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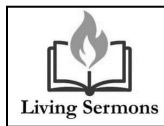
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Foreword

There are sermons that inform the mind, and there are sermons that reshape a person's view of Christ, the Gospel, and the believer's calling. This message belongs to the latter.

*In these pages, **T.L. Osborn** reflects on lessons learned over decades of ministry across the nations of the world. Rather than presenting a theoretical study, he shares the journey through which God transformed his understanding of the Gospel—from early struggles and unanswered questions to discovering the reality of the living Christ working through ordinary believers.*

*One of the strongest themes running throughout this message is the call to return to **biblical Christianity**. Osborn repeatedly reminds his audience that Christianity was never intended to be merely a system of beliefs or religious traditions. It is the life of the risen Christ expressed through His people by the power of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the sermon, he challenges believers to believe the words of Jesus, act upon them in faith, and expect God to confirm His Word.*

Readers will also notice the personal nature of this message. Osborn recounts key moments that shaped his ministry—his missionary experiences, encounters with influential ministers, lessons learned from Scripture, and testimonies of God's faithfulness across many nations. These accounts are not presented to glorify human achievement but to illustrate what can happen when ordinary people take Christ at His Word.

As editors, our task has been to preserve the preacher's voice while making the transcript clear and enjoyable to read. Spoken expressions have been carefully proofread, punctuation has been added where necessary, and formatting has been improved for readability. Every effort has been made to maintain the original meaning, tone, and flow of the message without altering its substance.

Whether you are a pastor, missionary, Bible student, ministry leader, or simply a believer longing to know Christ more deeply, we pray that this sermon will strengthen your confidence in the Gospel, renew your faith in God's promises, and encourage you to serve your generation with boldness and compassion.

May these pages remind you that the same Jesus who called and empowered His first disciples is still alive today, still building His Church, and still working through those who believe Him.

May the Holy Spirit use this message to deepen your love for Christ and inspire you to live as His faithful witness wherever He has called you.

Grace and peace,

— Wisdom Epsi

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

We can succeed because He has reached us, freed us, and His grace delivers us. He has made us. He breathes in us, and now He does His deeds through us.

Say, **Hallelujah!**

He leads us and faithfully feeds us. He truly believes in us. God knows He needs us. He wills to be in us so that He can see through us and help us succeed.

Divinity is free in us.

What works is the **He** in us. He shares His great life with us. His love has redeemed us. Now, if we will give our world a thrust, we will discover even more of God's principles that speed us on.

His Word is His creed for us. He guarantees us, and He even goes before us.

We know we were made from dust, but we were not made to rust.

God gives us His stimulus because His life has seated us in Him.

We have no time to think distrust, and no room to breed mistrust, because we are so industrious in His Kingdom. God makes us prosper.

Since our great exodus from the turmoil and bondage of sin, we have been sowing trust. Therefore, our life is marvellous. Do you want some more?

Behind us is a trail of dust, blood, sweat, and tears. We must stand tall, be proud, and trust, because God lives in us, and He blesses all of us. That shows how much He trusts us.

That is why we are so generous. In life, we are God's great plus.

Give God praise!

You can copy that off. I hope I pronounced it clearly enough so you can copy it from the tape. Then preach it and live it. Verse by verse, you will discover many truths that will bless you and help you.

CHAPTER ONE

Lesson Seven: The Miracle Life

This is the seventh lesson—the final lesson of what I call **A Miracle Life Seminar**.

We have shared these lessons because we were asked to, and the purpose of these seven principles is to discover the kind of person God wants us to be so that we can experience the miracle life of Jesus and continue what He began.

He takes us beyond religion into God's miracle life. Statements like that may sound ordinary to some people. Yet others truly receive them. And in the difficult days ahead, these are the truths that will carry them through.

Many people simply hear them, agree with them, and move on—rather like people reciting a creed that they know by heart. But some people grasp these truths, and they ignite their lives forever. The world is waiting for people who genuinely believe what they proclaim.

It is tragic when preachers and teachers organise lessons and ideas that they themselves are not excited about.

I am excited about the Gospel.

That is why these lessons are designed to take us beyond religion into God's miracle life.

What These Seven Lessons Will Produce

In our first lesson, I said that you will go forth in His Name as His representative. You will be refreshed by a greater understanding of your own life and ministry. You will be re-inspired to give humanity your very best.

Your faith will become stronger.

Your hope will become brighter.

Your love will become deeper.

Your life will become fuller.

A Review of the Seven Principles

These studies are based on the word **MIRACLE**, using its seven letters as an acronym.

All seven principles are found in the first four verses of the Book of Acts.

That is exactly where they belong, because that is where the ministry of Jesus in the body of a Jew from Nazareth comes to its completion and begins again in the bodies of you and me.

The same Jesus.

The same ministry.

The same Holy Spirit.

The same hurting world.

The same pain.

The same diseases.

The same sins.

The same confusion.

Jesus showed us how to live. Then He died for us to redeem us, so that we could stand before God free from sin. Through His redemption, He transferred to us everything He had received from the Father.

That is a profoundly important summary of our position and of the Gospel.

These seven principles are found at the very point where Jesus finishes His earthly ministry and we begin ours.

Everything He did, we are to continue.

That is a marvellous truth.

It sounds wonderful, but when we truly believe it, life becomes both serious and glorious.

Then we go out and save our world.

The world is waiting for us.

It is waiting for people who believe.

Principle One – Jesus Is Our Model

The first letter of the acronym begins with **Him**—the model God wants us to follow.

This is based on the words:

"All that Jesus began both to do and teach." (*Acts 1:1, KJV*)

That is our model.

The great question we asked was:

What unlocks God's miracle life in us?

The answer is to see in Jesus the model of what God wants us to be, to do, and to have.

The concluding statement for that lesson was simple:

Jesus showed us God.

That statement may sound almost too simple in countries where everyone talks about God.

I have just come from Thailand. Many people there do not know God.

I have read much of the teachings of Buddha, and the word **God** is not even found there. They do not have that concept.

That is why, when we go into our world, we must understand that the language we use outside the church must be different from the language we use inside the sanctuary.

Too many preachers never change their language. They speak church language to people who have never been part of the church.

The unbeliever does not understand what they are talking about.

Let us determine always to speak the language people understand.

Those outside Christ are the people we are seeking to reach.

I know many ministers believe their calling is to make Christians holier.

That has never excited me.

Christ has already done everything necessary to make us holy.

Our task is to communicate that truth to those who have never heard it.

Some of you may spend your lives helping believers become holier, and if that fulfils your calling, wonderful.

But for me, I would be bored.

I am already holy—not because I accomplished it, but because He did.

I did not even desire it as much as He desired it for me.

He accomplished it in me.

You cannot improve on His holiness.

So I spend my life helping people who know nothing about it.

To me, that is a far more productive life.

So the concluding statement of Lesson One remains:

Jesus showed us God.

Principle Two – The Inspiration of His Example

The second principle is **Inspiration**.

It is based on the words:

"...until the day in which he was taken up..." (*Acts 1:2, KJV*)

The whole panorama of His earthly ministry inspires me.

When I look at Jesus, I come alive.

