

## **The Gift of Faith and Healing**

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Spiritual Gifts: God's Way of Building Community

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

I want to begin today by sharing some incidents from the life of a person that some of you may have heard of. The man's name was George Muller. George was born in Germany and moved to England in his early 20's where he was deeply touched by the condition of orphans running the streets in the city of Bristol. The year was 1834. George Muller was 29 years old and he read the biography of a man named August Franke. Franke was a Christian who had lived a century before George Muller. He had begun orphanages in Germany that eventually cared for 2000 orphans.

Seeing the need around him, and being inspired by Franke's example, George Muller felt led to begin an orphanage in England in his day. And just as a side note, I'm increasingly struck by how often the reading of Christian biographies has been used by God to inspire people to begin great things for God in their own day. It is a very frequent occurrence in Christian history that the reading of a biography of a pioneer missionary, for example the story of David Brainerd or Jonathan Edwards, or the reading of the story of Adoniram Judson, or Lottie Moon, or Jonathan Goforth, has inspired Christians to leave their own countries and their own homes to bring the gospel to some far-off people. The same kind of inspiration occurred in George Muller's life as he read the story of August Franke.

Muller had no money at all, and no prospects for getting any money. He felt led by God to print up advertisements announcing a public meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> in which he was going to lay out to other Christians his plan to start an orphanage. Four days before this meeting took place, the Lord spoke to him from a verse in scripture, which said, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." Some of us have applied that scripture to our Thanksgiving meal. But in its original context, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it" has to do with a preacher speaking to a group of people and having an enormous response come from that people as a result of the power of God's Word going forth.

George Muller was led to apply the scripture to his orphanage. He asked the Lord for a building for the orphanage. He asked the Lord for a thousand pounds, which in that day was a fabulous sum of money. And he asked the Lord for people to oversee the orphanage. Two days later, his diary records that he received his first gift towards the establishment of the orphanage. The entry simply says, "Today I received the first schilling for the orphan house."

On the afternoon of the meeting, someone came and dropped off some furniture for the orphanage. Again, this was before the public meeting ever took place. On the night of the meeting, he received 10 schillings. The newspaper article followed and gifts to purchase the house and furnish it began pouring in. The day after Muller's public meeting, he received a letter from a couple saying, "We propose to offer ourselves for the service of the intended orphan house, if you think us qualified for it." Dozens of other people over the years, completely unsolicited by George Muller, offered themselves for service in his orphanages.

George Muller's biography is one of the most encouraging that you could read regarding God's provision of resources to a man simply in response to a man's prayers. Let me share with you just one incident from George Muller's life. This happened very early on as he was just beginning to care for orphans. He had 26 hungry orphan girls that he was taking care of. There was no money in the house at all. There was no food. And this particular morning George Muller sat down at the table with the 26 children surrounding the table. He said, "Let us give thanks to God for what we are about to receive." The children and George prayed and thanked God for always providing for their needs. There was no food on the plates in front of them. No food in any of the cupboards.

They got done praying and thanking God for what they were about to receive when a knock came at the door. It was the milkman. His horse-drawn cart had broken down in front of Muller's orphanage. He asked Muller if the children needed any milk because it was going to take him all day to repair the milk cart.

Just then another knock came at the door. This time it was the baker. He told George Muller that God had awakened him that very morning and told him that Mr. Muller and his children would need some bread this morning. So he brought them freshly baked bread.

Muller's biography is packed with stories like this. His diary contains numerous references to things like "While I was praying, someone came to the door and gave me a check for 7 pounds." George Muller testified that over the course of his long life there were more than 50,000 specific prayers that were answered by the Lord. He made it a habit to keep a notebook with two page entries. On one page he listed the petition that he was making of God and the date. On the opposite page, he entered the date of the answer. And so he was able, over the course of his life, to keep a record of definite petitions and definite answers. He recommended this to any believer who wanted to grow their faith.

