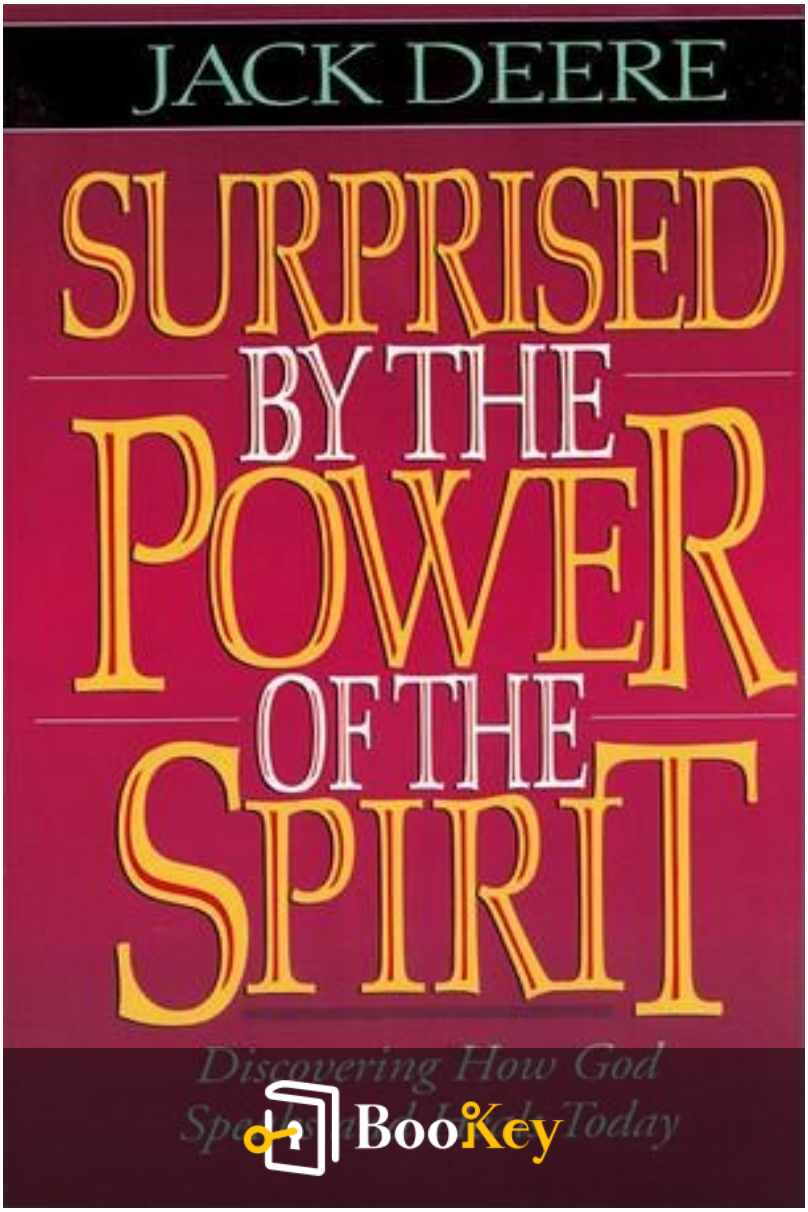
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In *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, former Dallas Seminary professor Jack Deere shares his transformative journey from skepticism to belief in the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Challenging his previous views, Deere revisits Scripture and reveals how his arguments against miracles stemmed from prejudice and lack of personal experience. Through his quest as a seeker, he encounters the vibrant realities of God’s speaking and healing ministries today, and offers a robust biblical defense of these gifts. Featuring compelling accounts of miraculous healings and divine communication, the book addresses common misconceptions about spiritual gifts, critiques charismatic abuses, and articulates why God’s healing power remains active. Blending scholarly insight with heartfelt personal narratives, Deere provides practical guidance for embracing spiritual gifts within the church community.