If His example does not stir you and make you want to imitate Him, then you are missing some of the greatest treasures of the Gospel.

What inspires you?

What makes your blood circulate faster because of the Gospel?

For me, it is watching how Jesus did it—and realising that He showed me I can do it too.

That is exciting.

The great question for that lesson was:

What makes faith more than a philosophy?

The answer:

To discover that Jesus is alive in people who believe on Him.

That is not philosophy.

That is not merely religion.

Christianity is not a religion.

I remember hearing F. F. Bosworth say repeatedly when I was a young man:

"Christianity is not a religion. We have made it a religion, but it is not a religion. It is a life."

That is why this is called a **Miracle Life Seminar**.

If you choose to live without the miracle life, that is your decision.

But my assignment is to encourage you never to live without it.

Recognise it.

Confess it.

Believe it.

Live in it.

It will keep you joyful and full of expectation as you continually remember who you are and what you have in Christ.

The discovery that Jesus lives in us makes us more than philosophers.

The concluding statement of Lesson Two was:

Jesus showed us us.

Principle Three – Our Response to His Mandate

The third principle is **Response**.

This is based on the words:

"...through the Holy Ghost had given commandments..." (*Acts 1:2, KJV*)

His command demands our response.

Every truth requires either acceptance or rejection.

No one remains neutral.

Whether consciously or unconsciously, every person responds.

Therefore, let us always ensure that our response is a joyful, enthusiastic, wholehearted "Yes!" to God's truth.

I always remember F. F. Bosworth saying:

"Always say, 'Wow! Yes! Amen! I like it! Give me more! I receive it!'"

I love that attitude.

He was a joyful old man.

Now I am a joyful old man because I have learned to live with a constant "Yes!" in my heart.

"Yes, Lord. It is for me. Glory to God!"

The great question in this lesson was:

What brings out God's best in a person?

The answer:

To understand that God's plan depends on us.

He has chosen to work through us.

Perhaps you wonder why I repeat these truths again and again.

I repeat them because repetition is one of the greatest keys to successful teaching.

Some teachers always want to say something new.

As a result, people remember very little.

Do not be afraid to repeat truth.

Say it again.

Teach it again.

Even if it seems monotonous.

Those are the truths that will return to your mind when you face devils, trials, and difficult circumstances.

And another wonderful thing is this:

When the devil knows you truly believe these truths, he does not trouble you nearly as much.

Poor devil!

The concluding statement for Lesson Three was:

He regards us as His partners.

Hallelujah!

When you are in a difficult place, remember that your Divine Partner is with you.

People hear your voice, but they are confronting His Word.

You may touch them physically, but it is His life and power that makes them whole.

You are partnering with Him.

Principle Four – Action as His Delegates

The fourth principle is **Action**.

It is based on the words:

"...he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen." (*Acts 1:2, KJV*)

He commanded the apostles.

But He commanded more than the apostles.

He also commanded all those who were gathered with Him.

There were at least one hundred and twenty believers before the Day of Pentecost, and He commissioned them all.

At that time there were eleven named apostles. Later another was chosen.

Yet His command was never limited to those few.

Sometimes we place a kind of sacred halo around the word *apostle*.

I wish we would not.

It is remarkable how certain words become loaded with prejudice and opinion.

Words have tremendous influence.

Some words immediately shape people's attitudes and reactions.

The word **apostle** is one of those words that has become almost a sacred icon. We have attached many ideas to it because of what we have been taught.

But the Kingdom of God is simple.

An apostle is simply **one who is sent**.

Someone once said, "Are you not sent?"

In that sense, we are all apostles.

In that sense, we are all sent.

Let us recognise that, and let us be willing to be sent.

Amen.

Almost every chapter in the Gospel of John—except a few—records Jesus speaking about being sent.

Why did He keep emphasising that?

Do you speak about being sent when you preach?

Do you tell people, "I am sent from God to you. I came from God to you"?

Jesus did.

We are supposed to do as He did.

Do you ever tell people that you are one chosen by God to bring them good news?

If you tell them that, they will sit up and take notice.

I tell people that everywhere in the world.

When I walk onto a platform before a sea of people, I say:

"God has sent me to you. I have good news for you."

He has only good news.

I have good things to tell you about Him.

If you believe on Him, He will come to you, bless you, heal you, save you, and give you His life.

I always tell people that I am sent from God.

What I am saying is from God.

I come with His words.

Say that.

Believe that.

Believe it.

If you do not believe it, do not say it. Perhaps you have memorised two or three little sermons. I do not know whether God sent you or not. Even so, He will often use them.

He uses whatever we give Him. Sometimes it is not very impressive, but He still uses it. That is the marvel of His grace. If He only used smart people, then only smart people would ever be useful.

Instead, He has people like us. And He gets along very well with us. So bring your two or three sermons. He will use them.

What Happens When We Discover That God Trusts Us?

This principle is **Action as His Delegates**, based on His command to those whom He had chosen.

The great question for that lesson was:

What happens when we discover how much God trusts us?

Some of you have already memorised that question.

Wonderful.

It will stay with you during difficult times.

Theology usually teaches us to trust God.

Well, that is easy.

Look at who He is.

Of course we trust Him.

But the astonishing truth is that **He trusts us.**

It is easy to love God.

Look who He is.

Look who we are.

There is nothing remarkable about boasting that we love God.

The remarkable thing is that God loves us.

What is so wonderful about us?

Yet He thinks we are wonderful.

That is Lesson Four.

Now, what was the answer to the question?

What happens when we discover that God trusts us?

Our response to His trust motivates us to action.

Never forget that.

He sent me.

If He sent me, do I really have a choice?

No.

So what do I do?

I act.

There is life in me.

His Word is alive.

It is for us.

Therefore, we must do something.

Do something.

You already know enough to begin.

You already have enough money to begin.

Mother Teresa said she began with **two pennies and God**.

With two pennies and God, you can accomplish anything.

You already have enough vision to start.

You have an idea.

Start on it.

Do something.

Without action, you will never get anywhere.

The concluding statement for Lesson Four is this:

He depends on us and believes in us.

Most churches, pastors, and theologians spend their time trying to convince people to believe in God.

You would be foolish not to believe in God.

But when you begin talking about God believing in you—even with all your weaknesses—that is an entirely different story.

Perhaps this is what will finally lead us to the climax of this whole seminar.

We are called to continue what Jesus began because we have received what Jesus received.

We have been sent on the same mission for which He was sent.

The same Holy Spirit who rested upon Him now lives in us.

Perhaps these truths will finally rise above all the clouds of theology and give us the courage to carry this Gospel to the world.

China is opening.

Russia is opening.

The Muslim world will open.

Who will help Him?

It must be people who know that God believes in them.

Not merely people repeating,

"I believe... I believe... I believe..."

No.

He believes in us.

He trusts us.

After all He has done for us, it is no surprise that He believes in us.

He knows He redeemed us.

He knows He ransomed us from Satan's power.

He knows He made us His own followers.

Wonderful.

Wonderful.

Think about that.

Really think about it.

Principle Five – The Credibility of the Gospel

The fifth principle is **Credibility**.

It is based on these words:

"...to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs..." (*Acts 1:3, KJV*)

The great question is:

What makes our witness believable?

