



Holy Spirit - The Gift Giver pt. 5

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Message Summary

This message teaches that God’s favor, healing, and miracles flow from His goodness—not human effort. Some breakthroughs happen instantly, while others unfold through a process God uses to build spiritual capacity, maturity, and sustainability. Healing restores what is damaged. Wholeness secures us so the problem cannot return. Restoration rebuilds what was lost with new structure. Whether through a sudden moment or a long journey, God’s power is always purposeful, and every miracle—immediate or in process—is designed to glorify God and strengthen faith for the future.

Discussion Questions

The Kingdom Operates Through Keys, Not Randomness

God’s Kingdom functions through spiritual laws (keys), not randomness. Healing and miracles are not unpredictable acts of God’s mood, but responses to Kingdom principles. God gives access to heaven’s power through obedience, faith, forgiveness, agreement, and focus.

1. What does it mean to see the Bible as “keys to the Kingdom” instead of rules to follow? (Matthew 16:19)
2. Why does Jesus tell believers to seek the Kingdom before seeking results? (Matthew 6:33)
3. How do keys like forgiveness, focus, and agreement unlock freedom and peace? (Luke 6:37; Isaiah 26:3; Matthew 18:19)

Healings Repair, Miracles Build Capacity

Healing restores what is broken, but the *working of miracles* often involves a process that develops the capacity to sustain the breakthrough. God sometimes delays completion so the miracle will last beyond the moment and produce lasting transformation.

1. What is the biblical difference between healing and the working of miracles? (1 Corinthians 12:9–10)
2. Why might God allow a miracle to unfold through a process instead of an instant moment? (2 Corinthians 3:18)
3. How does spiritual capacity determine whether a breakthrough is sustained or lost? (Luke 16:10)



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God Uses Process to Reveal Greater Glory

Sometimes God allows situations to worsen—not because He is absent, but because He is preparing to reveal Himself at a higher level of glory. Delay and deterioration can be divine setups for greater faith, deeper revelation, and lasting transformation.

1. Why did Jesus delay healing Lazarus, even though He loved him? (John 11:4–7, 15)
2. How can deterioration become a setup for God’s glory? (Romans 8:18)
3. What does Lazarus’ resurrection teach us about levels of God’s power and glory? (2 Corinthians 3:18; John 11:43–44)

Wrap Up

God’s power moves through healing, wholeness, miracles, and restoration. Some breakthroughs come suddenly; others come through a divine process. Healing repairs. Wholeness protects. Restoration rebuilds. Whether instant or progressive, every miracle is intentional, sustainable, and designed for God’s glory. Delay does not mean denial—and process does not mean absence. God is always working.

Group Challenge

As a group, identify areas where you’ve grown discouraged by delay or process. Pray together and commit to trusting God’s timing, believing that both **sudden miracles and slow works** are equally powerful expressions of His hand.

Personal Challenge

This week, stop measuring God’s faithfulness by speed. Ask God whether your breakthrough is a **moment** or a **process** and trust Him either way. Commit to obedience, faith, and consistency—knowing that what God starts, He will sustain.