SERMON: Miracles of Deliverance (Ephesians 6:10-18)

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Do we really believe that miracles happen? For many of us, if we're honest, the answer is "no." Around Jesus, though, they happened a lot. Eyesight to the blind. Diseases healed. The dead raised to life. Miracles happened. They still happen today. If we open our eyes, we can see the miracles God is doing around us, and if we look with the eyes of faith, we might even see them in our own lives.

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Questions for individual or group reflection:

How do you think our society today views evil?

Have you experienced the mistake of either overemphasizing evil or underemphasizing it?

Do you believe that demons are real? Did Jesus?

How do you believe demons work in the world today?

Have you experienced anything you would consider demonic oppression or possession?

What does the Bible direct you to do to stand against the devil and his schemes? (See Ephesians 6:10-18)

How can you apply Ephesians 6:12-13 to your daily life?

What did you take away from this message that you'd never fully realized before?

How do Christians overcome spiritual darkness with the light of Christ? Is there anything that you're struggling with that you need to battle both practically and spiritually? If so, tell a trusted friend, elder or pastor. You are not in the battle alone!

<u>Pray</u>: Father, You've already overcome any darkness we face by the power and authority of Jesus' name. So, in the name of Jesus, we agree that spiritual darkness has no place in our lives. It has to go. Holy Spirit, come with power and bring the light of Christ into every corner of our lives. Amen!

Taking it home / Memory Verse:

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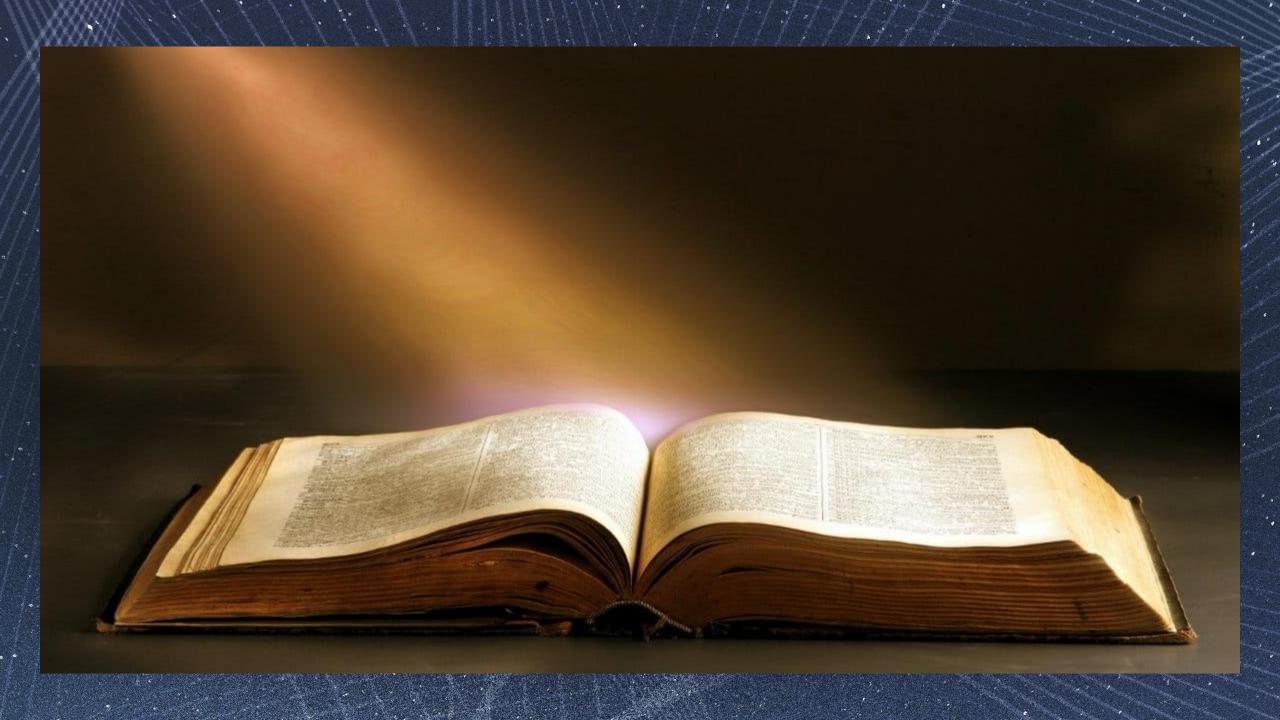
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DOYOU BELIEVE?



