believers were first called Christians because they were **like Christ**.

They did what He did.

These seven studies are designed to take us beyond religious formality and empty ritual into the miraculous life experienced by the early church.

Today we have focused on these words:

"...all that Jesus began both to do and teach."

(Acts 1:1, KJV)

Our question has been:

What unlocks God's miracle life in us?

What turns the switch?

What causes that miracle life to function?

The answer is simple: **To see Christ's life as the model for our own.**

To have the life of Christ before us as our pattern.

We are sent to do what He did.

When we accept that calling, God's miracle life is released in us.

We don't unlock it by praying through.

We don't unlock it by fasting forty days.

We unlock it by going in His name, allowing Him to be the Star while He works through us.

He is our Example.

He is our Pattern.

He is our Model.

The first principle of this seminar is this:

See in Jesus the model of what God wants us to be, what God wants us to do, and what God wants us to have.

Hallelujah.

Five Foundational Questions

If you turn your study paper over, you'll find five questions that we're going to answer together.

Let's look at them.

1. **Who was Jesus?**
2. **What was His mission?**
3. **Why did He need to come?**
4. **What did He begin that we are called to continue?**
5. **What unlocks His miracle life in us?**

Those are the questions before us.

Who Is This Man Jesus?

Who is this man who stands as our model?

Let me answer briefly.

He is **the incarnation of God.**

Now, that may sound very theological. It may even seem like one of those familiar Christian expressions we've heard so often that we've stopped thinking about it.

But come with me and stand before a crowd of 130,000 people, many of them Muslims, and suddenly you'll realise how important this truth really is.

Jesus is **God's revelation of Himself in human flesh.**

From the moment Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, mankind's understanding of God began to become distorted.

Culture distorted His image.

Tradition distorted His image.

Most of all, religion distorted His image.

After thousands of years, the true image of God had become so confused and so misrepresented that God sent His Son to reveal Himself to humanity.

Young people, keep that truth firmly in your minds.

It is vitally important.

Jesus Revealed the Father

Jesus declared:

"I and my Father are one."

(John 10:30, KJV)

Now listen carefully.

Everything Jesus said about His relationship with the Father, He intended to teach us about our relationship with Him.

We don't usually think that way.

We almost feel that speaking like that borders on irreverence.

But Jesus came to show us how to live.

Say it aloud:

Jesus came to show us how.

Everything He said about His relationship with the Father is something you should learn to believe, confess, and live.

Believe it.

Say it.

Act accordingly.

That kind of understanding prepares you for ministry anywhere in the world.

You don't have to spend your life trying to "pray through."

If you understand the truths of redemption, you're ready all the time.

I can meet the devil on any street corner.

I'm ready.

He knows it.

That's not boasting.

There's a difference between pride and fact.

The difference is your attitude.

The Father Dwells in Me

After mankind had lived for centuries with a distorted understanding of God, the Father sent Jesus to reveal Himself.

Jesus said,

"...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

(John 14:10, KJV)

Then He continued,

"Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me..."

(John 14:11, KJV)

That is our message.

People often ask,

"What should I preach?"

There it is.

Preach that.

Then make it credible.

We'll come to that later.

Christ Is Our Example

Jesus said,

"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

(John 13:15, KJV)

Is it pride to say,

"My mission is to carry on what Jesus began"?

No.

Jesus Himself told us to do exactly that.

That isn't pride.

That's faith.

Apostolic faith.

Gospel faith.

The faith of Jesus Himself.

Because I Live

Jesus also declared,

"Because I live, ye shall live also."

(John 14:19, KJV)

I love saying that to great crowds of people.

There is life in me because of God.

That life burns within me.

And because He lives in me, that same life can flow to others.

That is my sermon.

Sometimes I hear messages that could never be translated into another language or preached beneath a shade tree in some remote village.

I don't want a sermon that only works for educated audiences.

If I can't preach it under a tree, on a riverbank, or among the most remote tribes in the world, I don't want it.

The Gospel must be simple enough for every person.

One Life, One Fountain

Jesus continued:

"...I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

(John 14:20, KJV)

We all drink from the same fountain.

We all share the same divine life.

Then He made one of the greatest promises in Scripture:

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

(John 14:23, KJV)

That is my sermon.

The Father and the Son come to live within us.

Not merely to visit us.

Not to stop by occasionally.

They establish their dwelling place in us.

They make our lives their headquarters.

Glory to God!

Jesus also said,

"Abide in me, and I in you." *(John 15:4, KJV)*

And,

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." *(John 15:5, KJV)*

We share one life.

