



EVANGELISM

PART 16 – Proclaiming With Power

Part 1 – Healing

Matthew 10:8





These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

MATTHEW 10:5-8



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Heal, Raise, Cleanse...

- **Heal:** (Gk. *therapeúō*); to serve or to restore (body, mind, soul)
- **Raise:** (Gk. *egeírō*); to awaken or to rouse, cause to rise up
 - Peter and Paul both have specific accounts of this (see Acts 9:36-43, 20:7-12)
- **Cleanse:** (Gk. *katharízō*); to purify and make clean



CESSATION = SPIRITUAL GIFTS, SIGNS AND WONDERS,
CEASED WITH APOSTOLIC AGE, USUALLY BELIEVE
MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN TODAY
(AS DISTINCT FROM SIGNS AND WONDERS)

CONTINUATION = ALL SIGN, WONDERS, SPIRITUAL GIFTS
STILL OPERATE TODAY



A supernatural
event explained
by divine
intervention
or power
manifesting in
the world...

- *Semeion*, a "sign"; an evidence of a divine commission or message; a token of the presence and working of God; the seal of a higher power
 - See Matt. 12:38-42; Matt. 16:1-4; Luke 23:8; John 2:11
- *Terata*, "wonder"; wonder-causing events; producing astonishment in the beholder
 - See Acts 2:19
- *Dunameis*, "mighty power"; or "miracle" works of superhuman power
 - See Acts 2:22; Rom. 15:19; 2 Thess. 2:9
- *Erga*, "works"; the works of Him who is "wonderful in working"
 - See John 5:20, John 5:36



LUKE 10:9 SENDING THE 72...

"Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has
come near to you.'"

LUKE 10:17

"The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the
demons are subject to us in your name!'"





ACTS 6:8

"And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people."

ACTS 8:6

"And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did."





GALATIANS 3:5

"Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—"





1 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

"to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."

(see also 1 Cor. 12:27-29)





ACTS 4:29-30

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."





JOHN 17:18-19

"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."





JOHN 14:12

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”



