

Times Two pt11 – Life in the Miraculous

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[2Ki 6:1-7 NASB95] 1 Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Behold now, the place before you where we are living is too limited for us. 2 "Please let us go to the Jordan and each of us take from there a beam, and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live." So he said, "Go." 3 Then one said, "Please be willing to go with your servants." And he answered, "I shall go." 4 So he went with them; and when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed." 6 Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And when he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw [it] in there, and made the iron float. 7 He said, "Take it up for yourself." So he put out his hand and took it.

- Christianity is religion of the miraculous. Too many anti-supernatural theologians have talked the church out of the miraculous.
- Some Christians today have no desire to see the supernatural but find suffering of greater value than believing for the supernatural. There are Christians who find it more virtuous to suffer and less virtuous to believe to experience the miraculous.
- Ken Blue's, Authority to Heal, details how the church embraced the suffering doctrine. Blue said that when the state stopped persecuting the church, the church had to find a new way to identify with Jesus Christ. This mindset has invaded our seminaries and churches to the point that we have lost and sometimes even avoided the miraculous life.
- God is a God of miracles. He intends for His people to live a life in the miraculous. This explains on of the reasons He provides so many miracle narratives.

What does life in the miraculous look like from 2 Kings 6:1-7?

Here are three descriptions of what life in the miraculous looks like from 2 Kings 6:1-7.

I. Life in the miraculous can cause growth in any environment. V. 1-4

- a. Growth requires planning.
- b. Growth is better with others.
- c. Growth involves work.
- d. [Isa 54:1-3 NASB95] 1 "Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no [child;] Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one [will be] more numerous Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD. 2 "Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs. 3 "For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations And will resettle the desolate cities.
- e. [Act 6:7 NASB95] 7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.
- f. [Act 12:24 NASB95] 24 But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.
- g. Expect to grow in any environment as you plan to grow, include others, and work diligently.

II. Life in the miraculous does not insulate you from trouble. V. 5-6

- a. Trouble is part of growth.
- b. Trouble can be the result of the attack of the devil.
- c. Trouble should not be ignored.
- d. [Psa 34:19 NASB95] 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

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- e. [1Th 2:18 NASB95] 18 For we wanted to come to you I, Paul, more than once and [yet] Satan hindered us.
- f. Stop allowing your faith to be hindered by trouble.

III. Life in the miraculous has a different result. V. 6-7

- a. The different result is because God cares.
 - b. The different result means God suspends natural laws.
 - c. The different result will involve you.
 - d. [Mat 7:25 NASB95] 25 "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
 - e. You are going to get a different result.
- **You can expect growth as you live life in the miraculous that often involves trouble, however you will get different results.**