The answer is simple.

The resurrection power of Jesus Christ makes our witness credible.

If Christ is not risen, then we have no credibility.

The concluding statement is this:

God offers the resurrection as tangible proof that our witness is true.

The resurrection is God's evidence that the Gospel is real.

If you preach about the resurrection only at Easter, then its importance has not yet dawned on you.

Everything we preach throughout the year loses its credibility unless it is real to us that Christ has risen from the dead and has established His throne within our hearts.

I can hardly preach without preaching the resurrection.

That is why I am alive.

God raised Jesus from the dead with a new kind of life, and He gave me that very same life.

That is how I live.

That is what I am.

That is the Gospel.

Hallelujah!

The resurrection gives us tangible proof.

Jesus said:

"Because I live, ye shall live also." (*John 14:19, KJV*)

The Apostle Paul prayed that we would understand the mighty power God exercised when He raised Jesus from the dead—the very power that now works in us.

The life we have received from Christ is resurrection life.

That resurrection life is the tangible proof of our witness.

Principle Six – The Legality of Our Faith

The sixth principle is **Legality**.

It is based on these words:

"...being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." (*Acts 1:3, KJV*)

The great question was:

How does Jesus minister today in our communities?

The answer is this:

Since we have been redeemed, His Spirit, His Word, and His presence now function through us.

Let me say that again.

Because we have been redeemed—our sins removed, forgiven, and remitted—His Spirit, His Word, and His presence now operate through us.

Hallelujah!

The concluding statement for Lesson Six is:

Jesus taught us how God now ministers through us.

Principle Seven – The Experience of His Energy

Now we come to the seventh principle.

The final letter in the acronym is **E—The Experience of His Energy**.

Say that with me:

The experience of His energy.

Say it again:

The experience of His energy.

Now say:

"I believe in His energy."

"I want to experience it."

"I want it to flow through me."

The experience of His energy.

This principle is based on the words:

"...commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father..." (*Acts 1:4, KJV*)

Do not run ahead prematurely. Wait until you receive the experience of the energy that makes this whole ministry possible.

Amen.

How Big Can "Possible" Become in You?

The great question for today is:

How big can "possible" become in you?

Another question:

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

The answer is simple.

We let Him.

Another question:

What level of ministry is realistic for your life?

How big are you?

We set our own limits.

God does not.

How big can God become in you?

What can Jesus do through your life?

Especially you women need to ask yourselves that question.

Many of you have been taught—and have accepted—the idea that Jesus can do less through a woman than through a man.

Some people act as though certain things cannot happen simply because Paul said something they misunderstand, while the words of Jesus are ignored.

It is almost as though Paul takes precedence over Jesus.

We do not follow Paul instead of Jesus.

We follow Jesus.

People try to silence women from preaching, yet they overlook so many other clear commands of Scripture.

I once made a list of fourteen commands that Christians plainly ignore.

We stand before our conventions and say,

"Times have changed."

"That belonged to another age."

"We do not do that anymore."

Culture has changed.

Yet when it comes to women, some insist on returning to first-century culture and demanding that women remain there because Paul said, "Keep silent."

That has become one of the greatest tragedies in the Christian Church. It has crippled more than half of the Body of Christ. We must stop it. If necessary, before I die I will conduct women's meetings all over the world. Someone must awaken the Church. It makes no sense to enforce one command while ignoring so many others.

So I ask again:

How big can God be in you?

What level of ministry is realistic for your life?

Is God limited because He lives in you?

Is He limited because you are a woman?

Because you are a layperson?

Think honestly about that.

We cannot afford to limit Him.

So what is the answer?

With His power and virtue in us, our possibilities are unlimited.

Let us say it together.

With His power and virtue in us, our possibilities are unlimited.

Say it again.

With His power and virtue in us, our possibilities are unlimited.

Hallelujah!

Even before we conclude this lesson, let me give you its final statement:

He transferred His life and His power to us.

Hallelujah!

He did it.

That truth is life to me.

When I stood before vast crowds of people who did not know God—people whose religious books never even mention God—I saw how desperately the world needs this message. In the teachings of Buddha, the emphasis is enlightenment. Then the New Age movement comes along, borrowing many of those same ideas.

It is, in many ways, simply a Western expression of Eastern religious philosophy.

CHAPTER TWO

The World Needs More Than Good Principles

Everything promoted by the New Age movement is essentially the same philosophy. Have you ever read New Age doctrine?

It is almost the same as Hinduism—ninety-nine and nine-tenths percent alike. Buddhism is one of the most beautiful religions in the world from the standpoint of its ethical principles. I am telling you, if our nation lived by the moral teachings of Buddha, we would be much further down the road in many respects.

But there is one great problem.

They do not know God.

They have good principles.

They speak of enlightenment.

They speak of deity.

But they do not know God.

No.

When you go to Thailand, what are you going to do?

Will you simply use the word **God** in your vocabulary?

They will not know what you mean.

What do you expect the interpreter to do?

I know exactly what he is going to say.

He will use the word **Pra**, because *Pra* means deity.

Throughout Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Himalayan regions, Bhutan, and many surrounding areas, the only word commonly used for deity is **Pra**.

When combined with Buddha, it refers to deity in the Buddhist understanding.

The early Christian missionaries faced a tremendous challenge.

How were they going to communicate the Gospel?

They realised they had to develop Christian vocabulary.

I have told you this before.

I have not forgotten it.

And I am telling you again because the second time more of you will understand. That is why repetition is so important. The missionaries eventually developed expressions that Christians could understand. But when Christians went into the villages and streets speaking only their Christian terminology, the Buddhists would ask, "What is that? We do not know who you are talking about."

I do not need to say much more about that. Either you have understood my point, or you have not. But remember the conclusion of this lesson:

He transferred His life and His power to us.

Six Principles to Live By

On the back of your notes are six statements. I want us to read them together. Keep these pages. Staple them together. Read them aloud during your prayer times.

I am telling you, the devil will not stay around to listen.

Say,

"Devil, I want you to hear this."

He will be gone before you finish.

These statements contain the very essence and dynamic of the truth that will enable you to continue what Jesus began.

1. Be Connected to the Miracle Source

Be sure you are connected with the miracle source.

2. Have a Biblical Experience

Get an experience that matches the Bible.

Say,

"I will."

If you already have it, thank God.

If not, determine that you will receive it.

3. Never Limit Christ

Do not limit Christ in your life.

Say,

"I will not."

4. Contend for Biblical Christianity

Contend for biblical Christianity.

Say,

"I will not be satisfied without it."

5. Believe and Act on Christ's Word

Believe and act on Christ's Word.

Say,

"That is my future."

"I will do it."

Hallelujah!

6. Experience the Miracle Power of the Gospel

Experience the miracle power of the Gospel.

Poor devil.

He is in trouble.

Now turn with me to **1 John 1:1–3**.

What powerful verses these are. I believe John gave one of the greatest confessions of faith ever written. Let us read them together.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (*1 John 1:1–3, KJV*)

Say,

"Hallelujah!"

Is that not a beautiful confession?

Is that where you stand?

John declared:

"We have heard Him."

"We have seen Him with our eyes."

