

PERSPECTIVES:

(Seeing Life's Difficulties in a Godly Way)

Part 2- Miracle Opportunities

(Various texts from Genesis, Exodus & Numbers)

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Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. Exodus 4:2 NIV

But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it.

Exodus 4:17 NIV

I. What is the Land Between?

- a. A place where life is *NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE*,
- b. Where the future is *UNKNOWN*.
- c. A *METAPHOR* for undesired transitions in our lives.
- d. In our lives, we are bound to undergo *SEVERAL* "land between" experiences.
- e. It is a fertile ground for many things including, **MIRACLES!**

II. What We Need to Know About Miracles?

- a. Defined as an extraordinary effect or event manifesting or considered as a **WORK OF GOD**.
- b. **FAITH & PRAYERS** are perceived as key requirements for a miracle.
- c. Yet the Bible does show miracles happen **WITHOUT** these requirements.
 - i. Even with **fear**- Exodus 14:10-11
 - ii. ... or **complaints**- Exodus 15:24
 - iii. ...with **ingratitude**- Exodus 16:2-3

iv. ...and **spiritual amnesia** and

unfaithfulness- Exodus 32:1

- d. The common thing in every miracle is the presence of a **problem**.

III. How Does a Miracle Work?

When there is a need or a **problem** sensed by a **few** who understands **their responsibility** and **surrenders** their all regardless of the **odds** then God works a miracle.

Moses did it- Exodus 4: 2-17

What is your **staff** and are you willing to **surrender** it?

Are your eyes **open** to miracles today?

IV. What if a Miracle Doesn't Happen?

Even so, **remain** faithful in God.

For in your weakness, **GOD** will be your strength

There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:26-27 NIV

But he said to me, "My **grace is sufficient** for you, for my power **is** made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For **when I am weak, then I am strong**.

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10 NIV

May you learn to **trust and lean on** God in your land between experiences.