Do you think that would help you, friends, just recording your prayers and then recording the date of God's answer? Muller believed that there was no detail of life too insignificant to take to the Lord in prayer. He took literally the verse in Philippians that says, "In all things by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

The more God answered Muller's prayers, the greater his faith became and the more audacious and bold his requests were to the Lord.

Today I want to continue in a series I've been doing on spiritual gifts. I want to talk about several spiritual gifts today – The Gifts of Faith, Healings and Miracles. Let's pray.

### **1 Corinthians 12:8-11**

To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Let me set a little context for the discussion of these verses. The apostle Paul lists for us nine spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. Now, I'm going to provide some definitions along the way of the gift of faith, healing and miracles. But I think it's important that we not draw too sharp a line of distinction between one gift and another because these things really do tend to overlap. And around the edges, the distinctions are more of a dotted line than some hermetically-sealed, walled off categories. It is difficult to know where a gift of healing leaves off and a gift of miracles begins. It's sort of like trying to answer the age-old question of where the seashore begins. Or where does a mountain begin?

I like Steve Robbins' analogy of a rainbow. Where does the red stop and the purple begin? Or the yellow stop in a rainbow and the orange begin? These gifts are part of the multi-colored expressions of God's grace, as Peter literally calls them in 1 Peter 4:10, "The multi-colored expressions of God's grace." A rainbow is a very good picture of what you see here in 1 Corinthians 12. The gifts tend to mingle together, and yet you can see some distinction in the colors.

Just by way of illustration, as Rod Williams, the Pentecostal theologian puts it, the gift of faith is often the immediate background for the exercise of the two ministry gifts that follow – the gift of healing and the affecting of miracles. What you regularly see, in other words, before a miracle takes place is the gift of faith being given to a believer.

You see this in the example of Peter's healing of the crippled beggar in Acts 3. Peter and John are on their way to the Jewish Temple. By the gate there's a poor crippled beggar asking for money. Peter says, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the hand, he lifts the man up and it says, "Instantly the man's feet

and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.”

What is the spiritual gift at work there? Is it the gift of healing? Is it the gift of miracles? Probably some combination. Peter says in Acts 3:12, “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?” And then in Acts 3:16, Peter says, “By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.”

I think it is important that we not draw too sharp a distinction between the gifts. Often you will see them working together. It has been a regular occurrence at our church to see prophecy and healing working together. There is some discernment of a root cause of a particular physical problem and then there is prayer for the healing of the problem.

There may be the working together of gifts of discerning of spirits and healing. There is discerning that at the root of a physical condition is some demonic problem, and then there is the physical healing of that problem.

Well, let’s take a look at the individual gifts, then. Paul speaks about the gift of faith. And I think he tells us a little bit about what he means by the gift of faith in 1 Corinthians 13:2 when he says, “If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, then I am nothing.”

If you want a simple, shorthand definition of the gift of faith, we’re talking about mountain-moving faith. The same faith that Jesus talks about in Mark 11:22 in response to the disciples astonishment that the fig tree that Jesus cursed is now withered up. Jesus says, “Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.”

That’s the gift of mountain-moving faith that Paul is talking about in 1 Corinthians 12. This is a gift that is not given to everyone. Everyone can pray for this gift. I believe from time to time God may give this gift of mountain-moving faith to someone who has not previously experienced it before. But mountain-moving faith is not something that every Christian in their own will, by their own decision, can stir up in themselves.

The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12, “To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge, to another faith by the same Spirit.” He’s not talking about positive thinking, hyping yourself up with lots of positive self-talk. Paul discusses the gift of faith and he’s not talking about the little train that could. You know that children’s story, where the

little train says, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can. I know I can, I know I can." That's how many people think about faith. You try to psyche yourself up and play mental games with yourself. The apostle Paul is talking about a gift that comes from the Holy Spirit, at the Holy Spirit's decision and determination.

