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many, 2020 has been one of those years filled with heartache and trouble; for me that time was 2019.

On April 10, 2019, one month before my wife turned forty, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. As I stood there hearing the news, I just thought, "God, what are we going to do?" But even in the most trying times of life, God is still doing miracle after miracle. She started chemo and made some lifelong friends. As weird as it sounds, she started to look forward to chemo days. She did twenty-four rounds of chemo. The next step was having a double mastectomy; then she did twenty-eight rounds of radiation. She just finished up this past month doing 896 chemo pills. She is cancer free and we are currently waiting on her last surgery date. In the midst of our greatest trial, we saw God do so many miracles. People blessed us time and time again.



In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus instructs His disciples to get in the boat and go to the other side. As a storm came, Jesus was asleep on a pillow. As the storm was raging, it was a bad time in their

life. But if they had not gone through the storm, they would have never seen some of the greatest miracles Jesus performed. He arose and said, "Peace; Be Still" and the seas obeyed. What a great miracle!

We don't have to like the trying times in our lives, but just know this one thing; that is where Jesus does some of the greatest miracles.

Rev. Kieth Owens was saved in 1994 and preached his first sermon 1997. He has served in many different roles of church leadership, including a teen Sunday school teacher and other pastoral roles. He has been the Associate Pastor at New Life Christian Assembly for the past fifteen years, where he teaches the young adult Sunday School and serves on the Pastor's Council.

Pastor Kieth has been married to his best friend Jennifer for twenty-three years. They have a seventeen year old daughter named Macie.

Brother Owens has been in the IMA since about 2005 (Mid-South District), where he served as Treasure for three years. The past six years, he has served as chairman of the Mid-South District.

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GOD OF MIRACLES



By Rev. Kieth Owens; IMA Mid-South District Chair

"Verily, verily, I say unto to you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12

I am often asked, "Does God still do miracles?" "Are miracles real?"

I remember as a young man feeling called by God to preach His word, telling God many times there is no way I can preach the gospel. One day in my prayer time, God gave me this scripture and told me if I preached His word, He would do great things through me. That was over twenty years ago. I know without a shadow of a doubt God is a miracle-working God.

I think about the children of God, as they walked on dry ground across the red sea. What a miracle! I read where God delivered David out of the hands of the bear, lion, and Goliath—even as a young boy. I read about how God did a miracle for the three Hebrew boys who were thrown into the fire. I read how God took care of Daniel in the lion's den. I am amazed that people have to ask if God does miracles!

I have seen miracle after miracle in people's lives today. My mother-in-law was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2007. As we prayed, God showed up. As she went into surgery that day, the doc-

tors came out and said, "We can't even find a trace of cancer." What a miracle!

A man in our church had many spots on his brain that were bleeding. He lost all function on one side of his body and he told the doctors, "I am walking out of this hospital." Praise the Lord; he walked out and he is still praising God for his miracle.

How do miracles happen for people? They don't come because we are some great orator. They don't come because we are the pastor or teacher.

Mark 11:23 says, "For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Jesus simply says—have faith in God.

I believe miracles are all around us and believe they even happen in the most trying times of our lives. For

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Hope to see you all at the National Conference!



**Chairman's
Comer:**

Supernatural Experiences Await People of Faith

By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman

I will turn my hand upon thee, and I will thoroughly purge away thy dross... And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning. Isa 1:25-26 DARBY

After giving much thought to this time of Covid and filtering through prophetic utterances addressed to God's church, I believe supernatural experiences are upon us. The IMA has from its inception been built on the premise that God is real, and He works in extraordinary ways, especially in difficult times. Founding fathers of the IMA experienced these supernatural encounters and it is part of our heritage to continue in them!

Please understand that when all is going well; while living in times of prosperity, the supernatural is not sought for, nor of necessity (at least in the natural). However, when winds of adversity blow and floods of evil rise, the mindset quickly changes. We begin to cry out to God for the impossible. Miracles and healings are necessary; we become desperate for God.

The Collective Body of the United States is just as it was in Isaiah's day. The "whole head

is sick, and the whole heart is faint..." (1:5). The prophet goes on to say, there is "no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores..." Isaiah even pinpoints national crisis in metropolitan areas. He continues, "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire... strangers destroy [your land] in your presence."



Isaiah then calls upon God's people who can hear His voice: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; put away your evil doings (V. 16). Why this call to repentance? What does God have in mind for them? Verse 25 gives the answer: God promises to turn toward them once again. He wants to "take away their dross" and "restore their judges as at the first" (V. 26).