Picture of Pastor Augie in the classroom with the children.





Miracles of ...

- 1. Deliverance
- 2. Healing
- 3. Protection
- 4. Provision

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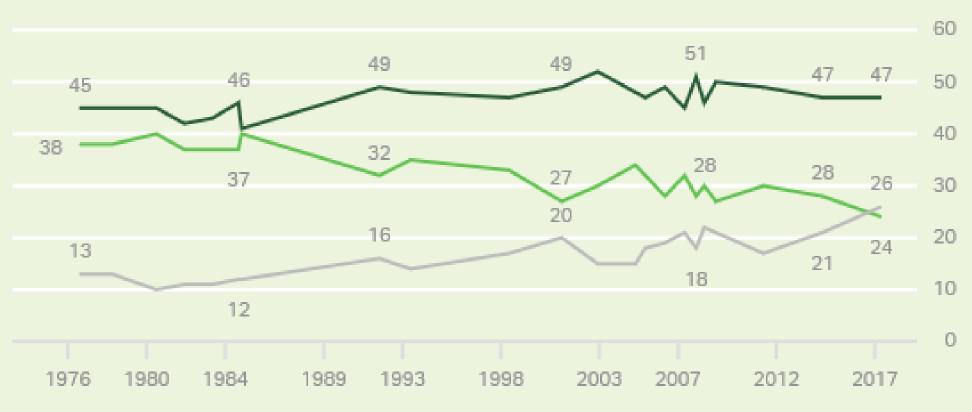
	Believe in	Not sure about	Don't believe in
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God	79	10	11
Angels	72	12	16
Heaven	71	14	15
Hell	64	13	22
The devil	61	12	27

