

TRUSTING YESHUA

Overview: Sharing the miracles of God and trusting for more miracles. Seemingly bad things are not always “bad.”

Slide: Luke 6:17-19

“A large crowd of His disciples and a multitude of people, from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, **had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases.** Even those disturbed by defiling spirits were being healed. Everyone in the crowd was trying to touch Him, because power flowed from Him and He was healing them all.”

I. Intro

1. When gonna teach on topic, miraculously keep stumbling onto things newsletters, friends, WIFE that that help with the message. That was the case with this message. Hopefully it shows. 😊

II. Signs & Wonders

1. Exodus 10:2 speak of the LORD asking Moses 1-2: Then Adonai said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, because I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, so that I might show these My signs in their midst, and **so you may tell your son and your grandchildren what I have done in Egypt, as well as My signs that I did among them, so you may know that I am Adonai.**”
2. **What do you have to tell your “son(s), (daughter(s)) and grandchildren of what God has done in your life? Please ponder that for a moment**
3. I have many. My salvation, God spared my life 9x’s, my amazing wife, children, family, Cathy’s family, law office longevity, healings, etc. (I feel when we doubt we should simply recall 1 miracle God did in the past and trust He will do it again. IF it is His will.) EACH MIRACLE IS A STANDING STONE OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS (Joshua 4:7-8)
4. So again, what have you told them or are you gonna tell them?
5. **We all have some not so good stuff too when we had to endure suffering, hardship, etc.** We most likely do not understand. Just as kids don’t

understand when adversity comes their way in the form of cleaning their rooms, eating their vegetables, doing their homework, etc.

- a. **Slide** Dennis Prager: God is not our heavenly butler.
- b. Prager continued: People often ask why bad things happen to them. There is no connection between your religiousity and God's protection of you. When something happens that we don't like, our faith need not be shaken. God allows seemingly bad things to happen. But God is with me when these things happen. (Later, we often times realize the good that happened from the event we did not like at the timelike losing a job we thought we wanted, someone breaking up with us, etc) God does not always do what we want. He is not a celestial butler. I am interested in **knowing foremost what God expects from me. Better if guided by what does God want me to do, not do I want God to do.**
- c. Jacque Wanger: Stage 4 aggressive cancer: We are trusting in God's grace, mercy, and powerful healing hand. I have no doubt that He can eradicate this cancer from my body with just a word. **I also trust in His perfect plan and will for my life.** (Jamie Lash, of Jewish Jewels) just shared the exact same thing). **I will rejoice if He heals me and rejoice if I go to my forever home. I am at peace and leave the decision to Him and pray He will be greatly glorified in it all.**
- d. **Slide:** Psalm. 23:4 – Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- e. Ps 103: Speaks of your youth being is renewed like an eagle. (Who feels much younger than they are?) The older we get, the older old gets.
- f. Do you live like God is for you or do you live like God is against you? God is on your side. Like Joseph, the LORD is with you even when it may not seem like it .
- g. My most trying times have been when I was humbled the most, fasted the most, relied on God the most, felt the closest to God, AND GROWN THE MOST.
- h. **Kurt Warner/NFL Super Bowl winning QB/from grocery sacker to Hall of Fame. Christian movie recently made about his life, American Underdog:** Grew up in church but relationship was never personal for him. God was his spare tire he thought he only needed when he got a flat. Then he realized God's not here for me. I'm here for him.

Wife's (girlfriend's) parents dying in tornado helped really strengthen his relationship with the LORD. She didn't have all the answers. **She was angry but never lost her faith. It never ruined the relationship she had with God—that's what relationships are all about. He wanted what she had. (same was true for me with Cathy's loving Catholic family). He saw this is what a relationship looks like.** That's when he really committed his life to Jesus.

- i. We have had some tragic situations in our life lately—friend diagnosed with Stage IV cancer, sudden deaths of 2 people we knew well and loved, health issues for others, etc . Amidst it all, God has been there and given us kisses on the cheek...and it seems to be strengthening the faith of people close to the situation and others. Why did the tragedies happen? I don't know.
- j. **Slide** The goal of faithfulness is not that we will do work for God, but that He will be free to do His work through us. God calls us to His service. God wants to use us, as He used His own Son.
- k. David Brooks, not-yet-believing-Jewish NYT columnist:

“We live in a culture awash in talk about happiness,” Brooks writes. “In one three-month period last year, more than 1,000 books were released on Amazon on that subject.”

Slide David Brooks, NYT columnist asserts that suffering sometimes ennobles us, makes us more empathetic to others, and provides a revealing measure of self-knowledge.

- l. God desires holiness.

