

**Jeremiah 29:8-10 (KJV)**

**8** For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that [be] in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

**9** For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. **10** For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

**Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Ordinary to Extraordinary

James 5:13-18

**13** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

**14** Is any sick among you? 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:

**15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

**16** Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**17** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

**18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.  
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See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great & dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, & the hearts of the children to their fathers...." [Malachi 4:5-6a].

When John the Baptist in John 1 started preaching, the crowds said, "Elijah has come back."

In Mark 15:34 +35 when Jesus hung on the cross & cried out, "Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani?" the crowds said, "He is crying for Elijah to come."

**1 Peter 2:9-10 (KJV)**

**9 But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

**10 Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.**

Let us look at Elijah and what made an ordinary man extraordinary -

He Was a Tishbite he came from the town of tishbe in Gilead east of Jerusalem "Gilead" means hill of testimony or mound of witness, (Genesis 31:21), a mountainous region east of the Jordan River, situated in the present-day Kingdom of Jordan

**1 Kings 17:1-16 (KJV) 1 And Elijah the Tishbite, [who was] of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, [As] the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.**

**2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,**

**3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that [is] before Jordan.**

**4 And it shall be, [that] thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.**

## 1. Listen to God

Psalms 85:1-13 (NET)

1 O LORD, you showed favor to your land; you restored the well-being of Jacob.

2 You pardoned the wrongdoing of your people; you forgave all their sin. (Selah)

3 You withdrew all your fury; you turned back from your raging anger.

4 Restore us, O God our deliverer! Do not be displeased with us!

5 Will you stay mad at us forever? Will you remain angry throughout future generations?

6 Will you not revive us once more? Then your people will rejoice in you!

7 O LORD, show us your loyal love! Bestow on us your deliverance!

8 I will listen to what God the LORD says. For he will make peace with his people, his faithful followers. Yet they must not return to their foolish ways.

9 Certainly his loyal followers will soon experience his deliverance; then his splendor will again appear in our land.

10 Loyal love and faithfulness meet; deliverance and peace greet each other with a kiss.

11 Faithfulness grows from the ground, and deliverance looks down from the sky.

12 Yes, the LORD will bestow his good blessings, and our land will yield its crops.

13 Deliverance goes before him, and prepares a pathway for him.

James 1:19-24 (KJV)

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Rev 2:7

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. NIV

## 2. Leave your Comfort Zone

Acts 7:2-3

2 To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran.

3 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.' NIV

8 times he tells the disciples to go

Matthew 10:5-10 (NET)

5 Jesus sent out these twelve, instructing them as follows: "Do not go to Gentile regions and do not enter any Samaritan town.

6 Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near!'

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

9 Do not take gold, silver, or copper in your belts,

10 no bag for the journey, or an extra tunic, or sandals or staff, for the worker deserves his provisions.

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Mark 16:14-18 (NET)

14 Then he appeared to the eleven themselves, while they were eating, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him resurrected.

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

17 These signs will accompany those who believe:

In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;

18 they will pick up snakes with their hands, and whatever poison they drink will not harm them; they will place their hands on the sick and they will be well."

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**5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that [is] before Jordan.**

**6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.**

**7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.**

**8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,**

**9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which [belongeth] to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.**

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### 3. Let go of your Fear

Isaiah 41:10-15 (KJV)

10 Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, [even] them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, [and] ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat [them] small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

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#### 4. Look for Gods Provision

##### Matthew 7: 7-11

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

11. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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**10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman [was] there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.**

**11 And as she was going to fetch [it], he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.**

**12 And she said, [As] the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I [am] gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die**

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**14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day [that] the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.**

**15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat [many] days.**

**16 [And] the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.**

## 5. Lose your Pride

1 Peter 5:5-7

5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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## 6. Give What You Have to God

2 Corinthians 9:7,8

7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7, 8 ESV)

Malachi 3:8-11

8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions.

9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts.

12 Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:8-12 ESV)

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7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

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12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Romans 12:1, 2



1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 8:13-15 (KJV) 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

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Maybe your miracle really depends on what you need and not what you want. You have to reach the end of your rope before it becomes a miracle.

Jeremiah 29:12-15 (KJV)

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;