Conditioned For Miracles Pastor John Carmichael

[Gal 3:2, 5 NASB95] 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? ... 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

- Preaching a supernatural Gospel is risky. To believe for something different.
 - Swimming against the current of the curse.
 - You have to do so with love, affirmation, care, compassion, empathy
 - Challenge to believe for miracles now while waiting for the not yet
 - Required? Reward personally? Affect others?
- This world and it curse, especially the last two years, have conditioned many people to stop believing for miracles and just accept the negative.

How can we (re)condition our faith for miracles?

There are three important mindsets that help us to recondition for miracles.

I. God wants miracles to be common.

- a. For Paul, miracles were so common, he could use them for an argument on the works of law vs faith debate.
- b. Make miracles normative in your thinking. Think miracles. Expect miracles.
- c. Recondition yourself to believe.
- d. We get conditioned for the negative when we look around.
- e. We get conditioned for miracles when we look at God's Word.

II. God wants us to know how miracles are caused.

- a. Paul told them that it was the hearing "with faith" that caused the miracles.
- b. Hear the word. [Rom 10:17 NASB95] 17 So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
- c. Mix the Word you hear with faith. [Heb 4:2 NASB95] 2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.
- d. Hearing was a priority even though they had the letter. [Rom 1:15 NASB95] 15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

III. God wants miracles to continue.

- a. SFLC: verb forms are all present tense denoting a continuous impartation of the Spirit and the working for miracles.
- b. God still works miracles today by faith.
- c. Faith has not been nor will ever be done away with.
- We get reconditioned for miracles when we expect miracles to be common, keep hearing faith, and understand that miracles are continuing.