

### Discipleship Tip: Enthusiasm

The word enthusiasm is from the Greek word *entheo*, meaning in God.

Enthusiasm is a key component to building and growing your connect group. Get enthusiastic and your connect group members will be too!

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### The Power of God – Ps Greg French

#### **1 Cor 4:20-21 (NKJV). "For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power. What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?"**

God's Kingdom and power is established through not only the Word of God but also the Power of God.

To raise great kids we need to bring the word of correction but also need the power of love. So too with our lives, we need the Word of God active but we also need to continue to seek the power of God. To move in the supernatural of God is the natural and supernatural moving together.

The Kingdom of God brings word of truth and revelation. Power brings the ability we wouldn't naturally have. The Word is not just to be spoken but also to be demonstrated.

How does God do a miracle?

- **1 Cor 12:27-28.** All are specific anointing/giftings, but miracles are spoken of as being for those who "work them" – because we all have God's power available.
- **Acts 3:1-3.** Crippled man by the beautiful Gate for most of his life. Peter demanded his undivided attention "Look at us" for him to receive his miracle. Imagine if he had given up going to the gate the day before? This man demonstrated perseverance turning up each day.
- Prayer builds confidence. We don't want to miss God's moment so keep turning up, don't step back, step in when you haven't yet received your miracle.
- Jacob refused to let go of God until he had received God's blessing. We should have that tenacity. God has whole packages for us, not just a partial answer.

How does God work miracles in us?

- **Gen 1:2a.** We are formless and empty without Him but find our identity, purpose and meaning in Christ.
- **Gen 1:2b.** Darkness speaks of hopelessness, but the Spirit was hovering over the Earth. So too God's Spirit hovers over us to bring change, to bring Light into our lives.
- As in the beginning, the Holy Spirit can be present but not active until the Word is spoken. Our words create our world. Change communication, change our dialogue.
- **Gen 11:1-8.** Tower of Babel happened because ungodly men came into agreement, how much more powerful when God's people come into agreement with His Word and with each other.

God works miracles because we don't give up. God works miracles because we change our dialogue.

### TALK ABOUT

- **What miracle have you given up on? What made you give up?**
- **What miracle do you need to change the way you speak about? What can you say to positively confess it?**
- **What miracle are you waiting for? Pray together as a connect group over the miracles.**

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### Christian Essentials

Need to know more about Jesus Christ? Whether you' ve been a Christian for a while or recently made a decision for Jesus, discovering more about Him is essential to living a faithful and flourishing Christian life. Christian Essentials is a great course to recommend to your connect group members (whether they have been Christians 2 days or 20 years), and even to go to as a connect group. It starts on Sunday 25th July at 11am and on Tuesday 27th July at 7pm and is held in the Glasshouse at the Oxford Falls Campus. Contact [cec@myc3church.net](mailto:cec@myc3church.net) or call the church (9972 8688) for more details.

