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A “MIRACLE” IS:

• an unusual or wonderful event that is believed to be caused by the power of God

• a very amazing or unusual event, thing, or achievement
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- The Bible Is A Book Of Miracles

THE BIBLE= Wonderful, Amazing, Unusual, Events And Happenings By The Power Of God

- God Speaks And The Creation Comes Into Being
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- Matthew 14:32-36 (NIV)

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.
33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
34 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.
35 And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.
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• Starting Point Of Faith In The Miraculous Is Nothing Is Too Difficult For God

• (Mat 17:20 NIV ... I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

• To Move Mountains We Must Have Faith
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• **FAITH’S FOUNDATION IS TO BELIEVE IN GOD**

• “Lord — There Is Nothing Too Difficult For You”

• **The Mountain Can Only Be Moved If Your Faith Is In The Mountain Mover**
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• Faith Is Only As Good As The Object That You Trust In

• Faith In God Is As Good As God!

• We Do Not Put Faith In Faith -- We Put Our Faith In God
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• TO ACCESS GOD’S MOVE – IT TAKES FAITH

(Heb 11:6 NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
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• **FAITH IS THE KEY TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

• EPH 2:8,9  WE ARE SAVED BY **FAITH**

• 2 COR 5:7  WE WALK BY **FAITH**

• HEB 11:6  WITHOUT **FAITH** IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD

• ROM 14:23  WHATEVER IS APART FROM **FAITH** IS SIN
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- “Real Revival Begins When God's People Start Believing That God's Word Is True” -- C. FINNEY

- EVERY BLESSING OF THE LORD IN SCRIPTURE COMES BY FAITH:
  - Salvation  Water Baptism  HS Baptism
  - Healing    Second Coming  Obedience
  - Righteousness  Love  The Promises
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• FOR EACH SUCCESSIVE VICTORY -- FAITH’S LEVEL MUST GROW IN OUR LIVES

• Yesterday’s Faith Is Not Sufficient For Today’s Challenges

• Your Faith Level Needs To Increase -- Not Stay The Same
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HOW DO WE GROW OUR FAITH?

• Faith Grows As We Press Into God

• Faith Grows As We Get Into His Word

• Faith Grows As We Put Into Practice What We Say We Believe
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- Stubborn Blockage / Mountain Situations Call For Fervent Prayer -- Including Fasting –

- Fasting Is For Everyone

Matthew 17:14-21 (NKJV)

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."
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In Scripture We See Several Purposes For Fasting

• It Will Grow Us In Our Faith

• It Can Be A Definite Sign Of Maturity

• It’s Part Of The Discipline Of Self-Control

• It’s A Way Of Sharing That We Depend On God Alone
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• Fastina is a way of focusing totally on Him when seeking His guidance and help.

• Fasting is an expression of sorrow and deep repentance.

• We fast in order to acknowledge failure before God and seek His mercy.
“Fasting is that step whereby we set the desires of the mind and body aside temporarily so that our spirit is unhindered in communing with God.”
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• **We Fast To Humble Ourselves:** Psalms 35:13; 69:10

• **We Fast To Repent Of Sin:** Joel 2:12

• **We Fast To Receive Revelation:** Daniel 9:2; 3:21-22
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• We Fast To Loosen The Bands Of Wickedness, To Lift Heavy Burdens, To Set The Oppressed Free, And To Break Every Bondage: Isaiah 58:6

• We Fast To Feed The Poor, Both Physically And Spiritually: Isaiah 58:7

• We Fast In Order To Be Heard By God: 2 Samuel 12:16, 22; Jonah 3:5, 10
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• Fasting Is A Powerful And Effective Weapon Of Offense Against The Enemy

• Faith Grows And Breakthroughs Come When God’s People Fast And Pray

• James 5:16 (NKJV) 16 … The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

• Different Circumstances That We Face Require Different Postures And Intensity Levels In Prayer
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• We've Got To Ask In Faith & Fervency. Continually.

• As We Do Our Part In Faith -- God Will Do His Part By His Miraculous Hand
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- **God Will Answer**
- *(Jer 33:3 NIV)* ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’
- **God’s Timing Is Always Right**
- **God’s Answer Is Always Right – Trust Him By Faith**