

A Virgin's Faith and Christmas Miracles

Overview: Mary believed the Word of God given by Gabriel and a Christmas Miracle was born, named Jesus. Faith is our connection to all that God has done for us through Jesus. By our faith, evidenced by our actions and words, the anointing of God is released, and we secure the promises of God for our lives. Christmas Miracles do happen, not just at Christmas but all year long, as we walk in faith like Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, and the Wise Men.

A. Faith to Believe.

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| 1. Mary's faith. | Luke 1:26-38 |
| 2. Zacharias' doubt. | Luke 1:5-25 |
| 3. Joseph's faith. | Matt 1:18-2 |
| 4. Simeon and Anna's faith. | Luke 2:25-38 |
| 5. Wise Men's faith. | Matt 2:1-12 |

B. Prayer of Faith.

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| 1. Believing that you receive when you pray. | Mark 11:24 |
| 2. It is Impossible for God to lie. | Heb 6:12-18 |
| 3. Believe; while you are praying before the Amen. | |
| 4. Before you pray, consider your desire (that which is due to you from God). | |
| 5. Before you pray, consider the Word (i.e., find an applicable promise of God). | |
| 6. Before you pray, consider your belief (you cannot have faith for that which you are unsure God has promised). | Mark 9:23-24 |
| 7. Before you pray, be committed to standing until you win. | |
| a. Note: Weigh the cost of praying (i.e., are you willing to put in the time, effort, words, actions, money, etc., to your prayer until it comes to pass?). | |

C. Standing in Faith (Spiritual Warfare).

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| 1. What you do between the "Amen" and the "there it is." | |
| 2. Stand, Withstand, Stand, Keep Standing. | Eph 6:10-14 |
| 3. Engaging in Spiritual Warfare. | Eph 6:15-17 |
| a. Knowing who you are in Christ. | |
| b. Knowing what you have in Christ. | |
| c. Speaking what you know – The Sword of the Spirit. | |
| 4. Walk by faith, not by sight. | 2 Cor. 5:7 |
| 5. Keep affirming God's Word with your mouth. | Titus 3:8 |
| 6. Keep studying God's Word to renew your mind. | Rom 12:2 |

Note: Mental assent produces wishful thinking. Heart belief (faith) produces actions and words.