The theologian James Dunn defines the gift of faith as a mysterious surge of confidence that arises within a person within a particular situation, need or challenge and gives them a deep spiritual certainty that God is about to act through a word or action. You have this sudden surge of confidence that God is going to move a mountain of sickness. A sudden surge of confidence that God is going to move a mountain of poverty. You have a sudden surge of confidence that God is going to move a mountain of oppression or a mountain of opposition. It's this unshakeable certainty that God is about to resolve a seemingly impossible situation.

God's Spirit addresses your spirit with the word that God spoke to our spiritual forefather, Abraham, nearly 4000 years ago. Abraham has been promised a child for decades. His wife, Sarah, is way passed childbearing age. She is 90, which is way past childbearing age. God speaks a word to Abraham in Genesis 18 and says to him, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" He has this confidence, this certainty that nothing is too hard for the Lord.

Mountain-moving faith has a clear vision of how big Jesus is and in comparison, how little our problems are. Big Jesus, little cancer. Big Jesus, little debt. Big Jesus, little husband/wife. Big Jesus, little boss. Big Jesus, little terrorists, little bombs. Mountain-moving faith says with certainty: "Nothing is too hard for the Lord!"

Do you know faith is a big deal in the Bible and we need to understand this issue of faith? I just looked up in the New International Version of the Bible the word "faith" and it appears 270 times. The word "trust" appears 89 times. The word "believe" appears 184 times. We are talking about over 500 times the Bible speaks about faith or trust or believing. Faith is a big deal in the Bible.

We need to understand what Christian faith is. Faith is not what Archie Bunker said it was; he said, "Faith is believing something you know is not true." That's not what Christian faith is. Christian faith is not playing pretend. It is not playing make-believe. I just like thinking of the world being like this even though I know that it is not. I like to think about a loving God, even though I know that he doesn't exist. I like to think that I will one day see my loved ones who have died, but I know logically that's impossible. I like to believe that ultimately everything is going to turn out okay, even though I know that it won't. Christian faith is not a form of make-believe or self-hypnosis, or fantasy about something that makes you feel better.

Christian faith is the willingness to orient your entire life around what you believe is true. It is not just intellectual ascent. Christian faith is trust. It is confidence in God that says regarding God, "I am sure that you will not betray my hope. I am sure that you will respond to me, that you will take care of me, that you will provide for me in life and in death." Christian faith is, "I trust in you, God."

Now there are different kinds of faith that the Bible speaks to us about. There is what I would call Saving Faith. We read about that in Ephesians 2:8-9 – *For by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, lest anyone should boast.* There is Saving Faith. You might say that Saving Faith is simply faith in the pardon of Jesus, faith in the person of Jesus, and faith in the power of Jesus. To be saved a person must believe that God has done in Christ what we cannot do for ourselves. God in Christ has accomplished forgiveness, righteousness, and salvation through Christ's death for us on the cross. Saving Faith believes in the pardon of Christ, that anyone who comes to Christ, with themselves and their sins, will be forgiven and will be declared innocent on the Day of Judgment. Do you recognize your need for forgiveness? Have you come to Christ?

Saving Faith is faith not only in the pardon of Christ, but also in the person of Christ. To be saved you must believe that Jesus is God come in the flesh. You must believe that the baby born in Bethlehem, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, is Incarnate God come to rescue and save us. You must believe in the person of Jesus, crucified, dead, buried and raised from the dead.

Salvation is, in Dallas Willard's words, more than wanting a little bit of Jesus' blood to forgive you. It's desiring Jesus' whole person. It is faith in the power of Jesus to transform your life. You must want Jesus to change you for the better and believe that he is strong enough to pull it off. Do you recognize your need to be changed?

Do you have Saving Faith, friend? Have you trusted in the pardon of Christ? Have you trusted in the person of Christ?