5. Some Scriptures

- a. **Slide:** "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)
- b. **Slide:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- c. **Slide:** “Count it all joy, my brethren when you fall into various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience

have its perfect work that you may be perfect and complete lacking nothing.” (James 1:2-4)

- d. I personally have received healings from God (ankle—oh no!, Yosemite—why did my back go out, no sneezing-Wow!), as have others I know re allergies. Not happy when had allergies. But allowed God to show himself strong.
- e. I know many others, Believers and those who don't-yet-believe, who have been healed after receiving prayer.
- f. **Slide** God did not remove Red Sea, He parted it
- g. He gave us a way to survive adversity. Exhibit A our amazing bodies that can operate 24-7 for decades and heal /regenerate themselves.
- h. We have all done this in our lives. We have witnessed time and time again the LORD doing amazing things in our lives. He has miraculously and radically transformed me and I presume most of you. Yet at times we don't trust Him when facing a current obstacle. That is unbelief! It is tarnishing His name. Just as someone saying, “So and so cannot be relied upon to show up on time, to complete the task, etc” is tarnishing his or her name. That seems one of the reasons the book of James instructs us to guard our tongues.
- i. If our amazing loving God can create everything out of nothing, the human body, universe, virgin birth, resurrection, then healing is no big shake
- j. Trust Him to do it if it is His will. Don't doubt His love. (Francis Schork immediately after tragic loss of his 3 year old daughter, Cahterine, raised his hands and proclaimed: “I will not curse God!”)
- k. He has risen! I know that. My belief is much more than blind faith. I have seen evidence of it for almost 30 years as a Believer! And He heals. He has healed me physically, emotionally and spiritually. I need to trust Him to do it tomorrow just as I witnessed Him doing it yesterday and the day before. IF HE DID IT 1 X, HE CAN DO IT AGAIN! His timing is perfect so it may not be tomorrow. But I need to wait patiently and trust.
- l. Cathy and I have experienced healings countless times—at least once this week—Wed night/Thursday morning. Hardships have produced growth and good. Why do bad things happen to good people? So not yet believers can

see how believers handle/face adversity. So not currently Believers (backsliders) can be reminded of how miraculous our God is.

- m. **(slide)** Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Yeshua from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Messiah from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

WOW!!! What a powerful promise! What a tremendous free gift! What an awesome loving God. Can we say Amen to that and Thank You LORD!

- n. Imagine the power that raised Yeshua from the dead, a miraculous, stronger-than-an earthquake-like power. That same power dwells in each one of us who have received Yeshua as our Messiah. It is a life-giving/life-changing/resurrecting Spirit.

6. Documentation of Miracles

- a. Don't believe in miracles? There are documented in the Bible and ELSEWHERE

b. Miracles are documented in non-biblical secular sources that Apostle John survived oil burning:

c. **Slide** Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus, anglicised as Tertullian:

"...where the Apostle John was first plunged, UNHURT, into boiling oil, and thence remitted to his island-exile!"

d. Similarly, the second century Roman author and philosopher Celsus wrote The True Word, which was a critique of those following Yeshua. He believed faith in Yeshua was interfering with individuals' allegiance to Rome.

e. **(slide)** Celsus writes this concerning the miracles and life of Yeshua:

That he (Jesus)... coming to the knowledge of certain miraculous powers, returned from thence to his own country, and by means of those powers proclaimed himself a god.

f. Celsus was also an adverse witness. He despised the followers of Yeshua—he wrote an entire book about why he felt they were crazy! So Celsus clearly had no reason to lie and concede that Yeshua was a miraculous man who had supernatural powers.

g. (slide) The Babylonian Talmud also refers to the supernatural and miraculous nature of the life of Yeshua. It says in Sanhedrin 43a:

On the Eve of the Passover, they hanged Yeshu. And an announcer went out in front of him, for forty days saying: “He is going to be stoned because he practiced sorcery and enticed and led Israel astray,”

h. The writers of these rabbinic commentaries clearly refer to Yeshua practicing “sorcery,” which means that He was performing acts that were perceived as being miraculous. Although these writers probably did not regard Yeshua as LORD, they clearly refer to His life as miraculous.

f. Respected and credentialed biblical theologian Dr. John Meier surmises that in light of the vast amount of documentation of Yeshua’s miracles, it would be virtually impossible for them to have been fabricated.

h. **(slide)** David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, concluded, “In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles,” (CBS interview, October 5, 1956).

7. Cast out fear and distrust

a. **(slide)** Romans 8:15 "For you did NOT receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

b. We do not have to fear anything. (repeat). Bondage is slavery. The LORD can free you from whatever is binding you and preventing you from soaring. We used to be slaves to our habits, our emotions, our prejudices, and our sins, but the Messiah has set us free from bondage/slavery/sin as He set the Israelites free.

c. No power (Pharaoh), in heaven or earth, can separate us from His love. This love will never fail.

d. May all of us be increasingly rooted and grounded in this love. May our faith and trust grow daily!

e. **(slide)** Devil plays with our minds when our reality doesn’t meet our expectations. Don’t allow what’s wrong to ruin what’s right.

f. 2 Cor. 10:4-6 “We are tearing down false arguments 5 and every high-minded thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah.

