



Part 2: The Miracles That Changed Everything (Volume 1)
**(The Miraculous Impact of a Spoken Word and
The Power of a Good Reputation)**

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Announcement: Get your notes and get your phone ready for a digital tip at the end

Relevance: How does this sermon relate practically to our church and our mission?

Statement: It should be our desire to have a reputation of faith that trust God's word not our circumstances. We should believe there will always be a miraculous intervention when we need it.

Three Miraculous Impacts That Changed Everything

1. The Impact of good Reputation (It is memorable...v45)

- John 4:43–54 (NIV84): 43 After the two days he left for Galilee. 44 (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) 45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. **They had seen all that he had done** in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.

Question: What kind of reputation are we developing in this cultural and political environment?

See Appendix Below

2. The Impact of Faith (It causes people to seek you out)

- 46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to **come and heal his son**, who was close to death.

3. The Impact of Jesus Speaking (His spoken word changed everything)

- 48 “Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.” 49 The royal official said, **“Sir, come down before my child dies.”** 50 Jesus replied, “You may go. Your son will live.” **The man took Jesus at his word and departed.** 51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.” 53 **Then the father realized that this was the exact time** at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and all his household believed. **54 This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.**

Note: The boy was healed at 1pm

- **Source:** <https://christ.org/history-rituals/how-to-tell-time-in-the-bible/>

Note: Everything that happened in this story started with the reputation of Christ.

- What kind of reputation do you have?
- What kind of reputation should we strive to have?
- Who is seeking you out these days for wisdom?

Appendix: See link below for more information (Let me let you get your phone ready)

1. **The Evangelical Reputation Impact:** If they are evangelicals they are seen through a political lens

- Source: <https://www.barna.com/research/evangelicals-political-lens/>

2. **The Rise of the Nones:** Many are now classifying themselves as “nones”

- Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2019/10/17/in-u-s-decline-of-christianity-continues-at-rapid-pace/>

3. **Christianity is Growing slowly in the US**

- In 1900, twice as many Christians lived in Europe than in the rest of the world combined. Today, both Latin America and Africa have more. By 2050, the number of Christians in Asia will also pass the number in Europe.
- Currently, **Christianity is barely growing in Europe (0.04% rate) and only slightly better in North America (0.56%).**

4. **The Book You Lost Me: This book gave six reasons young people leave church**

1. **Overprotective**
2. **Shallow**
3. **Anti-science**
4. **Repressive**
5. **Exclusive**
6. **Doubtless (Institutional skepticism, Intellectual doubt)**

Doubtless Quote Explained

- Theologian and Pulitzer-nominated novelist Frederick Buechner once said, “Doubt is the ants in the pants of faith.” Often doubt acts as a powerful motivator toward a more complete and genuine spiritual life, and our research confirms that not everyone who doubts walks away from faith. Still, our study also shows that **doubt is a significant reason young adults disengage from church. (Page 186)**



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Next Time: The Miraculous Impact of Using What You Have (Volume 1, August 21)

Read Ahead: John 5:1-15