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"Expect a Miracle!"

That is what the Lord told me when I was crying out to Him in my pain. St. John of the Cross writes about the dark night and the cloud of unknowing. When you can't see God or feel His presence, when nothing makes sense and you just don't know what to do, so you cry out to God: "Lord Jesus son of David, have mercy on me!"

The beauty of going through trials and tribulation is that God is with you. He has a plan to not only help you but to bring you out a better person. He wants to show His glory and the way He does that is to reveal it in us and through us.

I had read about dying to self and had prayed about it and now I am experiencing it. The Lord told me, if we are going to experience miracles, that I must die to self, to identify with the crucified Christ. As Paul put it, "I have been crucified with Christ" - Galatians 2:20. Ok, so here I am seeing myself crucified with Christ. I believe in faith that I am dead to sin. I am saying "I am crucified with Christ, I am dead to sin." Then temptation comes along and the flesh jumps up in me. Then I am saying, "what happened to dead to sin?" I thought dead meant dead with no response. But here the Lord reminds me that it is by faith and faith by definition is the substance of things hoped for. So, like everything else, I have to work on being dead. Therefore, I am practicing it, seeing it, claiming it and sometimes actually experiencing it. Galatians 5:24 - "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified that sinful nature with its passions and desires."

Now I am working on that and the Lord says that is Step One. If that isn't hard enough, read the next part of the verse: "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" - Step Two. So, by faith, I believe and am seeing Christ Jesus living in me and I ask the Lord Jesus, "what do you want to do?" He says, "I want to be the head of my church; I want to build my church; I want to do it by the proclaiming of the word with miracles and wonders and signs following. Yes, I will do it by my Spirit, says the Lord!"

And so that is what we are doing! We are getting out of the way so that Jesus can love his people, His church and do miracles. And that is just what He is doing! The Way of Life Church is once again truly becoming a house of prayer where people are coming to meet Jesus and receiving a miracle.

When you come, please don't look at the preachers or the leaders or the people. Look for Jesus and see what He wants to do in you. If you come seeking, you will find! If you come asking, He will answer! If you come knocking, He will open the door. The Bible says that Jesus healed them all, fed them all and He is doing the same things today! Yes! Jesus is still in the Miracle Business. We are getting testimonies in every service of the miracles that Jesus is doing. Come to HIM EXPECTING A MIRACLE! That is what I am doing and that is what I am getting! Thank You, Lord for Your Grace and Mercy.

And you have to understand this. He does not give us the miracles because we deserve them nor because we have earned them. He doesn't withhold them because we are not good enough. He does them because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross and because our Heavenly Father is a loving, caring God. He loves you so much! He will not withhold any good thing from you. He lavishes His love on you. So start believing, start expecting. This is our time to know the presence and the power of the one true, living, loving God! When we mix our belief and faith with action, we see the miracle.