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Unlocking Your Miracle

- ▣ **The Bible shows us many, many Miracles**
- ▣ **Jesus performed many Miracles**
- ▣ **The early church experienced many Miracles**
- ▣ **Church history records many wonderful Miracles**
- ▣ **Many people in our generation have experienced Miracles**

1. The church is born

- ▣ **In Acts 1-2 we note the powerful birth of the church**

You shall receive power

*Acts 1:8. But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

The Holy Spirit came in power

*Acts 2:4. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Peter preached the Living Word

Acts 2:14. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.”¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

2. The church in action

- **The early explodes into action in Acts 3**

A crippled man is healed

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.

By faith in the name of Jesus

Acts 3:16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

3. The church is threatened

- **In Acts 3-4 the church is threatened to stop preaching**

How did you do this?

Acts 4:7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

We did this by the name of Jesus Christ

Acts 4:10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

There is no other name under heaven

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

They must not speak in this name

Acts 4:17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

Commanded to not speak the name

Acts 4:18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

We will speak what we have seen and heard

Acts 4:20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

4. The church triumphant

□ The church rises up with faith and confidence in the WORD, the NAME and the HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 4:23-31. On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“ ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

*²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your **word** with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the **name** of your holy servant Jesus.”*

*³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and spoke the **word of God** boldly.*

5. You can unlock your miracle

- ▣ **They spoke and preached the Living Word**
- ▣ **They were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit**
- ▣ **They boldly acted in the name of Jesus Christ**

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