Do you see yourself that way?

His Life in Us

Who is this man Jesus?

He is our Model.

Understanding these truths about Him unlocks His miracle life within us.

He lives in us.

Our lives are His dwelling place.

My residence is His residence.

We are one.

I don't have to spend hours trying to persuade Him to become active.

He's already there.

I pray because I love to pray.

I pray because I enjoy fellowship with Him.

But I don't pray to persuade Him to come.

He already lives within me.

I'm ready at any moment.

Believe that.

Feed your mind with that truth.

Meditate on it.

Talk about it.

Jesus lived continually conscious of the Father's presence within Him.

Practice living with that same awareness.

Hallelujah!

Who lives in you?

You are not alone.

The Works Bear Witness

Jesus said,

"...the works that I do bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."

(John 5:36, KJV)

Think about that.

The works bear witness.

John the Baptist once became uncertain and sent messengers to ask whether Jesus really was the Messiah.

What did they report back?

They said,

"The blind receive their sight.

The deaf hear.

The lame walk."

Those works answered every question.

John needed no further proof.

Those were the works only God could do.

The works testified that the Father had sent His Son.

It Is the Gospel That Does the Work

Recently, during one meeting, three insane men were brought from three different villages.

Their hands and feet were bound with chains.

None of them knew about the others.

I didn't even know they were there.

Yet all three were completely healed that same night.

Someone photographed one of them sitting among the crowd with chains still around his hands and feet.

How did that happen?

Was it my special anointing?

Was it because I'm some great T. L. Osborn?

Of course not.

I didn't even know they were present.

Just as I told those reporters in Sweden,

"Don't blame me."

I simply preached the Gospel.

The Gospel is the power of God.

If preachers would truly preach the Gospel, they would discover something remarkable.

Most of the devils would leave before they ever reached the prayer line.

Yes, Jesus said,

"...In my name shall they cast out devils... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

(Mark 16:17-18, KJV)

Certainly.

If they remain, cast them out in His name.

You are His delegate.

But I have found that as Christ is proclaimed, darkness often leaves before ministry time even begins.

The miracles that follow are not because Osborn has arrived.

They happen because Jesus is present.

God Needs a Body

Sometimes people try so hard to become "spiritual."

Forget that.

God doesn't need you pretending to be spiritual.

He has already given you His Spirit.

Our minds are not meant to remain carnal.

Paul speaks about the carnal mind, but my mind has been renewed by the Word of God.

My thinking is being brought into harmony with His truth.

My mind belongs to Him.

Now think about this.

God possesses something we do not have.

He is Spirit.

We possess something He does not have.

We have a physical body.

That body is exactly what He has chosen to work through.

People often pray,

"Lord, go into the hospitals."

"Go into the prisons."

"Go into our cities."

But there are two prayers God will never answer.

He will never do what He has already done.

And He will never do what He has commanded us to do.

Jesus didn't send an invisible spirit wandering through Galilee healing people.

He went Himself.

He travelled from village to village.

He touched people.

He spoke to them.

He embraced them.

Today, **we are His body.**

He is still our Model.

The Combination of God and You

I didn't finish what I started saying earlier.

God is Spirit.

You are flesh.

Here's the wonderful exchange.

We give Him our bodies.

He gives us His Spirit.

That is a Christian.

That is the combination of God and you working together.

A Christian is literally **Christ-like**.

Isn't that powerful?

Powerful!

Powerful!

The Miracle Worker Lives in You

Who is this Jesus?

He is the Rock of our salvation.

He lives in you.

The Miracle Worker of the ages is pouring His life through you right now.

Christ, the Messiah—

the Anointed One—

is present in your life today.

The living Word of God is speaking through you.

Christ, the Son of God, is with you and in you.

The Bread of Life lives within you.

And He desires to continue His ministry through your life.

The Light of the world shines through you.

The open door to God is in you and through you today.

Don't miss these truths.

Every one of them proclaims the living truth of God.

The Living Truth of God is alive in you.

He confirms God's Word in your life today.

He who died for your sins is saving people through you today.

He who justified you from all sin stands as your Advocate today.

The wisdom and the power of God are resident within you right now.

He who is the sure Foundation causes your life to stand firm in the fiercest storms.

If I were reading these truths in Africa, the people would be shouting so loudly you couldn't hear another word by now!

The God of all comfort gives you courage when times become difficult.

He who is the image of God is being reflected through you today.

The light that shines from God shines through you today.

He who has redeemed you stands strong within you.