*the supernatural work of
God in the modern world*

MIRACLES TODAY

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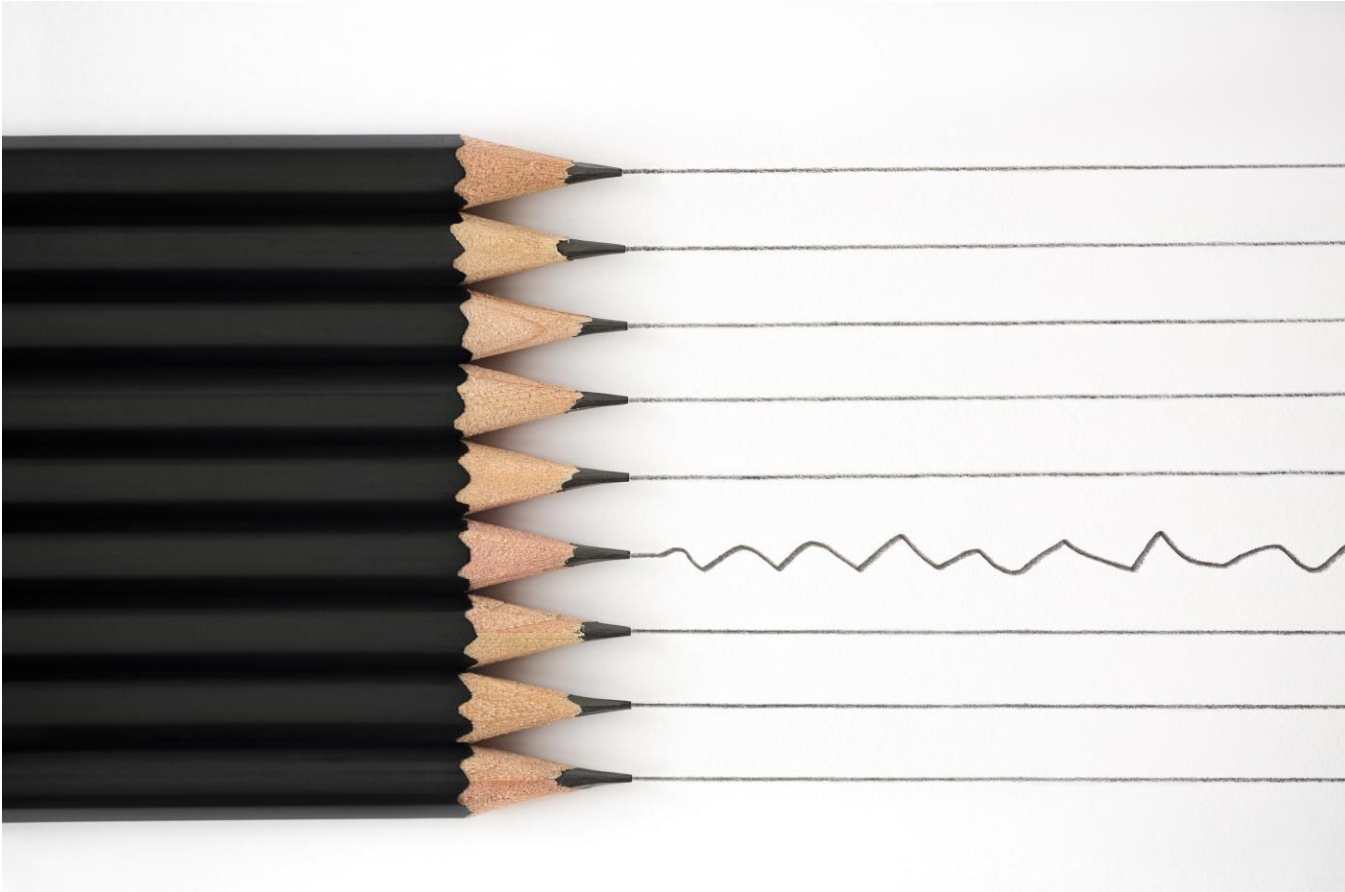
“Pew and other surveys show that hundreds of millions of people in the world today claim to have witnessed miracles. Other sources indicate millions of people converted at great social cost from different ancestral traditions because they believed they witnessed or experienced extraordinary miracles, beyond their indigenous healing traditions, in the name of Jesus.”

7 Considerations on Healing Miracles...



1. The miracles must be the means, not the end.

...all glory to God in the name/authority of Jesus.




Read 2 Thess. 2:9-10

John Piper

"Power without truth will almost certainly damage the cause of Christ in the end, even if miracles are happening."

John MacArthur

"charismatic chaos"



2. Experiencing a miracle
doesn't mean you're a
child of God.



MATTHEW 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”





Read 1 Cor. 11:14-15

John MacArthur
"Satan will try to counterfeit the Spirit's gifts, and he will try to induce believers to ignore, neglect, misunderstand, abuse, and pervert them."

3. We must remember
that God doesn't always
heal.





JOHN 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



4. If healing doesn't occur immediately or over time, this doesn't mean we lack faith or are doing something wrong. It just means that we should keep praying and trusting. See Lk 11:5-13; 18:1-8