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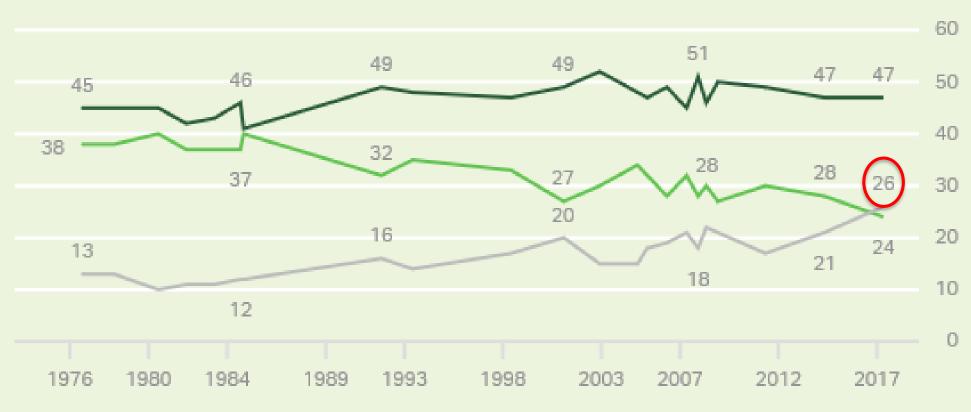
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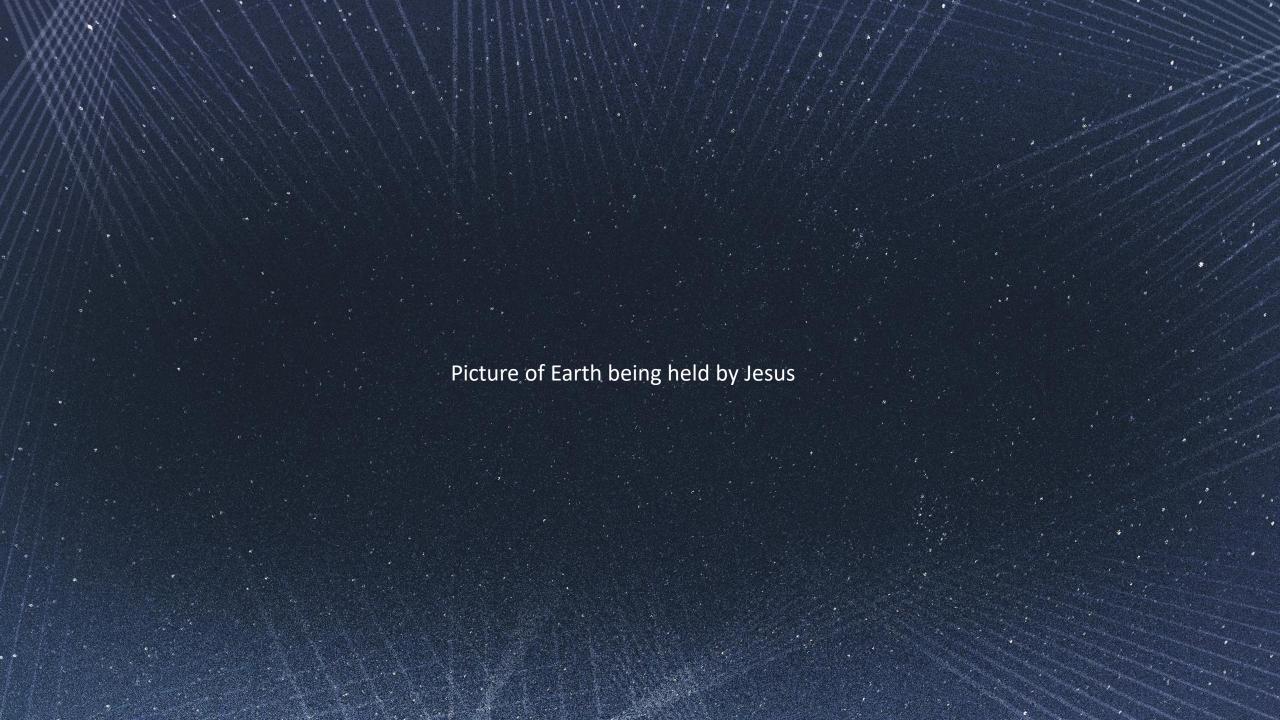


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"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!"

Isaiah 14:12, NKJV

7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him."

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Picture of Luke & Darth Vader

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26 ...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will

2 Timothy 2:26

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2. Demons DISTRACT you from GOD'S WILL.

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons

1 Timothy 4:1

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3. Demons inflict SUFFERING.

15 "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water... [Jesus said] "Bring the boy here to me." 18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment."

Matthew 17:15, 17-18

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John 10:10

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You have miraculous <u>AUTHORITY</u> over <u>DARKNESS</u> in the <u>NAME OF JESUS!</u>

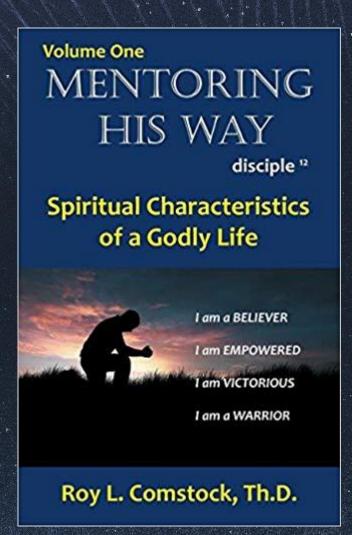


Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness

Matthew 10:1





"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"

Luke 4:35-36

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