Good news! God is awakening His Church. He is working in pastors, churches, governments; He is restoring "judges" to our land. He

continues: "The Lord's house shall be established... and shall be exalted... all nations shall flow into it" (2:2). God is dealing with those who "oppress" His church. The arms of believers shall open wide to broken people, who are desperate for the supernatural power of God.



Having just gathered with a group of IMA ministers for a prayer summit, the prophetic revelation is that God is preparing us for the Third Great Awakening. He is awakening the church so our nation can be healed. In Minneapolis where George Floyd was killed, something amazing is happening. A group of Christians went to the exact spot and began preaching the gospel! They brought in a baptismal tank; reports are that over one hundred individuals have been saved, baptized and many healed. God is on the move. IMA, let's partner with the Holy Spirit in this fresh move of God!

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IMA National Conference

Dates: Mon-Wed, Sept. 21-23, 2020

Return Church; Clarksville, IN (near Louisville, KY)

Theme: Poised to Win! *press toward the goal for the prize... Phil. 3:14*

Evening Conf Speakers:

- Rev. Jason King from Faith Bible Chapel in Arvada, CO
- Rev. Ben Bufkin from Living Word Church in Houma, LA
- Rev. Paul Mason from Living Waters Church in Seguin, TX



Infallible Proofs

By Connie Rodriguez; IMA Missionary

...He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:2-3 NKJV

Jesus proved Himself with many infallible proofs (Acts 1:3). As a missionary's kid, I'm a first-hand witness of many supernatural proofs.

My sister's cupboards were bare. "I'd be happy with just beans," she prayed. A neighbor knocked at her door. "Could you use these?" he asked. Lima, green, pinto, baked—if it was a bean, he had it. Lesson learned! God hears and supernaturally provides!

Dad [Jerry McSorley] owned a fickle car. Once a fellow missionary asked to borrow it. Dad smiled, "When it breaks down, put your hands on the hood and pray." The man went on his way into the mountains of Mexico. Returning, the car broke down. He wiggled the battery cables, added water to the radiator. He did everything he knew to do. Thinking it ridiculous, he finally put his hands on the hood and prayed. Miraculously it started, and he drove home. "The car broke down," he exclaimed. "I'm not surprised," Dad replied dryly. "I prayed for it, and it started right up!" the man exclaimed! "I told you it would," Dad said with a smirk.



As my parents aged, we became care givers. Mom became ill. By the time she agreed to see the doctor, things were bad! The baffled doctors ran test after test. Finally, they concluded that it was pancreatitis. Her condition was too grave to be airlifted to a better facility. Before we knew it, she was intubated in an induced coma. Her bloated body jerked with every me-

chanical breath. Her lungs failed; her kidneys shut down; we were shown an X-ray of her shrunken brain. The grim discussion came about removing all machines. Exhaustedly, we camped out in the ICU waiting room. Home was fifty miles away.

After fasting and praying, I felt completely drained. "God, please send someone to pray with me." During our whole stay no chaplain or minister had ever entered that waiting room. But on this day, as I knelt before a chair, three nuns arrived. Silently they laid their hands on me and after a few minutes left as suddenly as they came. "Well, God, that's not what I expected, but thank you," I thought. Moments later my brother-in-law, who lived eight hours away, burst through the door. "God told me to come and pray. Someone here is supposed to pray with me." I jumped up. We went into Mom's ICU room and prayed. Her eyes POPPED open. Life flooded back into her. She started breathing completely on her own. The breathing machine was removed. Within days Mom was home. The bewildered doctors only kept her there to figure out what happened. God happened!

Whether it's as small as a bag of beans or a car that runs on prayer or a miraculous healing, God works supernaturally daily. May our eyes be opened to see His infallible proofs!

Jerry and Connie Rodriguez are faithful IMA missionaries who serve on the Texas border, Mexico, and India through Front Line Missions.

Quotes & Stats

"The purpose of a SPIRIT-FILLED life is to demonstrate the supernatural power of our living God so that the unsaved multitudes will abandon their dead gods to call upon the name of The Lord and be delivered."

~ T. L. Osborn

"Open your heart and invite God into every circumstance because when God enters the scene, miracles happen."

~ Spiritual Inspiration

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'"

~ Mark 10:27

"How easily we take for granted the miracles He performed in our past."

~ David Wilkerson

"Christ's miracles were not the suspension of the natural order but the restoration of the natural order. They were a reminder of what once was prior to the fall and a preview of what will eventually be a universal reality once again—a world of peace and justice without death, disease, or conflict."

~ Tim Keller

A survey from the Pew Forum on religion showed that a vast majority of Americans, nearly 80%, believe in miracles.

A national survey of 1100 physicians, conducted by HCD Research and the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies of The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, found that 74% of doctors believe that miracles have occurred in the past and 73% believe that they still occur today.