

## Signs and Wonders #12

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### Monday:

Concerning the Young Lions here at Trinity, I'm determined to give everything that I have away to the next generation, so they can come along and do what we've been doing, but only do it a whole lot better than we did.

Our God, the Creator of the universe, wants to be your Father, where you and Him interact, which brings His life into you. That's where all the magic happens.

Grace is the anti-venom for dead, lifeless, legalistic, oriented religion.

The greatest rewards and challenges come through our relationships. Families are getting tested in a way that they've never, ever been tested before. God always tests us only in the places we need it, and in the places where we're not just like Jesus yet, because He's conforming us into the image...His image.

You were created in the image of God, for the supernatural realm. You were created for signs, wonders and for good works.

The comfort zone is where dreams go to die. That's where the will of God ends up not having its effect. If you're going to be a kingdom person, you need to get being comfortable out of your mind. It's kind of like working without a net. Your security is not in temporal or temporary things. Your security is in your relationship with the Father.

The poor in America need the church, but not nearly as much as the church needs the poor. Because nothing gives you a clearer picture of your heart like when you're with someone who has an immediate need. It shows you your heart, and it is exposed.

### Tuesday:

What happens as we're baptized in the Holy Spirit? It's a supernatural empowering from the Lord, specifically for the work of the ministry.

If you're serious about being equipped for the work of the ministry, wouldn't you want to be able to operate in the greatest amount of anointing possible?

The most valuable gift that's ever been given in time or eternity is the gift of the Holy Spirit. That's God miraculously putting His spirit into our hearts. He's in us. We're in Him.

If we would be sensitive to Him, He would direct us at every turn. He'd show us things to come. He'd help us to pray when we don't know how to pray. He would lead us and guide us.

You have an unfair advantage over people in the world who don't have the Holy Spirit, because you have the mind of Christ. God's true Spirit lives in you, if you have been born again.

When we are talking about baptism in the Holy Spirit, we are talking about operating way beyond normal, physical, mental or any human capability. It's God in you. It's Christ in you. It's a treasure in earthen vessel.

### **Wednesday:**

John the Baptist came baptizing with water unto repentance but he said that one greater (Jesus) will baptize you, immerse you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

*Repentance* partly means having a godly sorrow about sin, but the main part is being able to look at something with a different perspective, seeing something differently, as a result of the indwelling presence of the Lord.

*The baptism of Fire* is the purifying process that we go through when we sign on through salvation, when we come to Jesus, and are born again, which means to move on past salvation. Salvation is just the beginning of your godly journey, not the end. He'll take you through a lot to get you into the place where you can be the most effective. I personally have been in the baptism of fire for 41 years now.

I think you should embrace this baptism of fire. You don't have to, but if He wants to do a lot of stuff through you, He's going to take you through a lot of things, especially leaders, so you can be in the best place you can be and as fit as you can be, for the greatest move of God that's ever happened on the planet earth. It's happening now.

The thing that puzzles and concerns me is that I see it happening outside the church, with people who are not actually part of a church, when in actuality, the church should be leading in that and not following somewhere back in the pack.

I didn't give my life for some counterfeit social club where everybody can kind of feel good. No! I have given my life so that the Kingdom of God can come forth here.

### **Thursday:**

God is going to take you through a lot to prepare you to be at the best place, as fit as you can possibly be. James wrote, "*Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience*".

So, if you are getting tested, that's a really, really good sign. It's most of the time uncomfortable, but it's necessary. If you believe God's going to do something through you, He's going to take you through a lot of things to strip off the flesh, the dying of your own will and agenda, in favor of His perfect will being worked out in and through you.

If you are following Jesus, He's going to take you through a lot. Out of that comes a deep, deep reverence for the Father of how much He loves you. He's testing you because He loves you.

Anyone who has a legitimate walk with the Lord, the enemy has an assignment to discredit you. Why? It's bad advertising for him for you to have a real, genuine, authentic relationship with the

Father.

One of the great tests in life is how we successfully navigate betrayal. This is one we all get tested in, especially leaders. This is where we learn to trust Him.

The one thing that makes this really, really worth it for me is when you embrace the truth of it and you start to walk it out. It's uncomfortable for you, but you're stepping out of your comfort zone when I see you going through the trials, but keeping your focus on Him. When I see that, it makes me think that what I'm doing is worthwhile.

### **Friday:**

Everybody wants to be a person of great faith, but how? You go through a lot of testing and trails, and you learn to trust. You learn that God can be trusted.

I see a lot of people who don't take very big steps of faith, and I think you're going to regret it at the end, when you look back and see all the things that you could have done.

The baptism of fire is not for judgment or punishment. It's His process to transform you, being conformed into the image of Jesus. All God cares about is your heart becoming like Jesus. Everything that God does is about the heart. Psalms talks about paying attention and guarding your heart, for out of that springs all the issues of life.

Please pull out your Bible and read John 17: 20-26. This scripture sets the tone for the rest of this message.

It's not just that you become a recipient of the perfect love of God, but that you would be able to pass that along and love like Jesus did. The Bible never encourages you to do anything that you're not capable of doing, but most of the time, you need the help of the Holy Spirit to do that.

When did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit? In John 20: 22, Jesus breathed on the 11 and said, "*Receive the Holy Spirit*". God told Ezekiel to prophecy breath to the dry bones, and when he did, the bones became an exceedingly great army. On the day of Pentecost, it was the rushing wind that was God's breath that caused them to receive the Holy Spirit.

### **Saturday:**

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is separate and distinct, but totally connected to baptism unto repentance.

The argument is over this phrase, "Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues". That's not a phrase that's in the Bible, but there is a fair argument, since it was what happened on the day of Pentecost, and it's what happened with Cornelius and his family.

The last thing that Jesus said before He ascended, "*You will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be My witnesses*". What is a witness? That your life in obedience to the Lord should be proof, beyond any shadow of any doubt to the people around you that Jesus is real and that He's alive and working in you. Doing that, you are a witness to the world.

We are living in a time, an unspecified amount of time, of unparalleled favor. God is causing a hunger in people's hearts for truth or for something that gives meaning to life, something that helps them to make it through life.

Never has there been a time where people were more willing to hear the good news, and all you have to do is be able to tell your story and what God's doing in your life up to now. The Father is opening the hearts of all mankind and people are looking for meaning in life. They're looking for truth.

If you are looking for truth, you're going to end up at Jesus. I'm just reminding you, you have unparalleled favor. Redeem the time. There's a heightened awareness of open doors and opportunities to tell people the good news. All you have to do is step through the doors that the Father opens.