

WHEN PIGS FLY



Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 3

Understanding Healing is the third message in the series **When Pigs Fly – Do You Believe in Miracles?** There are two mindsets about healings and miracles: one is that we have the authority to name and claim a miracle; the other is that miracles ceased after the Apostles died. Which of these is Biblical? Neither! This message discusses three things we need to know about miracles and specifically healing: **1) God still heals people, 2) God is more concerned about my spirit than my physical being, and 3) God wants me to grow in faith.**

Don't we more earnestly seek God when we are experiencing trouble than when everything is good! This certainly was true when Israel went 3-1/2 years without rain. The king, Elijah, all the people were seeking God. From James 5:13-16 and 1 Kings 17-18 we learn that more important than the miracle is to understand the process of our faith journey in developing a deep trust in the love and care God has for us. **Faith 1) begins with a word from God, 2) faith continues regardless of what I see, and 3) faith goes from a small beginning to a grand finale.**

The process is the point. The process is learning to trust God who loves us and cares for us so that He can do what He wants to do when He wants with whoever He wants! Are you going to be okay with God not acting like you want or expect Him to?

Discussion Questions

- What is a need in your life that you can boldly bring to Jesus?
- Can you think of a time when you obeyed God even though you didn't fully understand why He was wanting you to do something? Share your experience and what you learned as you stepped out in obedience.
- Faith is for those momentous occasions in our life but also for the mundane. How can we exercise our faith every day? What do you think a life of faith looks like?
- What is the hardest part about trusting Jesus with your needs, and why? Do you have a hard time believing that He is near, that He will take time to listen, or that you will receive a miracle?

Prayer Focus

Jesus, thank You for being the God of miracles! Today, we thank You that Your Name is greater than anything we can face and greater than the fear and uncertainty of these times. Help us to keep praising You, no matter what we face. Show us what we need to bring to You in faith, and help us trust You for a miracle.

Next Steps

This week, Write down the miracle you're asking God for on a piece of paper and exchange it with someone in your Group. Pray for each other all week and while you are praying, ask God to grow your faith. Ask Him to grow your understanding of who He is.

Leader Tip

Encourage and assist group members to find a promise in the Bible for the area where they may be struggling in their faith. Tell them to think about and speak that scripture out loud when they feel anxious or worried about the situation. Remember that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).