"Our hands have handled Him."

"The life was manifested to us."

Then he repeats it again.

"We have seen."

"We have heard."

"We have looked upon."

"Our hands have handled."

"And now we declare Him to you."

That is the difference between merely studying history and experiencing Christ.

The Jesus of history becomes the Christ of experience.

Do you believe that?

That is exactly what we want.

When you stand before the world, can you honestly say,

"I have seen Him."

"I have touched Him."

"I have experienced Him."

"I have looked upon Him."

"He has been revealed to me."

That kind of testimony changes the way you preach.

You preach with confidence.

You preach with life.

Hallelujah!

CHAPTER THREE

Get an Experience That Matches the Bible

Do you believe in that?

Christianity is certainly historical. But Christianity is also experiential. There are two kinds of reality. There is the reality of history. There is the reality of experience.

Do not miss this. The highest degree of certainty comes when the reality of history becomes the reality of personal experience. Never forget that.

We preach the historical Jesus. We proclaim the historical Gospel. But we must experience that Gospel ourselves. Today's lesson—the final **E** in **MIRACLE**—is **Experience**. Without experience, all the previous six principles become nothing more than intellectual knowledge. Without experience, we simply become educated philosophers. Jesus commanded His disciples:

"...that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father..." (*Acts 1:4, KJV*)

Experience is what proves our faith.

My experience gives credibility to what I believe.

Do Not Limit Christ in Your Life

The seventh great question we have asked is:

How big can "possible" become in you?

The answer is:

With His power and virtue in us, our possibilities are unlimited.

Look at **Mark 16:20**.

"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." (*Mark 16:20, KJV*)

The disciples first saw the example of Jesus.

Then Jesus was crucified.

He became history.

Afterwards they determined to experience what He had experienced.

They wanted their experience to match His history.

Consider **Acts 3:1–6**.

I often imagine John saying to Peter,

"Peter, here is our opportunity."

"Jesus said we could do this."

"Let's do it."

No doubt that miracle threw the entire city into an uproar.

The religious leaders became alarmed.

They tried to silence Peter and John.

Then, in **Acts 4:13–16**, they recognised that these men had been with Jesus.

The healed man stood there before everyone.

The rulers could say nothing against it.

Why?

Because they admitted:

"...that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it." (*Acts 4:16, KJV*)

Poor devil!

He has to leave whenever he cannot deny what God has done.

Believe the Gospel and Expect Results

Then look at **Acts 5:12**.

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people..." (*Acts 5:12, KJV*)

Go back to your world and let signs and wonders happen.

Do not merely wait for God to perform miracles while you stand aside.

Believe His Word.

Act upon it.

Often, when I teach young preachers, they ask me to tell miracle stories.

I gladly do so.

The older I become, the more stories I hear.

Many miracles happened that I never even knew about while I was preaching.

People later came and told me.

It is wonderful.

Believe what you preach.

That is the secret.

The leper in Bangkok...

I did not know about him at the time.

In fact, there were several other lepers who were healed during that campaign, and I never knew about them until much later.

I had already left the city.

But I believed what I preached. I believed Jesus bore our diseases. I believed that when people hear the Gospel, the power of Christ becomes a reality in their lives.

I believed that the truth makes people free. I believed that the preaching of the Cross is the power of God. So I preached it.

I believed it.

I lived it.

And there was abundant evidence.

Many people were healed.

The Woman Under the Tree

One miracle I did know about involved a woman in Bangkok who had leprosy. Her hands were tightly clenched. Her back was bent over.

Part of her nose was gone. Several of her toes were missing. She was ashamed.

She would not come into the crowd. She remained under a tree some distance away.

She listened to the message. She believed. And in His great mercy, God met her right there under that tree, away from everyone else.

He healed her.

She stood upright.

Her hands opened.

It was marvellous.

That miracle gave her the courage to come into the public gathering and walk to the platform to testify.

She had been too ashamed before.

Now she came to show everyone what Jesus had done.

That is beautiful.

I witnessed that miracle myself.

But I never knew about the others until much later.

Believe What You Preach

Young preachers, listen carefully.

Sometimes you think,

"If only I had crowds like T. L. Osborn, I would see miracles."

Do not believe that.

Do not depend on crowds.

If you do not believe the Gospel, you can preach to one hundred thousand people and never see a miracle.

Remember that.

God manifests Himself where He is believed.

If you believe this Gospel, preach it.

If you do not believe it, do not preach it.

Do not go out simply to see whether it might work.

No.

Believe it first.

Wherever I preach, wonderful miracles happen.

Yet throughout every audience there are people who are not healed immediately.

That always burdens my heart.

I ask the Lord,

"You sent me to preach. Why are they not all healed?"

What should I do?

Should I stop and sit in self-pity?

No.

I keep preaching.

I rejoice over every person who believes.

I know that the truth of the Gospel breaks Satan's power over disease.

And I believe that every person who truly believes the Gospel and continues walking in that faith will ultimately experience the life Christ has provided.

Often I am already gone.

I have left the city.

I never learn the rest of the story.

But the Gospel continues working.

Now consider your own ministry.

You go out.

You pray for someone.

You believe God.

You minister in faith.

And perhaps the healing is not immediately manifested...

Suppose you come to those of us who have preached to great crowds and ask,

"What about the people we pray for who are not healed immediately?"

If I lined up one hundred thousand people and prayed for every one of them individually, I believe I would see essentially the same results as I do when I pray for them in a mass meeting.

Some would be healed immediately.

Many would not experience an instant manifestation.

But I would still have faith.

I have prayed for you.

I have laid my hands on you.

I have trusted God.

The Bible says:

"...they shall recover..." (*Mark 16:18, KJV*).

Go in faith.

Resist the devil.

You will recover.

Does that help you?

That is the question young ministers continually ask me.

"I prayed for someone, but they were not healed instantly."

How many people have you prayed for?

Three?

Five?

Keep believing.

Believe what you preach.

Believe in who you are in Christ.

Believe in the power of the Holy Ghost at work within you.

Do exactly what Jesus said:

"...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (*Mark 16:18, KJV*).

That man returned to northern Thailand.

He recovered.

I knew nothing about it.

He believed.

The curse was broken.

The germ was defeated.

The power behind that leprosy left him that very night.

I did not know anything about it.

I had simply preached the Gospel to the crowd.

He heard it.

He believed it.

He returned to northern Thailand.

The burning ceased.

He obtained a Bible and began studying it.

He became so convinced of the truth of the Gospel that he became a preacher.

As I told you before, he established five churches devoted to ministering among the lepers of northern Thailand.

Ten years after his healing and the beginning of that ministry, the government officially declared those two provinces free from leprosy.

Now that is wonderful.

I knew nothing about any of it until many years later.

That happened forty-eight years ago.

Wait until you are forty-eight years older.

If you remain faithful in praying for people, ministering healing, and leading people to Christ, they will come to you just as they come to me.

They will say,

"I attended one of your meetings."

"You prayed for me."

"Nothing seemed to happen at the time."

"But I knew I had received my healing."

"And all these years I have remained well."

People will tell you stories like that.

If you believe.

Believe What You Have Received

Believe in what you have.

You are somebody.

