

# The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind

## Study Guide

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### THE LEAVEN OF THE KINGDOM

But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?" (MARK 8:17-18)

Let's look at the example of the disciples participating in the miraculous food multiplication in Mark 8. Jesus invited them to participate in the miracle, not to dazzle or wow them, but to call them up into a new standard of thinking.

A miracle is a tutor, a gift from God to show us what type of lifestyle exists on the other side. When I experience a miracle and later revert back to the same doubt, complaining, moaning, and groaning, it's because I have not allowed the testimony of the Lord to have its full effect on the way I think. Moving forward after a miracle should recalibrate how we experience life and respond to its problems.

By encountering the miraculous, you are being positioned to maintain the perspective of God in every single trial, circumstance, and situation. What revealed that the disciples flunked their "miracle test"? It was not their participation in the supernatural food-distribution miracle, but rather, it was how they responded in the storm they faced only a few verses later. Our perspective in the aftermath of previous miracles reveals how we allowed the previous miracles to actually reshape our thinking. How we deal with today's problem shows us whether or not we actually received yesterday's invitation to a transformed mind and progression toward maturity.

Miracles by themselves do not produce maturity; I agree. But they do carry this seed of unusual potential to produce significant growth and completely redefine how we view and express Christianity. Just seeing a miracle or even receiving a miracle does not guarantee that the leaven of the Kingdom is having its full effect on your mind. We can have eyes that don't see and ears that don't hear in regard to the supernatural.

You and I can be the most Kingdom-minded people on the planet ... when things are going well. We can see multitudes healed, dozens saved, have great times of worship. But then I might go home and the car breaks down and suddenly I'm out 3,000 dollars. Then the computer shuts down I and the phone system goes out, and the neighbour's mad at me. The fire of circumstance expands whatever leaven is influencing my mind. Let's ensure that, when put to the test, the greater influence in our lives is the leaven of the Kingdom. The key is receiving and responding to the invitation of miracles to upgrade our standard of living so that today's miracle positions us to step into tomorrow's breakthrough.

### TRANSFORMATION THOUGHT

The influence of God's Kingdom in our lives is revealed after we see or receive a miracle, as we are getting ready to respond to the next impossible situation we face in life.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it that our level of Kingdom influence is measured by how we respond after we see or experience a miracle (and not how we behave during a miracle)?
2. How does yesterday's miracle shape and prepare us for today's impossibility? What has this looked like in your life and walk with the Lord?

## TRANSFORMATION PRAYER

*Father, I pray for an increase of the influence of Your Kingdom in my life. For every miracle that I see and participate in, help me learn the lesson that will prepare me to release breakthrough into the next impossible situation.*