The oil of His anointing is your crown of victory today.

Christ Is the Brightness of God's Glory

Who is this man Jesus?

He is our Model.

The writer of Hebrews declares:

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person..."

(Hebrews 1:3, KJV)

Matthew records:

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel..."

(Matthew 1:23, KJV)

Emmanuel.

God with us.

John tells us:

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."

(John 1:14, KJV)

Remember what we've already established.

God is Spirit.

We are flesh.

The Word became flesh and lived among us so humanity could see God.

John continues:

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son... he hath declared him."

(John 1:18, KJV)

In other words, Jesus revealed the Father.

When I look at Jesus, I see God.

Jesus Himself said:

"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

(John 14:9, KJV)

That may be the greatest biblical fact in human history.

Jesus showed us what God is like in human flesh.

That is the message I preach everywhere in the world.

His Life Working Through Me

People often ask,

"What gives an eighty-year-old man the energy to preach twice a day around the world through interpreters in every language?"

The answer is simple.

The Father and I are one in purpose.

It is His energy flowing through me.

I'm not trying to become the star.

He receives the glory.

He is the One doing the work.

Jesus revealed God in the flesh so that we, as God's offspring, would know what we are to become.

Think carefully about this.

If you don't know what God is like, you cannot know what you are meant to be like.

That is why this truth is so important.

When I look at Jesus, I know what God is like.

And because He is my Model, I know what I am called to become.

I see God's design for my life.

The World Is Looking for Jesus

Many people throughout the world know nothing about Him.

I remember a Hindu judge who told me,

"I have been a complete skeptic. I've tried religion, but it has not helped me.
I'm not even sure I would want a personal God if I could find one."

Here was a thoughtful man.

But he had never heard the Gospel.

I once heard of another man who wanted to see God.

When someone described their god to him, they said he had seven heads.

I don't think I would want a god with seven heads either.

Then a high-caste Indian said something that has remained with me for years.

He said,

"I don't like the Christ of your creeds or of your churches, but I'm interested in your Christ who sat by the roadside healing the blind, touching lepers, and bringing hope to despairing people. I'm interested in the Jesus whom you Christians say rose from the dead and continues helping people. I could love and follow that Christ."

What a statement.

When people truly see Jesus, they begin to understand what God is like.

The whole world is waiting for that revelation.

That is the purpose of our ministry.

That is why we hold crusades in open fields instead of inside church buildings.

If we stay inside the church, followers of other religions often will not come.

But in an open place, everyone is welcome.

I feel the cry of lonely and hurting people who do not yet know what I know.

What a privilege to stand before them and say,

"God has sent me as His messenger to bring you good news."

And it works.

Christianity Must Be Reunited with Christ

A great Hindu philosopher in Lucknow, India, once made a statement that deeply affected me.

He said,

"What a tragedy when Christianity broke with Christ."

Think about that.

Religion, all over the world, has often become formality without life.

In many places, Christianity has drifted away from Christ and created another gospel altogether.

Another respected philosopher made this remarkable observation:

"What a worldwide awakening would come if Christianity and Christ could be reunited."

The world is saying that to us.

That is the world I face.

That is the world I prepare for.

That is the world I travel to bless.

The greatest news ever given to mankind is this:

God is like Jesus.

He is our Example.

He is our Model.

He is the One we follow.

Jesus said,

"For I have given you an example..."

(John 13:15, KJV)

Let This Become Real

My appeal to every one of you who is entering ministry is simple.

Let this become real inside you.

Then you'll truly have something to tell your world.

Whether God sends you to China or across the street, people are not looking for rituals.

They are not looking for creeds.

They are not looking for religion.

They are looking for life.

So let me ask the question again.

What unlocks God's miracle life within us?

The answer is clear.

Seeing Christ's life as the model for our own lives.

The World Needs Us

I must begin to close.

This is only the first of seven lessons, and time disappears quickly.

In many countries people will stay for two or three hours, rejoicing all the way through.

I'm not saying that to criticise anyone.

I'm saying it to invite you.

Come and run with me.

The world needs us.

Thank God for America.

America has helped the world in countless ways.

Let's continue taking the Good News to every nation.

A Lesson from Ukraine

I remember meeting with members of the Ukrainian parliament.

About one hundred lawmakers had heard about our ministry and invited me to lunch.

After our first meeting they invited me back again.

At the second luncheon I said,

"Now it's time for you to understand something."

I told them,

"You are lawmakers. You can make laws that punish bad people, but you can never make laws that make people good."

They had never thought about that before.

