

## Having a Faith That Testifies



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This message is for every Christian who is on the brink of exhaustion, overwhelmed by your present situation. You have been a faithful servant, feeding others, confident that God can do the impossible for his people. Yet you have lingering doubts about God's willingness to intervene in *your* present struggle.

Think of those in the Body of Christ whom you have given words of faith and hope, people facing seemingly hopeless situations. You've urged them, "Hang on! God is a miracle worker, and his promises are true. Don't lose hope — he is going to answer your cry."

Jesus made a statement to believers in every generation: "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way" (Matthew 15:32). He is telling us, "I will do more for my people than heal them. I'm going to make sure they have enough bread to eat. I am concerned about everything concerning their lives."

We all believe God can work miracles. We believe in every miracle we have read in Scripture. Yet, that is not enough. God's question to all his people right now is, "Do you believe I can work a miracle *for you*?" And not just one miracle, but a miracle for every crisis, every situation we face.

Our faith in troubled times obtains for us the testimony of "a good report." "For by [their faith] the elders obtained a good report" (Hebrews 11:2). The Greek word for "obtained" here means "to bear witness, to become a testimony." Our ancestors in the Lord had a settled, anchored faith. And their unwavering faith became a testimony to the world of God's faithfulness in the midst of troubled times.

As you rest in him through storms, holding your faith position, you are obtaining a "good report." And you are serving as a beacon of hope to those around you. Those who watch your life — at home, at work, on your block — are learning that hope is available to them.

Our God has supplied us with everything needed to sustain our faith, even as calamities increase. We have been given the witness of the Holy Spirit, who abides in us, and God's fully revealed Word in the Scriptures. These will sustain us, obtaining for us the testimony of a good report even as the world shakes.

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