You came from God.

Amen.

The devil already knows that.

When you discover it for yourself, he will stop troubling you so much.

Whenever he confronts you, he is really confronting Jesus.

And he has no desire to fight Jesus again.

Jesus defeated him.

Jesus destroyed his power.

Hallelujah!

As Paul declares in **Colossians**, Christ triumphed over the powers of darkness.

Glory to God!

Do you believe that?

The Book of Acts says:

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people..." (*Acts 5:12, KJV*).

Remember what we are discussing.

Do not limit Christ in your life.

The disciples had seen Jesus.

He had become history.

Now they desired their own experience to match His history.

When those two realities come together, you reach the highest degree of certainty.

Do you believe that?

The Scriptures continue:

"...and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." (*Acts 5:14, KJV*).

Then verse 15 says:

"...they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches..." (*Acts 5:15, KJV*).

Verse 16 continues:

"There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem... and they were healed every one." (*Acts 5:16, KJV*).

Notice what happened.

Jesus had already returned to Heaven.

He was seated at the Father's right hand.

Yet His followers were continuing exactly what He had begun.

Compare that with **Mark 6:56**:

"...they laid the sick in the streets... and as many as touched him were made whole." (*Mark 6:56, KJV*).

Now compare that with Acts.

It is no longer Jesus physically walking the villages.

It is His disciples carrying on His ministry.

That is exactly what we are called to do.

That is what I am doing.

That is what you are called to do.

Do not limit Him.

He is as great in your life as you allow Him to be.

Every city I visit reminds me of those scenes.

People bring the sick.

They bring those troubled by unclean spirits.

And God heals them.

Their experience agrees with His history.

CHAPTER FOUR

Contend for Biblical Christianity

The fourth principle is this:

Contend for biblical Christianity.

If Christianity is to remain biblical, miracles must be part of it.

Certainly we must teach doctrine.

Certainly we must teach history.

But without miracles, Christianity becomes nothing more than another religion.

Lessons from India

When Daisy and I were very young, we went to India as missionaries.

We sincerely wanted to help people.

Give us credit for our desire.

We wanted to help them.

But we could not convince the Muslims or the Buddhists.

We were confused.

We had gone believing they were all heathen while we possessed all the truth.

Instead, we discovered people who sincerely loved what they believed to be the Supreme Being.

They spoke about the Eternal One.

The Omnipotent One.

The Divine One.

Yet they did not know God as revealed through Jesus Christ.

Remember the philosopher I told you about who said that ultimate reality was silence rather than speech.

Do not forget those stories.

They will help you.

Those people prayed five times every day.

We carried our Bible.

They carried the Qur'an or their sacred writings.

I could not simply prove my Book was right because I claimed it was.

They would say,

"This is God's holy Book."

Then they would hold up their own sacred book and say,

"This is God's holy Book."

I remember asking,

"Who is Muhammad?"

That question alone showed how unprepared I was to be there. We finally came home. I often say there are people who ought to go to the mission field. There are also people who ought to come home. At that time, I did not know what you are hearing today.

No one had ever taught me these truths. I was simply a Pentecostal preacher who believed that the more noise we made, the more power we had. That was all I knew.

Our Pentecostal culture eventually awakened me. I realised something had to change. We came home because I knew I could not continue as I was.

I would tell people,

"This is the Bible, the holy Word of God."

They would answer,

"No. This is the Qur'an, the holy Word of God given through the Prophet Muhammad."

I was not prepared for those conversations.

I honestly believed the whole world accepted the Bible.

When I discovered they did not, I did not know what to do.

I came home heartbroken.

Embarrassed.

A Search for Someone Who Demonstrated the Gospel

We attended an **Assemblies of God** camp meeting in Brooks, Oregon.

We had hoped to hear great men and women whom God had used in miracles.

We wanted to meet people whose ministries resembled the Book of Acts.

We had hoped to hear Smith Wigglesworth.

He died before we could.

We hoped to meet Aimee Semple McPherson.

She also died before we had the opportunity.

Then we heard that Charles S. Price was coming to preach at the camp meeting.

We were thrilled.

Then he died.

It seemed our last hope had disappeared.

I went into the church and prayed all night.

"God, what are we going to do?"

"What is the world going to do?"

"Who is going to demonstrate Your power so people can truly see You?"

I told you I would share a little of my own story today.

This is part of it.

When that convention finally came, Hattie Hammond preached a message entitled:

"If You Ever See Jesus, You Will Never Be the Same Again."

I have never forgotten what that message did to me.

We walked out weeping.

We drove home weeping.

Later we experienced four visions.

I do not recommend seeking visions.

The greatest vision you will ever have is the revelation of Jesus Christ through the Scriptures.

That revelation is dependable.

If you begin chasing unusual experiences, the devil can easily confuse you.

Do not do that.

But this happened to me.

The morning after that meeting, at six o'clock, Jesus appeared in our bedroom.

He did not walk on the floor.

It was as though He came surrounded by glory.

I will never forget it.

His eyes looked like blue flames of love.

That description may sound strange, but it is exactly how they appeared to me.

I could not move a finger.

I could not move a toe.

I was completely powerless.

I do not know how long it was before I could finally fall on my face before Him.

When I was able to do so, I remained there until two o'clock that afternoon.

Daisy quietly cared for the children, prepared breakfast, and went about the day's responsibilities.

She knew something extraordinary had happened to me.

When I finally walked out of that room, I was a different man.

Jesus had become Lord to me in a way I had never known before.

That may sound like an ordinary statement now, but you must understand who I was.

I was thoroughly committed to denominationalism.

It had become part of my identity.

I do not blame anyone else.

That was my own condition.

Loyalty to fellow believers is a wonderful thing.

But denominational pride had become a spirit within me.

I was proud.

We had excellent music.

Excellent singing.

People said I preached well because the larger churches kept inviting me.

Looking back at some of my old sermons now, I smile.

I did the best I knew.

But I was making noise more than changing lives.

Before then, Daisy and I had been called to pastor the headquarters church for the district covering Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

While we were returning from India, we learned that the church had voted us in as pastors.

We were astonished.

Grateful.

Humbled.

Yet we were also a very confident young couple.

I enjoyed being recognised.

I served as district presbyter and secretary-treasurer, overseeing the finances for four states.

But when I walked out of that room after seeing Jesus, all of that ambition simply melted away.

Not because I became rebellious.

Not because I stopped respecting those leaders.

But denominationalism no longer controlled my heart.

I took Daisy into my arms and said,

"Honey, Jesus is Lord."

"We are not preaching a dead religion."

"We are preaching the living Christ."

He had become alive to me.

I will never forget it.

That was the first vision.

Immediately afterwards, God began arranging events with perfect timing.

He does that in our lives.

Watch for the little things.

Watch for the way God orders your steps.

He is always watching over you

Learn to See God's Hand in Your Life

I've always been impressed by Oral Roberts. We almost started out together. We used to have street meetings together out of Sand Springs. He played the guitar, I'd play the accordion, and he'd come to the farm to get me. We had good meetings—we even stopped the traffic once in a while.

I've always been impressed by how he has analysed his life. You hardly ever hear him preach without telling some little incident from his life and showing the spiritual significance in it.

