

Sunday, December 4, 2022

## JUMP

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Faith, Miracles, Healing, Discernment of Spirits

Kings Kaleidoscope called "Breathing Infinity"

The lyrics go...

Remember what it felt like to believe, Remember running wild and living free.  
Remember when the magic was a mystery, Now all the fuss is just Faith without  
the rush... Wait, did the rainbow fade, We won't see beyond our feet, Staring  
down afraid to leap.<sup>1</sup>

When it comes to spiritual gifts, or even just the simple Christian life of faith. As  
it is written, the righteous shall live/walk by faith. **Fear** keeps us from a leap of  
faith. Our need for **control** often quenches our confidence to jump. The "**what  
if's**" keep us wandering on the edge of the cliff afraid to jump.

-Yosemite Falls.

**Wait**, did the rainbow fade? Did the promises of God fade? NO

The song goes on to say... GO!!! **"Jump into the wonder."**

### **Read 12:4-6**

**Varieties;** *To divide and distribute to persons on the basis of certain implied  
distinctions or differences.*<sup>2</sup>

### **-The body of Christ is diverse.**

One of the reasons some are filled with fear is because we take our version  
"church" and our experience with God and say this is it!

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57qONQ4wnDs>

<sup>2</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#)

-Randy has called me out on this. Sometimes the way I preach I, especially speaking about worship; with hands lifted high, doing the 2 step shuffle, crying, dropping to my knees, basically freaking out... and some that worship more inwardly but JUST AS DEVOTED, feel judged that they are not more like me... And I'm sorry if I have made you feel that way. HOWEVER, some of y'all need to step into worship!

Variety, diversity, different styles, and the main reason Paul is addressing the Corinthians in our context is there were some who were spiritually arrogant, causing an **elitism** about some of the more prominent spiritual gifts. And this still happens...

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**Vs. 6 & 11**, Same God who **empowers; to grant the ability to do.**<sup>3</sup>

**Read vs. 7, Manifestation; to cause or make possible a particular function.**<sup>4</sup>

-The Spirit "causes" or "makes possible" your gifting for what?

-The common good!

-The gifts have variety, empowered by God, a manifestation of the Spirit, for the common good, and as the Spirit wills.

Also note-*Everyone, To each, and each one* solidifies ALL have a gift(s).

**"Jump into the wonder"** of the variety and diversity of the body of Christ!!

Today we look at **faith, healing, miracles, and discernment**

**Read vs. 8-10.**

**#1. Faith**

**Saving Faith itself is a gift.**

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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8

### **What is faith?**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Faith; Confidence in God. **WAIT, DID THE RAINBOW FADE?**

-Did the promises of God fade as you got older in the faith?

-We are all called to grow in our faith BUT SOME have a special anointing to move mountains!!!

-Want to study some peeps who had faith? Read the rest of Hebrews 11.

How do you know if you have the gift of faith? Only one way to find out! **JUMP**

**into the wonder**

### **#2.Healing.**

All of us in a sense have been healed...

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

Within the church, elders

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:14-15

**BUT SOME HAVE THE GIFT OF HEALING!**

**Peter, locked eyes, silver and gold I have not, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus, rise and walk!**

**How do you know?**

**JUMP into the wonder**

Have you ever wondered why it's always in some third world missions that healing and miracles happen?

**#3.Miracles**, I have a suggestion as we talk about **Miracles**

While God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Hebrews 2:4

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— Acts 2:22

Mark 16 says everyone who believes these signs and wonders will follow and Jesus says we will do greater things than he, BUT it will be to confirm the BIGGEST MIRACLE OF ALL-The **message of salvation**.

**So, you want to see the miracles? Maybe you have a gift! Then go out in faith and **JUMP into the wonder!!!****

**#4.Discernment**

The gift is Discernment of Spirits

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, Philippians 1:9

How do you know if you have this gift?

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