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Jack Deere is a distinguished author, pastor, and theologian known for his deep engagement with the Holy Spirit and his commitment to exploring the dynamic interplay between faith and experience. A former pastor in the Evangelical Free Church, Deere's journey transformed significantly after he encountered a more charismatic understanding of the Spirit at work, prompting him to reevaluate traditional Christian doctrine and practices. His academic background, coupled with his pastoral experience, allows him to articulate complex theological concepts in an accessible manner, fostering a greater understanding of spiritual gifts and the workings of the Holy Spirit. Through his writings, particularly in "Surprised By The Power of the Spirit," Deere challenges readers to embrace a vibrant, miracle-infused faith that acknowledges the relevance of the supernatural in the contemporary Christian experience.

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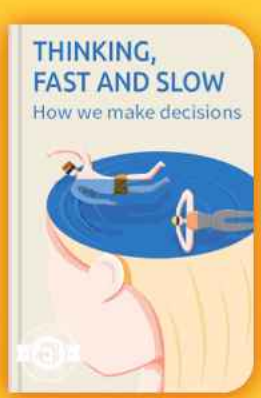
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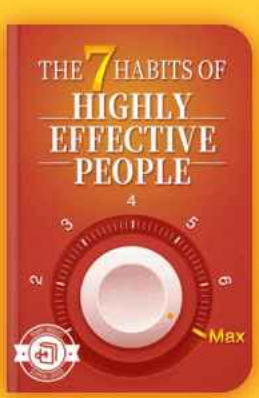
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Chapter 1 Summary : 1. From Professor to Healer



Section	Summary
FROM PROFESSOR TO HEALER	The author reflects on his faith journey, witnessing Jesus's miracles and their effects on followers, addressing doubt post-crucifixion, and his personal faith experience since 1965.
Understanding Discipleship	Discipleship involves deep, loving relationships rather than mere knowledge transfer; it emphasizes loving God and others, and sharing a passion for the things Jesus loves.
The Impact of Theological Education	The author shares his seminary experience where academia often overpowered spirituality, equating Bible knowledge with closeness to God, and fostering skepticism about miraculous healing.
A Shift in Perspective	The author's awakening to the importance of healing began with questioning Jesus's healing acts, transforming from a skeptic to a healing practitioner, recognizing God's desire for His church to participate in healing.
Lessons Learned	Through his commitment to prayer and healing, the author learned how faith dynamics, spiritual gifts, and addressing demonic influences enhance healing ministry, striving to share these insights.

FROM PROFESSOR TO HEALER

This chapter reflects on the journey of faith and healing. The author recounts witnessing Jesus's miracles and the profound

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impact they had on his followers, who struggled with doubt after the crucifixion. He shares his personal story of coming to faith in Jesus in 1965 and how, over the years, he learned that the essence of discipleship is about loving God, loving others, and teaching them to love what Jesus loves.

Understanding Discipleship

Discipleship, according to the author, is not just about imparting knowledge or holding others accountable. It's rooted in deep, loving relationships where individuals enjoy each other and share a passion for what Jesus loves.

The Impact of Theological Education

The chapter describes the author's experience in seminary, where academics often overshadowed the spiritual. He learned to equate knowing the Bible with spending time with God, but the prevailing view was that miraculous healing was no longer part of God's plan, leading to skepticism about faith healers.

A Shift in Perspective

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The author's awakening began when he questioned why Jesus healed. He shares his transformation from a skeptic who ridiculed faith healing to a practitioner of healing by understanding that God values healing and wants His church to engage in it.

Lessons Learned

With a commitment to prayer and healing, the author discusses the valuable lessons he gained over time about healing, including the dynamics of faith, understanding spiritual gifts, and addressing demonic influences. He concludes with a desire to share improved insights on the ministry of the Spirit.

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Example

Key Point:Discipleship is about deep, loving relationships rather than mere knowledge transfer.

Example:Imagine you are in a small group where everyone openly shares their struggles and triumphs. Instead of simply teaching about Jesus from the Bible, you genuinely listen to your friend's fears and insecurities. As you pray together, you realize that your bond grows stronger; you are not just imparting teachings but living out the essence of discipleship—loving God and each other while also learning to cherish what Jesus loves together. This transformative experience shifts your understanding of faith from cerebral facts to a collaborative journey of love and support.