Learn to do that.

Your life is significant.

You're not a nobody. You're somebody sent from God to this world. God is trying to put into you all that He put into His Son, Jesus Christ. He prepared you. He sent Jesus. Jesus died for you and purged your sins so that you could have it all.

But religion keeps you from embracing it.

You keep putting yourself down. In your thinking you say, "I'm a nobody."

How big can God be? How big can He be in you?

Contend for biblical Christianity.

Do you see what I'm saying?

A Divine Appointment

Right on the heels of that experience, God had another appointment waiting for us.

A man came to town.

God had it perfectly timed while everything was still fresh and overwhelming to us.

Gordon Lindsay brought him to the great auditorium in Portland that seated eight thousand people. All the Full Gospel churches in Portland participated in that healing crusade.

That man was one of the most Christ-like men I had ever seen.

He was small in stature, very articulate, but he knew God. He was gifted in a wonderful way.

As he preached, hundreds of people accepted Christ.

I wanted to do that.

I didn't know how to get people saved.

In one of our own meetings, a poor man attended every night for five weeks trying to get saved, and he never could. We couldn't seem to get God interested in him. He was a sinner, and we prayed and begged.

Can you imagine that?

Begging God to take an interest in a sinner.

I've told you that before. That's why you laughed. It sounds funny now, but I didn't know what you know today.

Then I stumbled onto a wonderful discovery.

No one had ever taught me simply to quote the Scriptures.

We had turned confession into a doctrine. We memorised verses and repeated them almost mechanically. Thank God for confession—we should confess God's Word—but there is something more.

One day I simply quoted two or three Scriptures to that man.

Immediately he began shouting for joy.

After trying for five weeks to get saved, three verses from God's Word brought him into the joy of salvation.

The Miracle That Changed My Thinking

So there I was, sitting high in the third balcony, watching this evangelist.

Hundreds of people had just accepted Christ.

Then he began praying for the sick.

The first person in the prayer line was a little girl who had been deaf and mute from birth.

That shocked me.

I'd never seen anything like that except an old farmer who lived near us when I was a boy. He had been born deaf and mute. He would occasionally visit our farm because my father had learned sign language and could communicate with him.

Now here I was—a married man, a former missionary to India—and this evangelist was about to minister to a little girl who had never heard a sound or spoken a word.

I thought, "Surely he's going to fast and pray for hours before attempting something like this."

I expected a long spiritual battle.

Instead, he simply drew the little girl gently to his side and quietly said,

"Would you bow your heads, please?"

Everyone bowed their heads.

Then, in the sweetest and kindest voice, yet with great authority, he prayed,

"Thou deaf and dumb spirit, I adjure thee by the Name of Jesus Christ, leave this child and enter her no more."

I'll never forget those words.

"I adjure thee."

We didn't use words like that.

We would have said, "I command you."

But "adjure" sounded so authoritative.

When he finished praying, he simply stood there holding the child for a few moments.

Then he said,

"Audience, you may lift your heads now. The child is healed."

I thought,

"How does he know?"

That shook me to my very core.

It was as though ten thousand voices echoed through my mind:

"You can do that."

"That proves the Bible is true."

"That's the way Jesus ministered."

"That's the way Peter did it."

"That's the way Paul ministered."

"That's the way John ministered."

"You can do that too."

That was my **second vision**.

I saw Jesus in another person.

Reading the Gospels with New Eyes

We went home in tears.

We never went to bed.

We sat down at our little kitchen table, opened our Bibles, and made a decision.

"We're going to read the Gospels as though we've never heard them before."

Because we had lived in India, we could almost imagine that. The people there had never heard these stories.

So we read with fresh eyes.

Suddenly we saw Scriptures that had always been there but that we had somehow missed.

We had read through the Bible every year or two.

We had memorised many passages.

Yet somehow we had missed Jesus.

Much like Paul before his conversion, who knew the Old Testament but missed the Christ.

We had been Pentecostal.

Full of noise.

Full of excitement.

Full of activity.

Yet we had missed what the Holy Spirit had actually come to accomplish.

Then we began reading passages like these:

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

"Heal the sick..."

"Cast out devils..."

"Cleanse the lepers..."

"Raise the dead..." (Matthew 10:8)

We had never really seen those words before.

Then we read:

"Behold, I give unto you power... over all the power of the enemy..." (Luke 10:19)

Those Scriptures were staring us in the face.

Either we believed the Bible...

Or we didn't.

We chose to believe it.

That became my **third vision**.

I saw Jesus in the Scriptures.

The Bible came alive.

Hallelujah!

His Word is alive.

The Fourth Vision

There was only one thing left to do.

Act.

So we announced,

"Bring the sick."

That wasn't common in those days.

People took the sick to hospitals—not to churches.

But they came.

They packed the old auditorium.

People stood around the walls because there was no room left.

Many accepted Christ that night because Jesus had become real to me, and I preached Him as a living Saviour.

Then we invited the sick to come forward.

Would you believe it?

The first person was another deaf and mute girl.

When she stood before me, I simply did what I had seen that evangelist do.

Not because I was afraid.

Not because I was copying a formula.

Because I believed what he believed.

Because he had ministered like Jesus.

Because Jesus had ministered that way.

Because Peter had ministered that way.

Because it was in the Bible.

I drew the little girl gently to my side.

I asked everyone to bow their heads.

Then I prayed those same words:

"Thou deaf and dumb spirit, I adjure thee by the Name of Jesus Christ, leave this child and enter her no more."

There was complete silence.

Then I said,

"You may lift your heads now. The child is healed."

I believed it.

I snapped my fingers.

She immediately turned toward the sound.

Every word I spoke, she repeated.

It was a wonderful miracle of God.

That was my **fourth vision**.

I saw Jesus in me.

Hallelujah!

That changed my life forever.

From that moment I could say what Jesus said:

"I am sent from God."

"He has sent me."

"He lives in me."

God Watches Over Those Who Trust Him

May I tell you one more little story?

The only reason I tell it is to help you understand that God watches over those who sincerely trust Him.

At that time Daisy and I were still pastoring our church in Portland.

Meanwhile, a missionary from New Zealand who served in Indonesia was home on furlough.

He was a godly man.

One day the Lord spoke to him.

"Go to Portland, Oregon. I want you to share these books with a certain couple."

The books were written by **E. W. Kenyon**.

Now, there are people who have criticised Kenyon and claimed he taught New Age ideas.

Don't believe that.

His books became seedbeds for what later developed into the great healing revival and much of the charismatic renewal that spread throughout the world after the Voice of Healing movement.

Perhaps there are a few points with which you may not agree.

But don't miss the meal because you don't like the pickles.

So this missionary obeyed God.

He boarded a ship and travelled all the way to Portland, Oregon.

When he arrived, he didn't know where to go.

The Lord impressed him,

"Get on the streetcar."

He boarded the tram that travelled from downtown Portland toward 82nd Street.

He stayed on until almost the end of the line.

One block before the final stop, the Lord impressed him,

"Get off here."

He stepped off, walked two blocks down the street...

...and there stood our church.

Daisy and I were outside pulling weeds and cleaning the church grounds, preparing everything to look beautiful.

and the Lord said to him, "That's the couple."

