



**Bible Study via Facebook Live
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**Theme: "Miracles in Strange Places" Lesson #8
Subject: "When My Limitations Become God's Opportunities!"**

Opening Scripture:

- St. Matthew 11:28-30
- Only when we learn, will God do the work!
- We need the power of God to help us!

Scripture References:

1. St. Luke 5:1-11
2. Hebrews 4:15
3. Jeremiah 29:11

Notes:

- We must magnify God bigger than this pandemic and our struggles!
- When you've done all, you can, you just have to stand anyhow!

Premise: There are times when you've done all you can. You've done nothing wrong, but nothing happens. In those times, look for or expect God to move!

Takeaways:

1. **The Word of God is always more pressing than your miracle. Focus first on the Word! Then, God will focus on your miracle!**
 - You can't pray and ask God for a miracle, then abandon the Word of God.
2. **You must step out on faith even when a miracle seems impossible!**
3. **Our miracles are attached to God's will. His will is...to grow us beyond our present limitations.**
- Beyond our present limitations means God wants us to grow. God will stretch you beyond what you can do or become!
 - He'll stretch you, so that you can understand what you and God are really capable of doing!
- I believe in miracles!!!
- God can do more than I can!
- In our text, Peter was stretched.
- Some things happen in life, which leaves us questioning God. If you have a question, ask God because he already knows you have a question.
 - We have a God that will empathize with us! (Hebrews 4:15)
 - God knows our limitations and weaknesses.
- If we are going to follow God, it will be helpful to know that God never intends harm towards His children! He doesn't set us up for failure.

- God has a plan for us! (Jeremiah 29:11)
 - God's plan and His desire for us is to be blessed!
- Get up every morning knowing and believing that God has a plan to bless you.
- God is not taking you through a test to set you up for failure! There's nothing too big that our God cannot handle! (1 Peter 1:7)
 - Your faith must be tested, so that it can endure!
 - Fire purifies and helps your blessings become authentic.
- As a believer, God does not hold our sins against us because we are His children! (Romans 8:1)
- God stretches us, so that we can glorify Him!
 - The stretching is for His glory!
- I'm justified by faith and I have peace with God! (Romans 5:1)
- **Stretch** in the Greek is ekteino, which means to go beyond the goal (St. Matthew 12:13); to go beyond what you thought; to get you out of the comfortable position where you are, so that you know what you're capable of and know what God can use you for.
- **Excellence** in the Greek is huperecho, which means to have over the amount that you need, to have more than enough; going beyond what you're supposed to do; going the extra mile.
- When you bring God glory, you have blessed Him!
 - **Glory** means to see the invisible through the visible that you are! I want God to be seen through me!
- If you are saved, you are under the blood of Jesus. Even though we mess up, we don't love to mess up.
- Thank God because He washes our sins white as snow!
- You're supposed to bless God! (Psalms 103)
- Set yourself up for a future miracle! Plant the seed today! Help somebody who needs help! Then, when you need help, God will send help to you.
- Sometimes your present situation is God's stretching process!
- STRETCH!!! God wants me to go beyond my current limitations!
 - Prayer more and read God's Word more. Do more than you did the day before.
- When God stretches you, it's an uncomfortable feeling and an uncomfortable process. You will have to rearrange your priorities! You will have to make changes and adjustments.
 - Example: When you experience the death of a loved one, it hurts! However, God will help us through the process if we let Him. In the end, we will know God better and believe that He can do the impossible.
- Sometimes, we compare our lives to others. We are not intended to grow like others in world. We are set aside; a chosen generation!
- Stretching matures us and gives us a deeper relationship with God!
- Miracles show up in some strange places!

Point 1: I will pass my "nevertheless" test!

- We are in a season of trauma and uncertainty.
- "Nevertheless" moment - in spite of; however; whatever happens, it doesn't matter because I'm taking God at His word!
 - Lord, I believe! So, no matter what is happening, I'm going to praise, worship, and thank God in spite of my situation!
- When you're in a situation, you'll find a way to make things work!
- God will have blessings in store for you when you do something to help others and when you least expect it.
- We must take advantage of the opportunities God sends our way. If you're going to take advantage of the opportunities, you're willing to give your time!
- **Opportunity** in the Hebrew is kairos (opportunity and favour), which means time! Time is life! You cannot say that you've given God your life if you haven't made or given Him your time! (St. John 6)
- We need the Word of God more than ANYTHING! (Psalms 119:105 and St. John 6:63)
- You can't see the Word of God until it manifests!
 - Speak the Word of God into your dead situations!
- When you get into the Word, you will gain Resurrection power!
- Invest in others for the glory of God!
 - Plant some seeds on good ground! Buy and do things for others!

- You will have some nevertheless moments!
 - Answer your nevertheless moments!
- Don't be afraid to take your empty net and put it into the waters of the Spirit; put it in the hands of the Lord!
- The Miracle: Peter received 2-3 months' worth of money because he rented his boat for a funeral.
- No matter what, keep walking until you reach your miracle!

Point 2: Miracles: Your empty nets will be filled!

- Lord, my net is empty! Will you fill it?
- The fish in the boat represented a raise, increase, overflow, etc.!
- My miracle is attached to God's will!
- Stretch me Lord to the point that the next time I encounter a trial, it will be so easy that I will be able to walk right through it!

Point 3: God, my miracle has stretched me...I believe!

- I know that You (God) do ALL things well!
- Expect God to move for you!
- Pray! See God and the power of God at work!
- While we are in a strange place, we shall experience the intervention and power of God!
- The Word of God will move us!
- Keep walking with God!
- Let down your empty net!
- We are more than conquerors!

Prayer of Salvation:

- Salvation is not to make you perfect, but it is to make you better and to know that your sins have been paid for! If you are not saved today or need to rededicate to Christ, please stop and say this prayer unto God...Father, I have sinned. I thank you for Jesus who died on the cross for my sins. Come into my heart and save me. I receive you and because I ask and I believe, I am saved forever!!! Amen!!! Hallelujah!!!
 - If you said this prayer of salvation or rededication, please email Bishop Muse at bishopmuse@gmail.com.