And then there is what I would call Sustaining Faith. What the Reformers used to call "Persevering Faith." It is trust in God's faithfulness to the very end of the road, come what may, whatever life brings. I'm going to continue to trust in Christ. Sustaining Faith, persevering faith. It's what Habakkuk talks about when he says in Habakkuk 3:17-18, "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights." Do you need sustaining faith now through what you are going through?

Sustaining Faith. Persevering faith. It's what Jesus talked about in Matthew 24 when he said, "He who stands firm to the end will be saved." Sustaining Faith is believing in God even when I don't feel like it. Even when life is not turning out my way. Even when my desires are thrown to the ground, yet will I trust in the Lord. Sustaining Faith. It's Caleb in the book of Numbers continuing to trust in God when the wisest thing to do seems like going back to Egypt. When you are tempted, friend, to go back to Egypt, to turn your back on God and throw in the towel and say, "It's not worth it to keep following Jesus Christ," Sustaining Faith says it is. God will one day bring me to the Promised Land, even though Egypt looks so tempting right now.

Saving Faith is a gift from God. Sustaining Faith is a gift from God. I don't think either of them is what is meant by the gift of faith that Paul speaks to us about in 1 Corinthians 12:9, when he speaks about the spiritual gift of faith. There he's talking about mountain-moving faith. You know, there's always been a mountain in front of the Christian church that needed to be moved out of the way. Let me just give you a little bit of global perspective so we don't just personalize this.

If you go back to the year 1800, it was by no means certain that Christianity would ever become a world religion. Patrick Johnstone tells us that in the year 1800 Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand accounted for 99% of Christians in the world. Only 1% lived in the rest of the world in Asia, Latin America, Africa, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. After 1800 years of Christianity, virtually all Christians were confined to Europe and North America. Now the majority of Christians live in Africa, Latin America and Asia. From 1% to 60% in 200 years. How did this happen?

God gave the spiritual gift of mountain-moving faith to missionaries. People like William Carey, the Father of Modern Missions, in one famous sermon Carey summed up the Christian life this way. He said, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." Here's the gift of faith at work. Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God.

The church continues to need the gift of faith to move mountains of obstacles out of the way. In sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS is casting a dark shadow over the African continent. 71% of all of the world's AIDS cases are in Africa. Families, communities, whole countries are being decimated. Over 6000 people die of AIDS every day in Africa.

In much of the world where the church is just emerging, there is a mountain of need regarding leadership training. Leadership is limited at every level, at the village level or at the urban level, by the need for education and theological institutions. There's a mountain of need for indigenous curriculum. There's a mountain of need for discipling new believers that are coming to Christ by the tens of thousands.

Closer to home in the US, in our inner cities, there is a mountain of need. The educational system is failing, the rate of AIDS/HIV is increasing by 6 times in African-Americans, there are the problems of drugs and violence in the inner city or the mountain of need because of the breakdown of families, the massive problem of divorce, the loss of our spiritual heritage as a nation. The nation is facing a lot of religious pluralism and moral relativism. There is a mountain of need for the revival of strong, expository preaching from our nation's pulpits.

What's going to cause these mountains of need to be picked up and thrown into the sea? We need to pray for the spiritual gift of faith for church leaders, for pastors, for missionaries.

Well, there is a lot of confusion regarding the spiritual gift of faith. Folks who are part of what's become known as the faith movement have suggested that all Christians are supposed to have mountain-moving faith. Some people teach that faith is like a force field of power, which we release when we speak out in faith. They teach that all Christians have residing within them the key to prosperity, wealth and health. You just need to use the key and the blessing of heaven will be yours.

It's really important for us to underline that faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual gift of faith is not something you simply choose to have or not have. You can choose to ask for the gift of faith. You can choose to fill your mind with God's promises. You can choose to lay down your competing agendas. You can choose to meditate upon God's Word. But you can't choose to have this gift. The gift is given by God.

