

HOW TO GET READY FOR A MIRACLE

Daring Faith: The Key to Miracles – Part 2

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PART 1: THE DARING FAITH CAMPAIGN

WHAT IS IT? A TWO MONTH FOCUS ON _____,
_____ AND _____ IN FAITH

“Let your roots GROW down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so that you will GROW IN FAITH, strong and vigorous...”
Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

“Remember this: Whoever SOWS sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever SOWS generously will also REAP generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

“It was BY FAITH Abraham obeyed GOD’S CALL TO GO to another place God promised to give him. He left his own country, without knowing where he was to GO.” Hebrews 11:8 (NCV)

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

“Without faith it is impossible to please God...” Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

“Anything that is not done in faith is sin.” Romans 14:23b (GW)

“According to your faith will it be done to you.” Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

4 PURPOSES

1. TO ADVANCE _____ BY STRETCHING
OUR FAITH

“When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you’ll be strong in character and ready for anything!” James 1:3-4 (NLT)

2. TO ENHANCE _____ BY
COOPERATING TOGETHER

“The believers in the Jerusalem church were united in their hearts and spirit because they shared all they had with each other... In fact, people would sell what they owned, even their homes, and give the money as an offering.”
Acts 4:32-35

3. TO FINANCE _____ THROUGH AN
OFFERING AND OUR 36 MONTH GIVING PLEDGED

Paul: “What we’re hoping for is that as your lives grow in faith, you’ll play a greater part within our expanding work.” 2 Corinthians 10:15b (MSG)

“Since you already excel in so many ways—you have so much faith, such gifted teaching, so much knowledge, so much enthusiasm, and so much love—now want you to grow and excel in the ministry of generous giving.”
2 Corinthians 8:7

4. TO HONOR THE EVERYDAY _____
SERVING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

“Epaphroditus works and serves with me in the army of Christ. When I needed help, you sent him to me... Welcome him back in the Lord with much joy and GIVE HONOR TO PEOPLE LIKE HIM, for he risked his life to give me the help I needed, that you could not provide.” Philippians 2:25, 29-30 (NCV)

HOW WILL WE BUILD OUR FAITH?

By challenging people to stretch their faith, take wise risks, learn to trust God and practice sacrificial generosity like Christ:

- Through 10 weekend messages on “*Daring Faith: The Key to Miracles*”
- Through 6 small group videos “*Learning to Live by Faith*” (after Easter)
- Through Daily Devotional readings on Faith
- Through a 3-year Faith-Commitment Offering - May 8-9
- Through recognitions, fellowship, and projects

WHAT WE WON'T DO

1. WE WON'T _____ ANYONE TO GIVE
“Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, NOT reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

2. WE WON'T _____ ANYTHING!
David: “I will not sacrifice an offering that costs me nothing.”
1 Chronicles 21:24

3. WE WON'T _____ MIXED WITH GIVING "Promote my product to the church & I'll give"

WHAT WE WILL DO WITHOUT APOLOGY

- We will show how everyone can give *something*
- We will ask people to sacrifice
- We will follow the biblical pattern for an offering in 1 Chronicles 29

4 THINGS YOU CAN EXPECT DURING THE DARING FAITH CAMPAIGN

- TO SEE _____
- TO GROW _____
- TO BE _____
- TO EXPERIENCE _____

HOW TO STRETCH & GROW YOUR FAITH

- Form a 6 week *Daring Faith Small Group* to watch & discuss the in-depth teaching on video. (After Easter)
- Listen to all *10 Weekend Messages* of the campaign.
- Read the *Daily Inspirations* in your workbook.
- Carry the weekly Bible verse with you.
- Set 3 faith goals for *growing, giving, and going.*

PART 2: HOW FAITH IN JESUS TURNS A LITTLE INTO A LOT *Mark 6:34-44 – The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000*

1. ADMIT _____
"When Jesus...saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them...so he began teaching them. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came and said, 'This is a remote place. Send the people away so they can go and buy something to eat.' But Jesus answered, 'You give them something to eat!' They said, 'That would take eight months of a man's wages!'"
Mark 6:34-37a (NIV)

2. GIVE GOD _____
"How many loaves do you have?' Jesus asked. 'Go and see.' When they found out, they said, 'Five small loaves of bread and two fish.'" *Mark 6:38 (NIV)*

"Jesus asked this only to test them, for he already had in mind what he was going to do." *John 6:6 (NIV)*

3. PUT IT ALL _____
"Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish... He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people..." *Mark 6:41 (NASB)*

"The boy gave what he had...willingly, cheerfully, & immediately."

4. EXPECT GOD _____
"Everyone ate and had enough. Afterwards they collected 12 baskets full of...leftovers!" *Mark 6:42-43 (Ph)*

"All things are possible with God." *Mark 10:27 (NIV)*

Jesus: "A kernel of wheat must be given away and planted in the soil. Unless it dies and is buried, it will remain a single seed. But its death will produce many more seeds and a great harvest!" *John 12:24*