

# Miracles from Giving to the Gospel

Back when I first got saved, I had a secular job. I did floor covering, and I was always working in people's homes. And, there was a radio minister that taught the Word of faith. One time, he did a meeting close to our hometown and this other guy and I went to it.

The radio minister had a barometer there showing the financial status of the program in that area. He said that in order to pay the radio time for that station, people would need to give, or they'd have to pull the program.

I had been a partner with his ministry in tithing and giving, and I didn't want to lose that program. So I found out what I could give, and I doubled up on my offering. I ended up giving my payroll away. Problems came to me financially, but I reminded myself that I gave what God told me to give. Jesus said when we give, it's brought back to us, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over shall men give into our bosom.

As we act on God's Word, God is able to do something that only He can do. To every miracle, there's a man-ward side and a God-ward side. It's like the woman of Zarephath. (1 Kings 17: 8-16)

When Elijah came to her, she and her son were starving to death, and he challenged her to give what she had. She did, and gave Elijah the last meal that she had, and Elijah ate it in that famine time. But as long as the famine lasted, she and her son were still able to eat on the return from her giving. So, she got a miracle for herself and her son, and at the same time, she learned to trust God.

## Miracles from Obedience to Obey God's Word

Think about the first miracle Jesus did. He turned to the water into wine in John 2:1-11: **And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. <sup>3</sup>And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.**

**And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.**

**When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.**

Those servants did what Jesus said to do. Mary said, ***Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*** So, Jesus said, ***Fill the waterpots with water***, and they filled them to the brim. Then Jesus said, ***Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.*** And, as the servants did what Jesus said to do, the governor tasted that water that had been made wine, and said, *You saved the best wine until now.*

**How did that miracle take place?**

***It took place because someone obeyed God.***

Think about the five loaves and two fishes that the 5,000 men ate of, in addition to the women and children, in John 6:1-14:

**After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the* sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.**

**When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.**

**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.**

**And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.**

**<sup>13</sup>Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.**

When Jesus said, ***Make the men sit down***, the disciples asked about the loaves and fishes, ***...but what are they among so many?*** With faith and obedience, it brought about a miracle, and God was able to perform this miracle for them through their obedience to Him.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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