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inspiration

Key Point:The Importance of Loving Relationships in Discipleship

Life inspiration:Imagine for a moment being enveloped in genuine love and connection, not just with God but with those around you. The chapter reveals that true discipleship springs from these heartfelt relationships, where you and others share a profound passion for what Jesus cherishes. This understanding can inspire you to cultivate deeper connections with your friends, family, and community, fostering an environment where love is the foundation of your actions. You may find that as you engage in these loving relationships, your faith becomes more vibrant and alive, inspiring those around you to experience the transformative power of love, healing, and service.

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Chapter 2 Summary : 2. The Power of a Credible Witness



THE POWER OF A CREDIBLE WITNESS

In his youth, Jack Deere faced a tumultuous life until he found faith at seventeen, dramatically transforming into a seminary professor and pastor by age thirty-six. His life seemed secure until a phone call from Dr. John White, a respected figure in Christianity, changed everything. Dr. White, initially declined to give a conference in the spring of 1986 but later agreed, wanting to speak about the kingdom of God, including topics on Jesus' authority over various areas like temptation, sin, demons, and notably, disease.
During their conversation, Jack expressed skepticism

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regarding physical healing, believing that miraculous gifts had ceased. Dr. White calmly challenged his assumptions, prompting Jack to reconsider his arguments against healing, particularly questioning if all instances of the apostles healing were recorded in the Scriptures. Dr. White shared two impactful healing stories, increasing Jack's belief in the possibility of contemporary miracles.

Despite his growing conviction, Jack remained cautious, voicing concerns to his church elders about the potential fallout from inviting Dr. White for the upcoming conference. Ultimately, they decided to proceed with the invitation, even while harboring doubts about the miraculous gifts.

Over the months leading up to the conference, Jack delved deeply into the Biblical accounts of healing with an open mind, wrestling with the idea that God could still be actively healing today. By the time of the conference, he became convinced that healing should play a vital role in the church, marking a significant theological shift in his beliefs about divine intervention, while still remaining hesitant to put his newfound theories into practice.

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inspiration

Key Point:Embrace the possibility of miracles in everyday life.

Life inspiration:Imagine waking up each day with the conviction that extraordinary moments can happen, that the divine is not confined to history but actively involved in our lives today. Just like Jack Deere, who shifted his perspective on physical healing, you too can open your heart and mind to the miraculous possibilities around you. By embracing this mindset, you're inviting transformation—not only in your own circumstances but in the lives of those around you. This chapter inspires you to take a bold step towards faith, encouraging you to witness, believe, and even share miraculous experiences, reminding you that the power to change and heal still echoes in the world.

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Chapter 3 Summary : 3. A Demon Comes to Church

A DEMON COMES TO CHURCH

Introduction to John White

John White, a seemingly frail man, introduced himself simply as "John" rather than "Dr. White." He was a former missionary fluent in Spanish and delivered his initial lectures without controversy. However, during a healing lecture, he invited a flamboyant partner named Bud, who had a troubling reputation and created concerns among the church leaders.

Unexpected Developments During the Conference

The atmosphere grew tense following Bud's antics, leading to questions from the audience. Despite a lack of confidence in healing, Deere decided to assist John during prayer for congregants. To everyone’s surprise, many attendees came

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forward seeking prayer, revealing deep emotional struggles and vulnerabilities that none had anticipated.

Experiencing the Power of the Spirit

Deere observed an unexpected outpouring of emotion and realization among the attendees, challenging his initial skepticism regarding emotionalism. The authenticity of the healing environment was evident when John White's compassionate response helped a woman struggling with depression recognize her value as a child of God.