And it's really important to remind ourselves that the spiritual gift of faith is faith in God. Not faith in faith. It is not something we work up. Much teaching on faith is so man-centered and not God-centered. At times I hear about putting God to work on our behalf and I just want to throw up. God is not someone we harness for our little agendas and our little purposes. To get ourselves new cars and new stuff. In terms of prosperity teaching, the gospel is more associated with austerity than prosperity. We Americans take even a simple prayer like the prayer of Jabez and twist it and bend it into a prayer for financial prosperity. That's not what I believe, by the way, that the little book on the Prayer of Jabez did. I think that's a nice little book. But we take little books like that and we make them prayers for the building of our little kingdoms—for a bigger car for us, an additional income for us.

God wants to give the gift of faith. But it's faith to accomplish his agenda, not ours. It's his plans, not our plans. To promote his kingdom, not our kingdom. Friends, we need this gift of faith. There are mountains of problems in the way of the expansion of God's kingdom. Will you pray for the gift of faith to be given to the church? Will you pray for the gift of faith to be given to leaders in the church so that pastors and leaders can lead the church forward in divine confidence,



knowing that nothing can stop the Holy Spirit? Will you pray for the gift of faith to be given to our missionaries? Especially those serving in the Muslim world, so that the mountain of cultural opposition and religious prejudice and misunderstanding will be thrown into the sea.

We read in verse 9 about gifts of healing. There are two prominent theories regarding why Paul makes the gift of healing plural – gifts of healing. Maybe it's because God uses different individuals in the church to minister to different needs. Some people seem to be gifted to heal one kind of condition, but not another. Francis MacNutt, who came and did a healing seminar for us, is frequently used by God to heal arthritis and to heal cancer. His wife, Judith, is frequently used by God to bring inner healing to people. Other people seem to be used by God to heal people from demonic oppression.

John Wimber, the man who started the Vineyard movement, believed that gifts are plural because every time God determines to anoint an individual to heal, that is in itself a gift. The gift of healing is always subject to the sovereign determination of the Holy Spirit.

The gift of healing, like the gift of faith, is not something you can just determine on your own to do or to have. You can determine to pray. You can determine to risk. You can determine to put your hand on someone and ask God to heal. But it's up to God to give the gift in the moment. Now, some people are more frequently used by God to minister healing than others. But friends, I'll tell you I found it so liberating, so amazingly encouraging when I learned that God may choose to give me a gift of healing in a moment to meet a particular need even though I never healed someone in the past.

John Wimber called this "situational gifting." He taught that the spiritual gifts that we read about here in 1 Corinthians 12 are not resident in an individual as if you could just pull out healing whenever you wanted and empty hospitals. God sovereignly determines in a moment to respond to someone's prayer and to use them to bring healing. And then he takes the gift back. And then he gives it again. And then he takes it back.

That certainly seems to be faithful to the biblical pattern that we see in the life of the apostle Paul. God frequently gave to the apostle Paul gifts of healing. Yet Paul could not heal at his own will. We read in 2 Timothy 4 that Paul left Trophimus sick in Miletus. In 1 Timothy 5 Paul tells Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach and his various ailments. I'm sure Paul prayed for Trophimus to get well, but for some reason he didn't. I'm sure he prayed for Timothy to get well, but for some reason Timothy didn't.

God desires for you, friends, to have an open expectation that when there's a need God may want to use you to meet that need. Is that how you go about life? Lord, here I am, use me. I may never have healed the sick before. I maybe

never have exercised mountain-moving faith. I may never have given a prophecy before, but God here I am – use me.

Imagine 6000 people in the Vineyard set loose on the Columbus community, all of whom had the attitude, “Lord use me for your glory; for other people’s good. Use me.”

Let me share with you in closing a story of healing from our congregation. The woman’s name is Kathy and she’s a member of the church here. She wrote me and said:

Rich, let me begin by telling you a little about myself. Before I became ill I was very active. I worked for the post office, walking several miles a day, worked out six days a week, lifted weights, swam and biked. I was very strong physically. But emotionally I was a wreck and spiritually I was dead.

