



## I. Open/Review

**Romans 8:11 (NLT) The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.**

- A. Week 1 - The reality that the resurrection is in us is a reality that we walk in every day! Jesus is the resurrection and the life! The story of Lazarus reveals that "death is never final."
- B. Week 2 – The greatest miracle of all is that our names are written in heaven! If we believe on Jesus, then this earth is as close to hell as you'll ever come; but if you haven't believed on Jesus, then this earth is as close to heaven as you'll ever get!

**"It is impossible on reasonable grounds to disbelieve miracles." Blaise Pascal**

## II. Job Gets Advice

- A. **Job 4:3-6(TLB) In the past you have told many a troubled soul to trust in God and have encouraged those who are weak or falling, or lie crushed upon the ground or are tempted to despair. <sup>5</sup> But now when trouble strikes, you faint and are broken. <sup>6</sup> "At such a time as this should not trust in God still be your confidence? Shouldn't you believe that God will care for those who are good?"**

**Job 5:9 (NCV) God does wonders that cannot be understood; he does so many miracles they cannot be counted.**

- B. Unbelief gets in when:
  - 1) It's never happened before (to us).
  - 2) The reports aren't in our favor.
  - 3) The company we keep is faithless.
  - 4) We let our doubts go unchecked.
  - 5) We put our faith in something or someone other than God.

## III. "Expectancy Is The Atmosphere For Miracles." Edwin Louis Cole



- A. **Luke 8:41-42 (AMP)** Now a man named Jairus, a synagogue official, came to Him; and he fell at Jesus' feet and *began* begging Him to come to his house; <sup>42</sup> for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as Jesus went, the people were crowding against Him almost crushing Him.

**Luke 8:49-56 (AMP)** While He was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house came and said to Jairus, "Your daughter is dead; do not inconvenience the Teacher any further." <sup>50</sup> But Jesus, hearing this, answered him, "Do not be afraid *any longer*; only believe and trust in Me and have faith in My ability to do this, and she will be made well." <sup>51</sup> When He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

<sup>52</sup> Now they were all weeping loudly and mourning for her; but He said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead, but is sleeping." <sup>53</sup> Then they *began* laughing scornfully at Him *and* ridiculing Him, knowing without any doubt that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But Jesus took hold of her hand and spoke, saying, "Child, arise!" <sup>55</sup> And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He ordered that she be given *something* to eat. <sup>56</sup> Her parents were greatly astonished by the miracle; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

- B. When we need to believe for a miracle:

- 1) Come worshipping
- 2) Don't stay in fear
- 3) Believe before we see
- 4) Trust in His Word
- 5) Have faith in HIS ability

#### IV. Peter's Fresh Start

- A. **Luke 22:31-32 (MSG)** "Simon, stay on your toes. Satan has tried his best to separate all of you from me, like chaff from wheat. Simon, I've prayed for you in particular that you not give in or give out. When you have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start."

- B. **Acts 2:14 (AMP)** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be explained to you; listen closely *and* pay attention to what I have to say.

#### V. Paul's Fresh Start



- A. **Acts 14:8-10 (NLT)** While they were at Lystra, Paul and Barnabas came upon a man with crippled feet. He had been that way from birth, so he had never walked. He was sitting<sup>9</sup> and listening as Paul preached. Looking straight at him, Paul realized he had faith to be healed.<sup>10</sup> So Paul called to him in a loud voice, “Stand up!” And the man jumped to his feet and started walking.
  
- B. **Acts 18:23 (MSG)** After spending a considerable time with the Antioch Christians, Paul set off again for Galatia and Phrygia, retracing his old tracks, one town after another, putting fresh heart into the disciples.
  
- C. **Acts 20:2 (MSG)** Traveling through the country, passing from one gathering to another, he gave constant encouragement, lifting their spirits and charging them with fresh hope.

### VI. My Fresh Start

- A. **John 14:12-14 (AMP)** I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me as Savior will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these in extent and outreach, because I am going to the Father.
  
- B. **Psalm 77:14 (TLB)** You are the God of miracles and wonders! You still demonstrate your awesome power.