

Faith Precedes The Miracle:  
Whatever He Tells You To Do—Do It! Part II  
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Don't Ignore Your Moments

Faith Comes In The Doing

The Issue Is Obedience  
(Sign 1: Do Something You Can Do Because You're Under Authority)

To See Miracles, You have To Do What HE Says  
(Sign 2: Do Something You Have To Do Because It's The Only Option You Have)

The Miracle Is Activated When You Hear The Word & Act On It!  
(Sign 3: Do Something You Think You Can't Do)

Inherent In God's Command Is The Ability To Do It!  
(Sign 4: Do Something You Don't Think You Can Do)

The Fifth Sign: DO SOMETHING YOU'RE AFRAID TO DO

*John 6:16–21 (NASB) : Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. 20But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.*

*Matthew 14:22–31 (NASB) : 22Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. 23After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. 24But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. 25And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. 26When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." 28Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

Feel The Fear & Do It Anyway

Hebrews 11:1–25 (NASB)

Faith is: Prompt Obedience

Obedience is: Activated Service

*Luke 17:3–6 (NASB) : 3Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him." 5The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.*

## The Sixth Sign: DO SOMETHING THAT MAY SEEM UNFAIR TO DO

**John 9:1–11 (NASB)** : 1As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

3Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." 6When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, 7and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing. 8Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?" 9Others were saying, "This is he," still others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one." 10So they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?" 11He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."

We tend to base our evaluations on things from a purely human perspective.

## The Seventh Sign: DO SOMETHING EVEN IF YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO CAUSE A BIG STINK

**John 11:21–27 (NASB)** : 21Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

**John 11:38 (NASB)** : 38So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" 41So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."

**John 11:46 (NASB)** : 46But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

When you are doing what God has commanded you must expect that some may not like you messing with the system

## The Eighth Sign: DO SOMETHING HE SAYS TO DO TO POSITION YOU FOR SUCCESS

**John 21:3–6 (NASB)** : 3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. 4But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." 6And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

Because he was demonstrating for us just how we should live our lives on earth, everything Jesus did was by faith!