



# The God Of Miracles Is At Work

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"And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. 10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. 11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them (Acts 19:8-12).

Our text inspires faith in God's miraculous interventions in our lives. The key points include:

- 1) Paul's ministry in Ephesus (vs 8) was characterised by boldness and a fearless approach to preaching the gospel. He spoke boldly for three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. This should encourage believers to speak boldly about their faith.
- 2) Paul faced opposition but continued teaching daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus for 2 years, and this impacted the spread of the gospel in Asia - "so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (vs 9-10). It is inevitable that Christians will face opposition in their spiritual journey.
- 3) Paul's perseverance in Ministry by continuing to teach in the hall of Tyrannus, highlight the importance of persistence and dedication in spreading the gospel.
- 4) God's power was manifested via extraordinary miracles through Paul (vs 11-12). It is God's power that was at work, not human ability. The same God who worked through Paul, can work through you and me today.
- 5) Note the significance of faith in witnessing miracles. We must exercise faith in God's miraculous power.
- 6) Handkerchiefs and aprons became symbolic acts of faith - objects used to carry healing and deliverance. There is need to understand the symbolic acts of faith and their relevance

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- 7) The outcomes of these miracles were healing and deliverance. Similar modern-day testimonies of healing and deliverance are still being shared by many across the world.
- 8) The impact of these miracles aided the spreading of the gospel. Sharing your testimonies of God's miraculous power in your lives will do the same today.
- 9) Miracles also play a significant role in strengthening the faith of believers by deepening their trust in God. Your testimonies can act as a catalyst to others' faith in God.
- 10) God preserved this story for us in contemporary times to encourage believers to live in expectation of God's miraculous work. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and for ever more (Hebrews 13:8). What He did at Ephesus, He can do today in your town. What He did through Paul, He can do through you. Only believe (Mark 5:36), and you will experience and also become a channel for others to experience the miraculous power of God.

As we conclude, I invite you to seek God's miraculous power in your lives. Make it a point of duty to share testimonies and personal stories of God's miracles in your life, and be committed to pray for those in need of a miracle. God will use you to transform circumstance and lives for the good of others.

As you pray, make scriptural declarations related to God's miraculous power. "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways" (Job 22:28). Remember that God creates the fruit of the lips (Isaiah 57:19). The God of miracles is ready to work through you now, if you give Him the chance through faith.