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Miracles are not Magic: *A consequence, not a show*

Welcome to MAY - A month of attention to instructions

Proverbs 1:8-9 (KJV) My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Many believers call God a miracle worker, however, it is unfortunate that we are not seeing His miracle regularly. A number of us have also been wrongly programmed to equate magic to miracle. We hear testimonies like miracle money (money that comes with no effort), miracle grades (grades received without sitting for an examination), miracle babies, etc. Many give brief and edited testimonies that leave the listeners with more questions than answers. In the end, God is successfully painted as a magician.

Don't misunderstand this. There are miracles in the Bible that are beyond human logic; as a matter of fact, all miracles are beyond logic. For example, the oil in a cruse filling up several vessels (2Kings 4:1-6), the cleansing of Naaman's leprosy (2Kings 5:1-15),

five loaves feeding the multitude (Mt. 14:15-22), withered hands becoming whole (Lk. 6:6-10). These no doubt were outstanding and incomprehensible miracles.

Miracle is the divine alteration/suspension of natural process(es) to produce a natural desire. It is often inexplicable and defies scientific rules, thus it is attributed to divinity. Magic is defined as 'power of influencing an event by mysterious or supernatural force(s). The obvious fact is that Miracle and Magic look identical because both have the elements of mystery and supernatural.

However, there are some differences that are not readily seen. One, magic is the ability of one to show off while miracle is a response to a need or an intervention for a cause that is motivated by actions of those concerned. Secondly, miracle is for the benefit of the seeker while magic is for the benefit of the magician; it is a show or plot to sway benefit in favour of the performer.

It is important to note that in the scriptures, every miracle is a consequence. It is God's response or reaction to man's actions.

It is a divine response to obedience to instruction. The widow obeyed the instructions of Elisha, Namman had to dip 7 times as instructed, the widow of Zarephath had to provide first for Elijah, the man with the withered hand had to obey the instructions to stretch out his hand. We can go on and on. Miracle is not something that just happened; Miracles are Made to Happen.

Before every miracle are instructions to obey or actions to be taken by the miracle seekers. What do we have in our churches today?

We have a whole bunch of people looking for magic. We are a bunch of people that want the supernatural without desiring to pay the price. There is a price for every gain, miracle inclusive. Our churches are filled with wonder seekers who are very prayerful; jumping from place to place but do not have ears to receive instructions.

We often need to remind ourselves continually that prayers do not change God. It is designed to change us, when we receive instructions and insight at the place of prayer, and act promptly.

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YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

In the maiden edition of our newsletter, we talked about how important it is that you know that you are the church; the church is not the physical building - which is a place of worship, but you.

We also talked about how you are a working part of the body of Christ through active involvement in your local church. And in conclusion, we talked a little about your supposed relationship with your pastors and leaders.

Now, in this edition, we want to further consider your service to God and your relationship with your pastors and leaders in the church for your profit if we have the space.

See, the strength and influence of your church in your community depend on you. If the church is strong, it is because you made it strong; if it is weak, it is because you made it weak.

You are the face and force of your church.

Your church will not and may not have a voice in your community if you don't lend her your voice.

I want to ask you a question: 'Are you proud that you are a member of Sureword Christian Centre?'

If not, why not? If yes, where is your proof of that? Will you stand up to defend your church against strange voices that are lashing at her?

Your show of solidarity to your church is one way to prove your love for Jesus and also to mark service and devotion.

Stand up for your church, stand up for Jesus.

God bless you.



PROPHETIC WORD FOR THE MONTH (CONT'D)

There seems to be a draught of God's miracle in our Christian circles today because we are a people who love freebies without sacrifice. We love to receive without giving, and even when we give, it is because we love to receive and not because we love to give. Thus, our giving is transactional; God cannot be mocked.

This month, let your heart receive instructions and follow closely after the instructions by seeking knowledge and taking steps to obey. Then Miracle shall stop being magical but comprehensible. You may not be able to explain the sovereignty or the divinity, but you will surely understand the path to the miracle and can always reenact it, if need be. The quality of our life is directly related to the much of life's instructions we are able to obey or follow.

Miracles are made to happen, not just magical.



Bible Reading Plan

Day	Book	Day	Book
1	Leviticus 5-7	17	Numbers 26-28
2	Leviticus 8-10	18	Numbers 29-31
3	Leviticus 11-13	19	Numbers 32-34
4	Leviticus 14-16	20	Numbers 35-36
5	Leviticus 17-19	21	Deuteronomy 1-3
6	Leviticus 20-22	22	Deuteronomy 4-6
7	Leviticus 23-25	23	Deuteronomy 7-9
8	Leviticus 26-27	24	Deuteronomy 10-12
9	Numbers 1-3	25	Deuteronomy 13-15
10	Numbers 4-7	26	Deuteronomy 16-18
11	Numbers 8-10	27	Deuteronomy 19-21
12	Numbers 11-13	28	Deuteronomy 22-24
13	Numbers 14-16	29	Deuteronomy 25-27
14	Numbers 17-19	30	Deuteronomy 28-30
15	Numbers 20-22	31	Deuteronomy 31-34



Be our guide, Oh Lord, and help us to be obedient to Your Word.

Help those who are disobedient to find You, Oh Lord and forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Give us wisdom and knowledge, so we can understand how to trust and obey.

Help us to daily immerse ourselves in Your word and daily saturate our minds with it. (Romans 12:2)

We declare we will happily obey Your words; we will cheerfully obey, not murmuring and complaining obedience.



6 Tips for a Healthy Lifestyle

Eat a balanced diet. Add variety to your meals e.g. fruit and vegetables.

Stay well hydrated. Remember to drink 8 glasses of water a day.

Exercise regularly at least for 20minutes in a day.

Get enough good sleep at least for 8hours in a day.

Protect yourself from the sun.

Wash your hands regularly.

Events happening this Month

- Glorious Worship Service- Every Sunday 8.45am
- Mid-week Service - Every Wednesday 5.15 pm
- Fasting & Prayer - 1st, 2nd, 3rd May
- Foundational Class- Every Monday 5 pm
- Testimony Sunday - Every last Sunday of every month (26th May)
- Hospital Outreach - Every 2nd Sunday and 3rd Wednesday of every month (12th & 15th May)
- Females' and Males' meeting - Every last Sunday of every month (26th May)
- Youth meeting - Every 3rd Sunday of every month (19th May)
- Workers' meeting -Every 3rd Saturday of the month (18th May)



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PRAYER OF SALVATION

We believe you have been blessed by this newsletter. Ready to take the next step? We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

Lord, I have heard Your word preached, I believe it, I receive it.

I believe that Jesus died in my name and place, assumed my sin and the consequences thereof. I believe He was buried, went to hell, and suffered in my place, and after three days was raised from the dead for my justification. Lord, I believe Jesus is risen from the dead and He's alive forever.

I also acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over my life and all I am and have. Consequently, Lord, I ask and I receive the right to be Your child, I ask that You recreate my spirit with eternal life, Your divine nature now.

Thank You, Lord, for answering my prayer. I believe I'm saved now, I'm born again now, I am recreated with eternal life now. Glory to Your Holy name, Father, in Jesus' name.

Congratulations! You are now a child of God.



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Church Vision

Raising believers for a life of impact and influence.

Church Mission

This is a community sensitive church and a nest for leaders, where gifts and talents are discovered, developed, and deployed in the pursuit of purpose.