f. Answer when asked why do you have such hope, is: because of the hope that lies within me. (always be ready to give a reason for the hope that lies within you. (1 Peter 3:15)

g. (slide) “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

h. (slide) Timothy Keller: God's grace rarely operates according to our schedule.

i. Faith in God, includes faith in His timing.

j. We bear each other's burdens (I am praying for you, I am praying for your friend, I am praying for your (relative). Hope is important.

k. Patty Juster: God is the only one who can comfort us in our deepest parts of our soul. Truly he has the power to heal and to restore us and has sent the Comforter to live within us.

o. Sometimes we wail.

p. I am reminded of Anna in Luke 2 who was in the Temple with Simeon when Yeshua was presented for dedication. It was said of her that she was a widow whose husband died after only seven years of marriage. She then started interceding for the coming of the Messiah, turning her tears into worship and intercession! What would happen if we take all our sorrow during this season and weep before the throne in worship like Anna? Who knows, but our tears may release the return of the Messiah and the coming Kingdom. The censers of heaven are almost full and the time of the redemption of all things is so close. “Weeping may last for a night but joy comes in the morning.” (Psalm 30:5)

8. The importance of trusting God amidst the storms: Mental Health Affects Physical Health. So, keep a sound mind amidst stressful situations. Stress can feed cancer.

a. Today we understand that we can literally worry ourselves sick and that depression can translate into real physical problems. The Hebrew Scriptures revealed this to us 3,000 years ago:

b. (slide) A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones. Proverbs 17:22

- c. (maybe skip) As I had learned at the Bill Gothard seminar, by following God's instruction to forgive, Rose experienced blessing and healing. After forgiving the Nazis, her anger, bitterness, and unrest subsided. Surgeries were no longer necessary and she was set free from the bondage of bitterness and unforgiveness. The bitter poison was gone from her body. Hallelujah!

When Rose Price personally forgave individual Nazis, the guilt they had been carrying for decades lifted, and six of them came to her and repented. One of the Nazis had been a guard in a camp in which she had been imprisoned!

- d. Be still and know that I am God.

- e. God knows exactly what we need for the long haul, and His Word promises that He will bless us

f. **(slide)** But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

g. **(slide)** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

h. probably skip Elisabeth Elliot ~" If you dwell on your own feelings about things rather than dwelling on the faithfulness, the love, and the mercy of God, then you're likely to have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. Our feelings are very fleeting and ephemeral, aren't they? We can't depend on them for five minutes at a time. But dwelling on the love, faithfulness, and mercy of God is always safe."

i. Sadly, like most of you I imagine, Cathy and I know many who have died of cancer—a wicked wicked illness from the pit of hell.

k. (slide) The antidote to fear is faith.

- l. Faith believes in a positive future. We need to stop listening to the media and develop an eternal perspective. Hide in the shadow of God's wings. We are not alarmed by the changes around us.

j. In God we trust.

k (slide) “Be strong and of good courage. Fear not, nor be afraid, for the Lord your God will go with you. He will not fail you or forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6).

- l. Together we purpose to be strong and of good courage.
- m. (slide) As Joshua 1:9 instructs us. When life is full of challenges, sorrows and difficult decisions, lift your eyes upon the Lord.
- n. (slide) “I lift my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth” (Psalm 121).
- o. When your world is seemingly spinning out of control, focus on Him and He will speak to you
- m. Conclusion.
- n. Message title last week: At the right hand of God for 2000 years
- o. Get behind me satan
- p. When storms come your way, remember you know the Master of the Wind. When sickness finds you, remember you know the great physician. When your heart gets broken, just say, I know the potter. It doesn't matter what we go through, Yeshua is the way, the truth and the life.
- q. Have His sabbath peace amidst the turmoil and storms
- r. Trusting God for His perfect plan at His perfect time.
 - s. Randy Alcorn: How can Yeshua's crucifixion, the worst event in human history, also be—in context with His resurrection—the best event? If we can begin to wrap our minds around this, we start to see that if the greatest evil in the universe could serve the greatest good, then the same God—our God—can surely bring good out of the darkest evils. (JA: Israel, with tremendous end time significance, arose out of the ashes of the holocaust).
 - t. (probably skip). Hebrews 4:14-16: 14 Therefore, since we have a great Kohen Gadol who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua Ben-Elohim, let us hold firmly to our confessed allegiance. 15 For we do not have a kohen gadol who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all the same ways—yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near to the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help in time of need.

- u. A key ingredient to being a follower of Jesus is to follow, and resist the temptation to lead.

9. Conclusion: Come to Me Video by Lamb. Seems to sum it up. (Cathy was up praying in the middle of the night this week and came to bed with this song playing.

- a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqgkD4KHCpg>

Lyrics

Come to Me, you who labor,
All of you who are heavy burdened,
Take my yoke and learn of me
I am gentle and oh so meek

My yoke is easy, my burden light,
Peace for your souls there you will find,
Drink from the fountain that will never run dry,
Rest your souls in it's sweet overflow

And for all of you who love and revere My Name
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PRAY FOR HEALING!