The statement deeply affected them.

They accepted my book, *The Good Life*, and distributed it among the members of parliament while the president himself was present.

What a privilege.

What a wonderful opportunity.

What Makes a Nation Great?

I love this country.

As I spoke with those parliamentarians, I pointed to America's skyscrapers, our Constitution, our government, and our military.

Then I asked,

"Do you think those things are what make America great?"

I answered my own question.

"No."

"That's not America's greatest strength."

"The greatest America is its preachers."

I challenged them with that truth.

Week after week, faithful pastors stand behind pulpits teaching people:

- Don't steal.
- Don't kill.
- Don't hate.
- Love people.
- Help people.
- Pray.
- Treat your neighbour the way you want to be treated.

Many of our leaders grew up hearing those truths preached in church. That moral foundation helped shape our nation. At that time they were considering deporting a respected Nigerian pastor who had a large and growing church.

I said to them,

"You need men like him. It is the preachers who will help save Ukraine."

Laws are necessary.

Make good laws.

But every nation also needs faithful preachers proclaiming the Gospel on every street corner.

Hallelujah!

What Was the Mission of Jesus?

Now we come to our second major question.

What was His mission?

I won't preach this one today.

I'll simply give it to you.

His mission was to reveal His Father's plan and His Father's will on the earth.

His mission was to reveal God in human flesh.

He came to show humanity what God is really like in terms we could understand.

That is exactly what you and I are called to do.

He stooped to our level so He could explain Himself to the human race.

And today we continue that same mission.

God's Interpreters

I often describe believers this way:

We are God's interpreters.

Everywhere you go, you interpret God to the people around you.

People understand Him only as clearly as they see Him revealed through your life.

That is why I keep saying, don't try to become "spiritual."

Let God be the spiritual One.

Simply allow Him to do His work through you.

Jesus' mission was to reveal God's love.

Jesus' mission was to reveal God's plan.

Jesus' mission was to reveal God's will.

And now, that mission has become ours.

His mission was to reveal what He wants us to be.

His mission was to reveal what He wants us to do.

What was His mission? It was to redeem us.

I do not have time to go into all the beautiful Scriptures, so let me summarize it for you.

His mission was to redeem us to God.

Why?

So that we could be like Him.

His mission was to demonstrate, in human flesh, God's original dream that never died.
Hallelujah!

From Adam and Eve until today, God has never changed His idea.

His mission was to pay the price so that His original dream could be revealed in us.

You have it.

Now look at the third point on your paper.

Why Did Jesus Need to Redeem Us?

That is a good question.

Why did He need to redeem us?

Because He is counting on us. He is depending on us.

Hey, hey—don't miss this!

He is counting on us, but He cannot live in us while sin remains. He will not cohabit with sin.

In the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve sinned, they were separated from God. It is still that way today. Sin separates us from God. God does not cohabit with sin.

Why did He need to redeem us?

Because His dream was that we would be like Him.

Jesus said:

"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..." (*John 14:12*)

Follow Me.

Do what I do.

I have given you an example.

Do the same things.

You have it?

Hallelujah!

So His mission was to redeem us.

But why redeem us?

You know what "redeemed" means, don't you?

It means to be restored completely—put back exactly as it was before anything went wrong.

It is not redemption unless it restores completely.

We go all the way back to Adam and Eve before the devil tempted them.

Perfect.

Beautiful.

Friends of God.

Walking with God.

Fellowshipping with God.

Not afraid of God.

Happy with God.

Talking with God.

We do not know how long they lived like that.

That is redemption.

Jesus came to redeem us—to put us back just as Adam and Eve were.

That is what I do every day. I have beautiful flowers around my home. I walk among them, and I think about Adam walking in the garden.

Hallelujah!

Beautiful.

Then I come inside, fellowship with God, pray, and talk with Him.

Isn't it beautiful?

We are redeemed!

Why redeem us?

Because sin separated us from God.

Sin was the problem.

God could not come into us while sin remained.

That is why He redeemed us.

Question two:

What was His mission?

Question three:

Why did He have to come and take our sins away?

I am skipping many Scriptures because you already know them.

I have found that in America people need the overall picture.

He had to remove our sins.

How could He do it?

Only through substitution.

So He took our sins upon Himself.

I do not understand all of that.

Neither can you fully explain it.

That is the part we will examine later when we study **The Credibility of the Gospel**, because part of the Gospel sounds incredible.

Wait until we get to that lesson.

It is going to be powerful.