Luke 11:5-13 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



5. Have you asked your elder(s) for
prayer for healing?



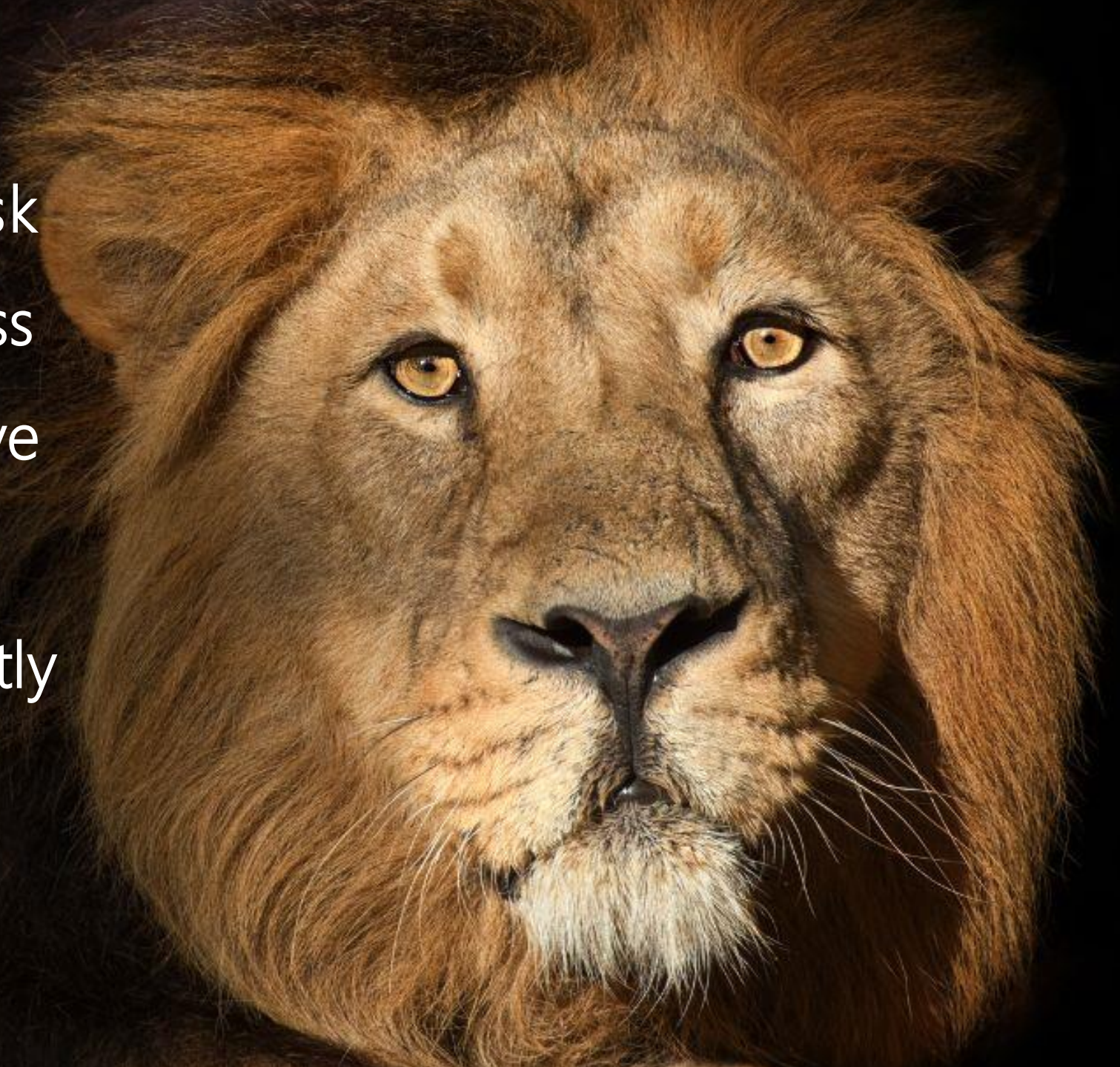
JAMES 5:14-16

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has



6. As we go forth, ask
the Lord for boldness
and that He will move
through us as we
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respond to His call.

See Acts 4:29-30





LUKE 11:13

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”





7. Don't get puffed up if the Lord does move through you in a miraculous way



1 CORINTHIANS 14:12

“So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.”



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2. Experiencing a miracle doesn't mean you're a child of God.
3. We must remember that God doesn't always heal.
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6. As we go forth, ask the Lord for boldness and that He will move through us as we humbly and obediently respond to His call.
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