

Miracle Work: A Down-to-Earth Guide to Supernatural Ministries August 2013

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In Miracle Work Jordan Seng tells remarkable stories of physical healings and prophetic messages. He reflects on the possibility and limitations of a contemporary ministry that believes in the power of God, and helps us train and prepare ourselves for when God works through us in the lives of others.

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Miracles Take Work

How do most Christians perceive miracles? How does *Miracle Work* bring a clearer understanding of supernatural ministries?

Jordan Seng: Most Christians believe miracles are possible, but they do not use them as a normal tool for ministry. They might believe in supernatural ministries such as healing, deliverance and prophecy, but find them inaccessible in practice. This is a problem because Jesus encouraged his followers to practice supernatural ministry as part of their outreach and ministry life. Supernatural experiences are also important to our living testimony in the world. *Miracle Work* is designed to get believers moving in supernatural ministry. It's a very practical how-to guide that also provides a solid biblical and historical structure for understanding it. It explains how to go about supernatural ministry, and also why it works the way it does.

Supernatural power seems out of reach to a lot of people. Describe supernatural ministry and our own individual roles in miracle work.

Jordan: God partners with us to get things done in the world. This is as true of supernatural ministries like healing, deliverance and prophecy as it is of "normal" ministries like preaching and teaching. God typically doesn't drop miracles from heaven. Instead, he makes power available to us so that we can perform them. Who empowers miracles? God. Who does them? We do, usually. And like all ministries, miracles take work. The key to fruitful supernatural ministry is to do the things that cause us to grow in the Spirit's power. It's not the methods you use to do the healings or deliverances. It's the power you have when you do them, and power is about preparation and growth. So, what do you do to grow in the Spirit's supernatural power for ministry? Scripture says a lot about that. Obedience, expectant faith, supernatural gifts and acts of consecration all increase the flow of God's supernatural power in us. Understanding this helps us craft clear and effective approaches to healing, deliverance and prophecy.

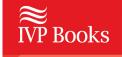
What do you hope readers take away from Miracle Work?

Jordan:

- 1) Supernatural ministries like healing, deliverance and prophecy are just like other ministries we do in that they require us to partner with God through preparation and sacrificial acts. Just as we work at preaching and teaching, so too we work at healing, deliverance and prophecy. Miracles take work.
- 2) There are specific things we can do to increase the flow of God's supernatural power

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Q&A





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- in us for supernatural ministry. The Bible speaks of them frankly, and they make sense to the thoughtful believer.
- 3) Again, the key to successful healings, deliverance, prophecies and intercessions isn't about how one goes about doing them. It's about how much supernatural power we've developed when we do them. Expertise is not nearly as important as power.
- 4) If we fail at our attempts at miracles, the issue is probably not God's willingness. The issue is probably our simple lack of power. We don't need complicated theologies; we just need to go back to work.
- 5) Supernatural ministries are excellent tools for outreach and care, but they're also powerful spurs to personal discipleship. The things that make you supernaturally powerful are also things that bring you closer to God. And if you're "weird" enough to try to heal diseases with supernatural power or to cast demons out of people, you'll have an easier time being otherworldly in your relationships, finances and other life choices.