When you tell people that Jesus bore our sins, many say:

"That is impossible. Don't tell me that. That is religion. That is philosophy."

"You mean to tell me that two thousand years ago He carried the sins I committed yesterday?"

"No, I cannot believe that."

How do you prove it?

Jesus said,

"The works that I do bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."

When the blind see...

When the deaf hear...

When the lame walk...

When discouraged people become joyful...

When dishonest people become honest...

When lives are transformed...

That is the proof.

Do you understand what I am saying?

Why did He come?

Why did He need to redeem us?

So that our sins could be taken away.

Then comes the next question:

What Did Jesus Begin That We Are Called to Continue?

After He redeemed us—and do not miss this—the reason was so that He could make His home in us, live in us, and become one with us.

No sin.

Now Jesus lives there.

The righteousness of God has been credited to me.

I am right with God.

If I have been made right, then what am I supposed to do?

The answer is simple:

Do what He did.

What Unlocks This Miracle Life?

What releases it?

What puts it into action so that we can continue His work?

We come right back to where we started.

See the life of Jesus as the model for your life.

Do as He did.

Jesus said:

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (*John 20:21*)

Again:

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." (*John 17:18*)

John wrote:

"As he is, so are we in this world." (*1 John 4:17*)

You are not shouting, but you are taking it in.

Jesus also said:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
(*Mark 16:15*)

And again:

"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

(John 14:12)

You.

Yes—you.

The writer of Hebrews says:

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." *(Hebrews 12:2)*

I am part of that joy.

He saw me.

He saw you.

He saw an army.

Poor devil!

No wonder he worries about Victory Bible Institute.

I do not blame him.

When we pastored a church here, wonderful people came.

We wanted LaDonna to become the pastor, and she did. She became a great pastor—a great woman of God.

I announced to the congregation, "I have rented a tent and put it out in the car park because everybody says a woman cannot pastor."

"I have reserved that tent for the devil. He can stay there all night. I want him close enough to watch it work."

Have you ever told the devil not to run away?

"Stay right here. I have something for you to see."

Looking unto Jesus...

He is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

We are the joy that was set before Him.

He endured the cross for us.

Despising the shame.

Today He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Consider Him.

Never stop thinking about Him who endured such contradiction from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and faint in your minds.

You can grow as old as I am and still be happy, energetic, and thrilled, if you allow these truths to sink deeply into your spirit.

Galatians says:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...The life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I do not frustrate the grace of God. If righteousness came through the law, then Christ died in vain." (Galatians 2:20-21)

But righteousness does not come by the law. It comes by faith.

Hallelujah!

Hebrews says:

"When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." (Hebrews 1:3)

The rest is history.

Hallelujah!

And He has continued His work ever since because people have accepted the fact that they are chosen by God.

Do you believe that?

Hallelujah!

Take your confession sheet.

Let's stand together.

Let's read it reverently.

Read it aloud.

I wish you could hear believers in Africa or South America read this. It is beautiful.

Let us read together and give God an opportunity to make these truths vibrate in our spirits.

Say, "Hallelujah!"

Confession

“Lord Jesus, You opened the way for me to know God personally.

You came back from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in me.

Now the ministry You began is continued through me.

Religion distorted God's image, but You revealed what He is really like.

He created me to be like Him.

I am His offspring.

You are my model.

I choose to imitate You.

The life that You lived is the life I now live.

The Spirit that empowered You now works through me.

Understanding this unlocks Your miracle life in me.

God did His work through You.

Now His work continues through me.

You came to do God's will.

Now His will is fulfilled through my life.

Religion is ritual.

Your miracle life is You living in me.

My mission is to share Your life and Your love with others.

Jesus, You began to do and teach a new way to God.

You showed me His life and love in action.

Thank You for continuing what You began through me.

Your miracle life is unlocked in me."

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

God is in this place.

Do you believe it?

Put your hand on your chest.

"Jesus, thank You that You are alive today.

We consider You.

We look to You.

Our eyes are fixed on You.

You are our model.

Let something wonderful happen in the life of every person here today.

We are Yours.

We are Your interpreters.

Thank You for it.

Thank You for it.

Thank You, Jesus.

I accept this truth.

Let it become flesh in me.

Put my face on this truth.

Put this truth in my shoes.

Thank You, Lord.

You reconciled me.

You redeemed me.

You forgave me.

You changed me.

You made me what I am.

Hallelujah!

Now I am Your representative.

I am Your associate.

I am Your partner.

I am Your interpreter.

Hallelujah!

When people look at me, may they see God at work.

Amen."



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