

Miracles, Healing, and the Supernatural

Introduction — God Still Moves

For many, the idea of miracles can feel distant or even suspicious. Maybe you've wondered:

- Do miracles still happen?
- Is healing real or just emotional hype?
- What about the times I prayed and nothing happened?

At **Love Church**, we believe that **God is still moving in power today**. Miracles aren't magic tricks or emotional moments—they are expressions of God's compassion, sovereignty, and kingdom breaking into the world. But we also recognize the mystery and tension: sometimes God heals, and sometimes He doesn't—yet His presence is always faithful.

| Key Thought:

We believe in the miraculous, but we don't build our faith on miracles—**we build our faith on Jesus**.

Section 1: Miracles and Healing in the Bible

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is filled with stories of God doing the impossible. Miracles are not just part of the Bible—they're part of the character of God. He's a God who sees, who cares, and who acts.

Here are just a few examples:

- **Old Testament Miracles:**
 - The parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
 - Manna from heaven (Exodus 16)
 - Fire from heaven with Elijah (1 Kings 18)
 - Healing Naaman's leprosy (2 Kings 5)
- **Jesus' Ministry:**
 - He healed the blind, the lame, the deaf (Luke 7:22)
 - He raised the dead (John 11)
 - He calmed storms and walked on water (Mark 4, Matthew 14)
 - He fed thousands with almost nothing (Mark 6)
- **The Early Church:**
 - Peter and John healed a lame man at the temple (Acts 3)
 - Paul cast out demons and healed the sick (Acts 16, Acts 28)
 - People were healed through prayer, anointing, and the laying on of hands (James 5:14–16)

Key Truth:

Miracles were never about the miracle itself—they always pointed people to **who God is**.

They are signs that:

- God is compassionate (Matthew 14:14)
- God has authority over nature, sickness, and death (Mark 1:27)
- God's kingdom is breaking into a broken world (Luke 11:20)

Section 2: Do Miracles Still Happen Today?

We believe the answer is **yes**—God still works in miraculous ways. At **Love Church**, we don't believe miracles are just relics of the past. We believe in a living God who is active today, just as He was in Scripture. While miracles may not always look the same—and while we never demand them—we remain open, expectant, and full of faith.

Biblical Basis:

The New Testament teaches that spiritual gifts, including healing and miracles, were part of the church's life after Jesus' resurrection:

- **1 Corinthians 12:7-10** — Paul lists the gifts of healing, miraculous powers, and faith among others, given by the Holy Spirit.
- **Hebrews 13:8** — “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
- **James 5:14-16** — Encourages believers to pray for the sick, anoint them with oil, and believe in healing.

Nowhere in Scripture does it say these gifts would stop before Jesus returns. While some theologians (called cessationists) believe miracles ceased after the early church, we hold a **continuationist** view—believing the Spirit still moves today.

Our Posture at Love Church:

We're not chasing hype. We're not trying to manufacture emotion. But we do believe:

- **God still heals.**
- **God still speaks.**
- **God still moves.**

We live in the tension of both **faith and mystery**. Sometimes He answers immediately. Sometimes He answers differently. But always, He is good.

We don't worship miracles—we worship the Miracle-Worker.

Section 3: Why Doesn't Everyone Get Healed?

This is one of the hardest and most honest questions people ask:

| “If God can heal, why didn't He?”

At **Love Church**, we hold space for that pain. We've prayed for people who were instantly healed—and we've wept beside hospital beds when healing didn't come. We believe in miracles, but we also believe in mystery.

| **God Always Heals—But Sometimes on the Other Side of Heaven**

We believe this: **God always answers prayers for healing.**

But sometimes, the miracle happens here—and sometimes it happens in eternity.

There's physical healing.
There's emotional healing.
There's eternal healing.

Every believer who dies in Christ is fully healed in heaven. No more pain. No more tears. No more sickness.

| “He will wipe every tear from their eyes...”
— Revelation 21:4

| **We Live Between the “Already” and “Not Yet”**

Jesus has already conquered sin, death, and disease. But until He returns, we live in a world still marked by brokenness. Healing today is a preview of what's to come.

We pray boldly.
We trust fully.
And we surrender deeply.

| **What to Do When God Doesn't Heal**

- **Don't blame yourself.** Healing is never earned by more faith. It's a gift, not a performance.
- **Don't stop praying.** Keep trusting God. He's near even in the waiting.
- **Don't isolate.** Let others carry you when your faith feels weak.

We will always believe in miracles—but we never want people to feel shame if they're still waiting on one. **God sees you. He loves you. He's not done.**

Section 4: How Do We Pray for Healing?

At **Love Church**, we believe healing prayer isn't reserved for the "super spiritual." It's a simple, powerful act of faith that anyone can do — because it's not about us, it's about Jesus.

Here's how we approach it:

1. Pray Boldly

We don't pray small prayers. We ask God to move in big ways — because He's a big God.

**"You have not because you ask not."
"Ask, and it will be given to you..."**

We pray for healing because Jesus told us to. He healed the sick, and He commissioned us to do the same.

2. Pray Humbly

We don't command God — **we invite Him.**

We don't demand outcomes — **we ask with open hands.**

We pray, **"Lord, Your will be done,"** and we trust that His ways are higher than ours.

3. Pray with Others

Healing prayer isn't a solo act. **James 5:14** says:

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."

At **Love Church**, we often anoint with oil and pray with teams of people — not because the oil is magic, but because it's biblical and symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

4. Pray Expectantly

We believe God still heals. So we don't just pray "if" — we pray "when."

Even when we haven't seen it yet, we believe **He's working.**

Faith doesn't mean pretending everything's okay.

Faith means trusting that **God is good**, even when we don't understand.

A Simple Prayer for Healing:

"Jesus, You are the Healer. I ask in Your name for complete healing—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I trust You, and I surrender the outcome to You. Let Your presence fill every part of my life. Amen."

What We Believe at Love Church

At Love Church, we believe:

- God is still in the business of miracles.
- Healing still happens today.
- The Holy Spirit is active and powerful.
- Prayer changes things — and changes us.

We also believe:

- **We don't manipulate God.** We ask with faith and humility, trusting His perfect timing.
- **Miracles point to Jesus, not us.** They are signs, not the destination.
- **Not every prayer is answered how we expect — but every prayer is heard.**

Sometimes God heals instantly.
Sometimes God heals gradually.
Sometimes God heals eternally.

But **God always heals.**

That's our confident hope: whether it's on **this side of heaven** or in **eternity with Him**, Jesus will make all things new.

Final Encouragement

You don't need to be a pastor or prophet to pray for a miracle. You just need faith the size of a mustard seed.

If you're praying for a breakthrough — physically, emotionally, relationally, or spiritually — we want you to know:

- **You are not alone.**
- **Jesus is with you.**
- **There is healing in His name.**

We're standing with you and believing for the miraculous.

| Recommended Reading

1. **"The Case for Miracles"** by Lee Strobel
2. **"Miracles"** by Eric Metaxas
3. **"God Still Heals"** by Brad Jersak
4. **"Signs and Wonders"** by Craig S. Keener