He's the man who brought E.W. Kenyon's books to us. Isn't that remarkable? You see, God will do things for you.

Look—you are in this Bible school. Why are you here? Did someone pay to send you here? Who told you about it? How did it happen that you knew about it? Think of all those things. God is working on you all the time, preparing you, because there's a

hurting world out there that doesn't even know His name. You've got to be prepared to do something other than talk in tongues.

I'm telling you, Pentecostal people have got to do better than that. We have the power, but we blow it off in tongues and think that's enough. Well, okay—I speak in tongues. Don't misunderstand me.

I saw Jesus in me, and it changed my life.

Then came those books, and that was my Bible school. I didn't have what you have, but I had Kenyon's books, and, boy, did I study them! They changed our lives.

We went to Jamaica—our first trip. We stayed thirteen weeks. One hundred and twenty-five deaf people were healed. Ninety totally blind people were healed. Hundreds of cripples were healed.

If you go to Jamaica today, only the older people will remember. Most of them have passed away, but a few elderly people are still there, and they'll tell you the stories.

I think I told you about that encounter in London. A big, tall Black man came up to me in the hotel and looked down at me. When he spoke, I knew he wasn't American or English. I recognised his accent, so I said, "You're Caribbean. Where are you from?"

He said, "Jamaica."

Then he looked at me and smiled.

He said, "Do you remember Vida?"

I said, "Vida? Vida McKenzie?"

He smiled and said, "Yes."

She was the woman who had suffered a stroke that left her in a total coma. She hadn't moved for four days. Saliva was running from her mouth, her eyes were rolled back, her arms hung limp, and there was no sign of life except that her heart was still beating.

Four women loaded her onto an old wheelbarrow and brought her to that meeting. That was back in 1948 or 1949. You weren't important yet!

She was healed.

He smiled at me and said, "My mother was one of those four women who brought her."

If you go to Jamaica, the older people will tell you about it.

The world needs us.

God is preparing you for this.

From there we went to other countries.

Puerto Rico was the site of our first mass evangelism crusade.

I'll put just a little of that together for you—only for your encouragement. I told you I'd tell you a little of my story in this last session.

After Jamaica, we went home.

F.F. Bosworth heard about us and said, "Come to Flint, Michigan. The evangelist here—the same evangelist who was in Portland—is exhausted. We've been carrying him out every night. He's heard about you and wants you to come carry on his meeting."

That was about Tuesday night.

Bosworth and Gordon Lindsay were directing the meeting.

So we went, and we carried on that meeting.

This man had such an extraordinary gift of the word of knowledge. I had never seen anything like it in my life.

Then there was me—with nothing. I mean, I never seemed to have a gift of any kind. God must have been upset with me!

But He lives in me.

I begged Him for a gift like that for a long time, but it didn't do any good.

Then I learned something.

He lives in me.

He is the Giver of all gifts, and whatever gift He needs to manifest is already there.

Hallelujah!

Amen!

That may be new to some of you. You can do what you want with it, but I share it with you anyway.

This man was so wonderful, so marvellous. I'd never seen anything like it.

Then the next night, they lined up the prayer line.

I'll never forget it.

The first person in line was a blind woman with a seeing-eye dog.

No special gift. No word of knowledge. Nothing.

What would you do?

The people had been watching all these wonderful miracles, and all I could do was move in faith.

I knew what I was doing.

I told her what to do.

I laid my hands on her.

When I took my hands away, she was healed.

She began screaming, and the dog began barking because he thought I was hurting her.

That was rather exciting!

But we managed to calm the dog down, and the woman was healed.

During that meeting, Brother Bosworth said something to me that was very important.

Now this is good for you.

Brother Bosworth said, "It seems to me..." Now, he had never done this, but he had been thinking about it.

He planted a seed in me.

I'm the one who began mass healing meetings among non-Christian peoples—the first one to go into the mission field, invite the public, and say:

"Come and see whether the God I preach in the Bible is true. If He does what He says, we'll know it's true. If He doesn't, we'll know He's false."

That's how it started.

Bosworth had planted that seed.

He said to me,

"Brother Osborn, it seems to me that if we taught ten sick people the same truth—that Jesus bore their diseases—and if all ten believed it at the same time, wouldn't they all be healed at the same time?"

That made sense to me.

That thought kept working in my heart.

Bosworth was there.

Lindsay was there.

I was on the platform.

God was healing people, but I kept thinking about the crowd.

There were five thousand people there.

I thought,

"Standing them all in a prayer line will take forever."

I may have been young, but I wasn't interested in that!

The other evangelist would pray for about ten people and then go home.

Well, that was his ministry. He had every right to do that.

But I was serious.

I figured if you're going to tackle the job, you've got to minister to everybody.

You can't just quit and go home.

So I was concerned.

Then I thought,

"I'm going to try something I know will work."

I said,

"I want everyone here who is deaf in one ear to raise your hand."

Hands began going up.

I had no idea there were so many people deaf in one ear.

Fifty-three people came forward.

There they stood before me.

Bosworth sat there smiling.

He had never seen anything like this either.

Lindsay was watching.

To me, it was a clear-cut case.

The devil was in trouble.

If I could cast one devil out, I could cast fifty-three out just as easily.

That's what I believed.

This is what led to mass evangelism.

You've never heard this story.

I prepared them carefully.

I taught them.

I explained the reasons.

I quoted the Scriptures.

Don't run around praying for people without teaching them.

If you don't teach them, they can't believe.

So many young people pray for someone, they get healed of a headache, and then they start praying for everybody.

Soon they become discouraged.

Some even quit.

Some even backslide.

Don't do that.

Teach the Gospel.

People must have faith.

To have faith, they must hear the Word of God.

That's how faith comes.

So I taught them.

I took my time.

Then I said,

"Put your hand over your deaf ear while I pray."

Then I prayed specifically.

"I adjure..."

I used that word again.

"I adjure all fifty-three deaf spirits to leave these people now, in the name of Jesus Christ, and never return."

Then there was silence.

I said,

"All right.

Open your deaf ear.

Cover your good ear.

Now hear me."

One...

Two...

Three...

They began shouting.

They could hear!

I said,

"That's not enough.

I want to test every one of you."

My wife was wearing one of those little Lady Elgin watches. Some of you older folks will remember those tiny watches.

As each person came by, I used Daisy's watch to test them.

Every one except three could hear it perfectly.

What about the three?

I remembered the leper in Bangkok who went back to northern Thailand.

Jesus said,

"They shall recover."

So I told those three,

"Keep checking your ear.

Come back and tell us what happens.

You're healed."

It had to be true if the Bible is true.

It wasn't wishful thinking.

I had simply done what the Bible says.

The next day—or perhaps two days later, before we closed the meetings on Friday—the three returned.

We tested them again with Daisy's watch.

Every one of them could hear perfectly.

One hundred percent.

That's the way God works.

We need to believe that.

We need to expect that.

With that experience behind us, our next challenge was Puerto Rico.

The mayor wouldn't let us use the ball field.

He made us use the theatre.

By the third night, they nearly tore the theatre down because of the crowds.

