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SERMON SERIES: Miracle Worker

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SUMMARY

In this powerful message, we're reminded that our God is truly a Miracle Maker. The sermon takes us on a journey through Scripture, emphasizing how both the Old and New Testaments are filled with accounts of God's miraculous interventions. We're encouraged to see the Bible not just as a historical document, but as a living testimony of God's power and faithfulness. The story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with five loaves and two fish serves as a central example, illustrating how God can take our small offerings and multiply them beyond our imagination. This narrative challenges us to give what we have, no matter how insignificant it may seem, and watch God work wonders. The message also draws powerful parallels between the bread Jesus multiplied and His own body, broken for us on the cross. It reminds us that the greatest miracle of all is the gift of salvation, freely available to all who believe. As we reflect on these truths, we're inspired to approach our own challenges with renewed faith, knowing that the same miracle-working God is active in our lives today.

Key Bible Verses: Matthew 14:13-21; 1 Kings 17:14; John 6:35

Opening Prayer:

Begin by thanking God for His miraculous nature and asking for open hearts to receive His word.

Key Takeaways:

1. The Bible is a book of miracles, testifying to God's power and faithfulness.

2. God can use small offerings to create significant miracles.

3. Gratitude and praise can activate miracles in our lives.

4. Our brokenness can become part of God's miraculous story.

5. Jesus is the ultimate miracle - the Bread of Life.

Practical Applications:

1. Gratitude Challenge: This week, start each day by thanking God for three specific things, no matter how small they seem.

2. Miracle Journal: Begin keeping a "miracle journal" where you record answers to prayer and unexpected blessings in your life.

3. Faith Offering: Identify something you can "give" to God this week (time, talent, resources) as an act of faith, trusting Him to multiply it.

4. Share Your Story: Think of a personal struggle you've overcome. Consider how you might use that experience to encourage someone else this week.

5. Scripture Meditation: Spend time meditating on John 6:35 ("I am the bread of life...") and reflect on what it means for Jesus to satisfy your deepest needs.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned that the Bible is a "book of miracles." Share a biblical miracle that has particularly impacted your faith. Why does this miracle stand out to you?

2. Reflect on the statement: "Give what you have and see what God does." How does this challenge or encourage you in your current circumstances?

3. The sermon emphasized the importance of gratitude, even in difficult situations. How can we cultivate an attitude of thankfulness when facing challenges?

4. Discuss a time when God used your brokenness or struggle to help someone else. How did this experience impact your faith?

5. How does understanding Jesus as the "Bread of Life" change your perspective on His ability to meet your needs?

6. The pastor mentioned several modern-day miracles he's witnessed. Have you ever experienced or witnessed a miracle? Share your story with the group.

Closing Prayer:

Close by inviting group members to pray for specific miracles they're seeking in their lives or the lives of others. Encourage faith and expectancy as you pray together.

OPTIONAL:

Relevant Verses for Main Themes:

1. **God as miracle worker:**

- Jeremiah 32:27
- Luke 1:37
- Mark 10:27

2. **God's provision:**

- Philippians 4:19
- Psalm 37:25
- Matthew 6:31-33

3. **Faith and miracles:**
   - Hebrews 11:1
   - Mark 11:22-24
   - Matthew 17:20

4. **Thankfulness:**
   - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
   - Colossians 3:17
   - Psalm 100:4

5. **God using brokenness:**
   - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
   - Romans 8:28
   - Psalm 34:18

6. **Salvation through Christ:**
   - John 3:16
   - Romans 10:9-10
   - Ephesians 2:8-9