#### **Miracles**

### 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 29

The gift of miracles is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.

"I anticipate the inevitable, supernatural intervention of God. I expect a miracle.

"It's a miracle"

# **Hindrances to miracles:**

1. Western mindset to naturalism: We hear of more miracles overseas than we do here. There is a hunger for the supernatural. Atmosphere is changing.

Mark 9:17-29

- Fasting does not bring miracles. Fasting gets you into a position to receive
- Develop an "All things are possible" mentality
- Raise your expectation level
- Don't allow yourself to talk God out of doing the miracles

# 2. Unbelief

Matthew 13:54-58

## 3. Basing them on our worthiness:

Galatians 3:5

Miracles are for someone else

I am not worthy of miracles

### 4. Lack of teaching and modeling:

Teach on and believe for miracles whether you have seen and experienced them or not Judges 2:10

Why we had Jesus first miracle: John 2:1-11

- 1. His mother placed a demand (Concern)
- 2. There was a need
- 3. They did what Jesus said

Result: Evangelism

Purpose of miracles: Bear witness of the kingdom of God & meet the needs of humanity