



Why Some Miracles Happen And Some Don't | Doug Wekenman | 1.10-11

Weekly Study

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Welcome to week 1 of Miracle Mindset. As a church, we are stepping into 2026 believing God for the impossible, not as hype, but as a way of living that keeps our attention on who God is. A miracle is when God does what we cannot, and the invitation this year is simple: stop measuring life by willpower and start measuring life by God's power. The miracle is God's job, the mindset is ours.

Last week, Pastor Ryan called us into 21 days of prayer and fasting as a church. It was not framed as a spiritual flex or a trendy habit. It was an invitation to hunger for Jesus and to make space for God to move. This week builds on that foundation by naming the tension many of us feel: we have heard miracle stories, we have prayed hard, and sometimes we have watched God move, and sometimes we have watched the pain stay. This message puts language to that tension and calls us to keep showing up with faith, not because faith earns a miracle, but because faith receives what God wants to give.

- ☐ **What is one place in your life where you feel the gap between what you know about God and what you are currently experiencing?**

GROW

Read 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Scripture gives us a clear framework: we live in what the message called the already, but not yet. God has already placed His Spirit in us as a guarantee, a down payment that more is coming. You belong to God right now, and God is working right now, but the fullness of restoration is not here yet. That is why the Kingdom is already among us and why brokenness is still real at the same time.

- ☐ **How does the already, but not yet idea reshape the way you interpret unanswered prayers or delayed breakthroughs?**

Yes, God heals and restores, because heaven is breaking in. And yes, suffering still happens, because heaven has not yet fully arrived. That tension is not a sign God is absent. It is the reality of living in a world where redemption has begun but is not complete. The hope is not that everything feels fixed today. The hope is that **the King is coming, and the wedding feast is real.** *Revelation 19:6-7* points to the ending we are moving toward.

- ☐ **Why do you think it matters that God gives us an ultimate future promise instead of explaining every present outcome?**

Doug led us into deeper and more difficult understanding: there are questions we will not be able to answer, like why one person gets healed and another person does not, or why Jesus healed many and still left towns with people in line. There is a difference between asking hard questions and letting hard questions turn into bitterness. The goal is not to defend God like an attorney or reduce Him to a vending machine. The invitation is to keep fasting, praying, and believing, while letting God do what only God can do.

- ☐ **What would it look like for you to pursue God with faith while also being honest about disappointment you are carrying?**

MOVE

Read James 4:2

The first move is to get specific about what you are asking God to do. Vague hope usually turns into vague disappointment. Pastor Doug reminded us that some people do not have because they do not ask, and that God invites real requests from real people. This week, name the miracle you are asking for with clarity. Write it down. Submit it. Share it with someone you trust. Asking is not demanding. Asking is relationship. Asking is choosing hope over numbing out.

- ☐ **What is one specific miracle you are asking God for right now, and how can you put words to it in a single clear sentence?**

The second move is to shift from control to hunger. Pastor Doug said it plainly: **Do not think healthy; think hungry.** Fasting is not about proving you are serious, or earning leverage with God. It is about creating space for your soul to remember what it actually needs. When your body feels the ache, let it point you to Jesus instead of just irritability, distraction, or scrolling. This week, pick a fast that costs you something and use the discomfort as a prompt to pray.

- ☐ **How can you build one simple rhythm during the fast where hunger becomes a cue to pray instead of a cue to complain?**

The third move is to practice expectation with other people. **Miracles are a team sport.** Isolation multiplies doubt. Community strengthens faith. This week, choose one person to pray for every

day, and choose one person to ask to pray for you. Faith grows when it is shared, spoken, and practiced. You do not have to pretend you are confident. You just have to keep bringing your need to God with other believers beside you.

- ☐ **Who is one person you can pray for daily this week, and who is one person you can ask to consistently pray for you?**

P R A Y

This week, pray like someone who believes God can move and like someone who trusts God is still good even when the answer is not yet. Ask God to divinely persuade you again, to strengthen your faith, and to help you stay present in the tension of the already, but not yet. Before your next group meeting, take one concrete step: submit one prayer request and pray for at least three other requests, then tell someone what you are believing God to do so you do not carry it alone.