Finally, the mayor gave us the ball field we had requested.

When we moved there, the field was packed from one end to the other with people.

I'd never seen anything like it.

Would you believe my ignorance?

I tried to pray for them individually again.

They nearly killed each other trying to get into the prayer line.

It was a sea of people.

They had to climb onto that little platform one at a time.

I thought,

"This isn't a killing campaign.

It's a healing campaign.

We've got to do something."

So I had another brilliant idea.

I decided to print cards with numbers on them and hand them out.

That way everyone would have a place in line.

It sounded like a wonderful plan.

But then they started fighting each other to get the cards!

So I had another bright idea.

We already had fifteen or twenty policemen there every night because the city didn't know what to do with the crowds.

I said,

"We'll give the cards to the policemen.

People can come in the afternoon, collect their numbered card, and then return that evening."

It sounded wonderfully organised.

But we soon discovered that the policemen were selling the cards for five and ten dollars each.

Only the wealthy could get them.

That's the story of how mass evangelism began.

Today it's all over the world.

Pastor Billy Joe and hundreds of other preachers now do the same thing.

You've now heard how mass evangelism began in this century.

So there I stood on that platform, looking over that enormous field full of people.

Joy filled my heart because of what Bosworth had taught me and because I had already proved it in Flint.

I said,

"That's the way to do it.

Any other way, you'll never minister to the multitudes."

The population of the world keeps growing.

We have to reach the masses.

So I began.

And my friends, from that day until now, I have never again used a prayer line.

God is interested in everybody.

Now, if you only have a few people, that's different.

Until your meetings grow larger, pray for people individually.

That's biblical.

Jesus said to do it.

It's right.

We're blessed to be able to minister that way.

But as for me—

No.

I don't do that anymore.

Maybe I've become too old—or too lazy!

But whatever the reason, it's a tremendous task.

Yet God can do it.

Are you hearing me? Does that help you?

Okay. I want to close with just one thing here. I guess I'd better not try to finish the rest.

No, I'd better stop.

Believe and act on Christ's Word.

We did.

We went into the world, and I could tell you an endless stream of stories from around the world. It's wonderful to know what God will do. He has been with us.

We're just ordinary farm people who simply took what God gave us and went with it.

Mass Miracle Crusades in **86 countries**—think of that.

Documentary films recording these miracles...

Sermons and teaching translated into **67 languages** of the world.

Think what that means.

I don't believe you could find very many villages in the free world that haven't seen one of those films or one of those videos.

It has changed the world.

Absolutely changed the world.

What I'm sharing with you—your world needs you to know it.

Literature.

Start printing it.

Write it.

Print it.

Our literature is now in **132 languages**.

Do you know what that means?

I don't think anyone in the world publishes in more languages than we do, except perhaps the **Wycliffe Bible Translators**.

But we didn't have money.

We had nothing.

We simply walked by faith.

People helped us.

People will help you too.

They're waiting for you.

Businessmen are waiting to help you.

Simple Christian farmers...

Mechanics...

Ordinary believers...

They're waiting to bring their offerings to you—if you'll be honest with them, count them as your partners, and believe in them.

Don't use them.

Don't abuse them.

Let them minister with you.

They don't simply want to help you do it.

They want to do it with you.

When they put their money into your ministry, they are doing it.

It's your voice...

But it's their money.

It's partnership.

It's a wonderful thing.

We learned that because we went to Toronto, Canada, to the **Oswald J. Smith Missionary Convention**.

We heard him tell the story of wealthy people coming to his missionary convention.

When the offering plate came around, a rich man would place a twenty-dollar bill into the offering.

That seemed like a great gift.

But then there was a poor washerwoman who said,

"I don't have much, but I can give fifty cents."

Fifty cents every week.

Faithfully.

Week after week.

At the end of the year, she had actually given more than the wealthy man.

He gave twenty dollars once.

She gave faithfully until she had given twenty-four dollars.

Hallelujah!

That's what we wrote to people about.

People began sending us fifty cents a week...

A dollar a week...

Two dollars a week...

Just little amounts.

We never really received many large gifts.

Perhaps we weren't clever enough to appeal to wealthy people.

But we were made rich by ordinary people.

The common people.

Hallelujah!

As a result of that, we have sponsored **more than 30,000 national preachers** as full-time missionaries in unreached areas.

That's a testimony.

As I bring this **Miracle Life Seminar** to a close, I'm simply giving you a little report of how it happened.

What began it...

It works.

You can do it.

"Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

— **Psalm 2:8**

In John chapter 4, Jesus said:

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?"

No.

I say to you:

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields.

They are already white unto harvest.

Then Matthew 28:

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Hallelujah!

Go and experience the miracle power of God.

Get your paper.

Let's read it together.

Hallelujah!

Are you ready?

Ready to stand?

Good.

I hope this meeting has blessed you.

We've shared it with you from our hearts.

We've come because most of you are young...

Eager...

And you want to be used by God.

I hope what I've shared has been practical.

I hope it encourages you.

Because you will have difficult times.

But difficult times are learning times.

You'll have problems.

Every problem is an educator.

You're foolish if you have the same problem twice.

When you face a problem once, learn from it.

Then it won't deceive you again.

Isn't that right?

All right.

Now let's think about this as we read together.

We're talking about **"E"—the experience of His energy in us.**

Are you ready?

I am a New Testament believer.

Jesus, my Lord, is risen from the dead, and He guarantees His promises to me.

I experience His energy.

The resurrected Christ now lives in me.

The Holy Spirit who anointed Jesus now anoints me.

Thank You, Jesus.

You said I can believe.

All things are possible.

What is possible in me is as big as You are in me.

It is bigger than any problem or challenge before me.

Jesus, You are alive in me.

The power that raised You from the dead is now at work in me.

Satan knows that and can do nothing about it.

You publicly put my enemy to shame and destroyed his works.

Now You live in me.

The life and virtue that energised You now energise me.

I now experience the power that raised You from the dead.

Your energy is now the living force in me.

What is possible in me is unlimited because I experience the unlimited Christ at work in and through me.

Amen!

Hallelujah!

To God be the glory for the truth that sets us free.

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Saviour, who was raised from the dead and has come to live in us—in that sacred and holy Name—May the blessing of Almighty God be poured out upon these people...

These who have listened...

These who have believed...

These whose lives now have purpose.

May they be guided by the Holy Spirit into the field of ministry You have chosen for them.

May they walk in the full anointing that Jesus walked in, so that they too may say,

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me..."

May they walk in that power.

May they express that power...

That virtue...

That love...

To a hurting world that is living and dying without friends...

Without hope...

Without love...

Confused...

Discouraged...

Lonely...

Hurting...

Suffering...

In pain...

Without a cure.

O may we, who are gathered here today, experience that mighty power which raised Jesus from the dead.

May it work in us...

So that hurting people may be brought to the foot of the Cross...

Where they can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ...

And be saved.

Now say:

Count on me, Lord.

I am Yours.

You have sent me.

You have chosen me.

You have anointed me.

You have justified me.

You have glorified me, So that I may go and bear much fruit.

Whatever I ask in Your name, You will do.

Count on me, Lord.

Here am I.

We go together, In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen! Hallelujah!



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