In 1989 I had to stop working due to arthritis in my feet. Very soon after leaving my job I started having more and more medical problems. My immune system was very weak, causing constant infections. Damage to my joints, nerves and tendons were a constant source of surgery. I had over 30 surgeries from 1989 to the year 2000. I went to every pain clinic around. I tried every experimental treatment available and nothing helped. My pain was tremendous and never left me.

Even my family questioned if I was truly ill. In 1998 I saw an endocrinologist who diagnosed me with accelerated degenerative metabolic bone disease and osteoporosis, which causes severe bone marrow loss. My activity level at this point was practically non-existent. I couldn’t even do things like hold a cup of coffee or read a book.

In August 1999 I was in my living room crying. I was at my wits end when I heard a voice telling me to call an old friend who I hadn’t spoken to for quite some time. I called him and we had a long conversation. Evidently, not long enough because when I hung up I heard the voice say to me again, “Call him back.” I thought the voice was drug-induced. In the second conversation my friend told me about the Vineyard. I asked him if he went there and he said no, but that it would be a good church for me.

I came to the church and accepted Christ two weeks later and was baptized in October 1999. After my baptism many things took place. I was cleansed from my sins. I became a new creation. I no longer had a 20-year smoking addiction. Soon after my baptism I started to do volunteer work at the church even though my pain was increasing. But so was my love for life and Jesus. He became my constant source of strength and hope.

On Saturday night, May 20, 2000 at the church dedication I was healed of my bone disease. The pastor called people up front to receive prayer. I heard a voice, the same voice I heard the year earlier telling me to call my friend. The voice I now knew to be the voice of the Lord. He told me to go up front. I was at that time a “back of the church” kind of person. I was shy and nervous. There were lots of people up front and I froze in my seat. But the voice, much firmer this time, said with a gentle shove, “Go forward now.”

I went up front to receive prayer, but no one came forward to pray for me. I felt totally exposed and wanted desperately to return to my seat. I prayed, “Father, I am here and no one is praying for me.”

At that point, God replied, “You don’t need anyone else.”

I began to cry and said, “Yes Lord, all I need is you.” Just then a young girl asked if she could pray for me. I felt warm. I felt like I was being bathed in a bright light. My feet and shins began to burn and tingle. I felt like I was going to fall. Heat washed over me until my whole body felt like it was on fire. I was completely surrounded by love.

I find it impossible to describe exactly what God’s presence feels like. When I left church I felt like I had been on Novocain in my whole body. I was numb and tingly for the next two weeks.

On May 22 I went back to the doctor. She immediately saw a difference in me because I was standing straight up for the first time in 3 years. As I told her everything she struggled to take down every word. She did blood work, bone scans, and all the regular tests. Two weeks later she called to tell me what I already knew. My test results were normal.

However, I wasn’t home to receive the message. I had gone to Florida as I had done the year before with one exception. The year before, I went in a wheelchair. This year I climbed the stairs to a lighthouse three times. It’s now been over two years since my healing and I still cry every time I go for a walk. I thank Jesus every day for my healing, for drawing me to him so he could love me and save me. I did receive a healing miracle from Jesus that night.

But I also received something better than a physical healing. I received all that was behind it. Jesus gave me an open heart, eyes to see, ears to hear him. He has totally transformed me. Thank you Jesus.

Kathy’s life was totally changed, standing here in the front of the church at our dedication service two years ago. When you hear about miraculous healings,

don't just think about long, long ago where something occurred in a far away place. Think Jesus may do it here. Think Jesus may do it now. Think Jesus may heal through you, through your hands, and your prayers.

Will you say to the Lord, "Lord, use me. I want my Christian faith to make a difference in someone else's life. Use me to heal. Use me to move some mountain that's in the way of your kingdom." Will you say to God, "Use me!"

Let's pray.

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