Encountering Spiritual Conflict

As John White prayed for a woman who experienced uncontrollable wailing, Deere was struck by the possibility that a demonic presence was acting against her. The stark difference in her behavior compared to her usual demeanor

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Chapter 4 Summary : 4. John Wimber

Section	Summary
Introduction to John Wimber	Jack Deere learns about John Wimber's exceptional healing abilities and practical approach. Wimber has a troubled past but is influential in healing ministry. Deere feels intrigued yet skeptical after hearing mixed reviews about Wimber's practices.
Wimber's Healing Ministry	Deere attends a meeting where Wimber demonstrates his ministry, effectively identifying and healing a woman with severe back pain through prophetic insight, creating an awe-inspiring atmosphere.
Personal Experiences with Healing	After witnessing Wimber's ministry, Deere prays for Ruth, a woman with an aneurysm, leading to her miraculous healing and marking a significant moment in Deere's commitment to healing prayer.
Growing Relationship with Wimber	Deere's relationship with Wimber deepens over the years as he attends conferences, learns practical aspects of healing, and emphasizes listening to God's guidance during prayers.
Conclusion	Wimber's teachings transform Deere's understanding of spiritual gifts and healing ministry. The chapter illustrates Deere's journey from skepticism to active engagement in healing, enriched by personal and communal experiences.

Chapter 4: John Wimber

Introduction to John Wimber

Prior to meeting John Wimber, the author, Jack Deere, was informed by Dr. White that Wimber was an exceptional healer with a practical approach and no interest in hype. Wimber's background included a troubled past with drugs and rock music, yet he became a significant figure in healing ministry. Deere was intrigued but also apprehensive after

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hearing mixed reactions from students about Wimber's practices during a conference.

Wimber's Healing Ministry

Despite initial skepticism about Wimber’s style of ministry, Deere and his group attended a meeting where Wimber preached on the Kingdom of God followed by a "clinic time" where he asked the Holy Spirit to heal. During this time, Wimber accurately identified a woman suffering from severe back pain, later revealing her name and encouraging her to come forward. The experience filled the room with awe, as Wimber demonstrated prophetic insight into the woman's condition, ultimately leading to her healing.

Personal Experiences with Healing

After witnessing Wimber’s ministry, Deere successfully prayed for a woman named Ruth who suffered from an aneurysm. Following their prayer, Ruth reported that her condition had miraculously resolved, marking the first documented healing in Deere's church. This deepened his commitment to healing prayer.

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Growing Relationship with Wimber

Over the next few years, Deere grew closer to Wimber, participating in multiple conferences where he learned practical aspects of healing and discerning God’s voice. Wimber’s approach emphasized listening for God’s guidance and acting on seemingly minor impressions during prayers.

Conclusion

The interactions and teachings from Wimber transformed Deere's understanding of spiritual gifts, healing ministry, and the importance of being attentive to the Holy Spirit. This chapter illustrates his journey from skepticism to an active engagement in healing, marked by profound personal and communal experiences.

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Example

Key Point:The transformative power of healing ministry and divine encounters.

Example:Imagine attending a gathering where you feel an electric anticipation in the air, as you witness a healer step onto the stage. As he begins to share about the Kingdom of God, you sense deep within your spirit that something extraordinary is about to unfold. Suddenly, with compassionate clarity, he identifies a woman in the audience suffering from an ailment you know too well—a friend of yours who has been in pain for years. You watch, awestruck, as she stands, confusion morphing into hope, realizing that God sees her pain. This not only ignites a spark in your own faith, pushing you to pray more boldly, but also inspires you to believe in the everyday miracles that can happen when you are attentive to the Holy Spirit's movements.

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Chapter 5 Summary : 5. Modern Miracles

Section	Summary
Modern Miracles	Exploration of the belief in modern miracles, contrasting cessationism with ongoing divine interventions.
Cessationism and Healing	The author critiques cessationism, arguing that disbelief in miracles leads to a lack of experiences and emphasizes the need for prayer and expectation of God's intervention.
Ken Boa’s Miracle Experience	Tells the story of Ken Boa, whose life was saved during a swimming incident in the Sea of Galilee through a divine experience, highlighting God's protective presence.
Heidi Baker’s Vision	Describes Heidi Baker's vision while praying for children in Mozambique, where Jesus instructed her to provide for the vulnerable, leading to miraculous food provisions.
Challenges and Miraculous Provision	Details the hardships faced by Heidi in Mozambique and the miraculous provision of food that allowed her to care for orphaned children, showcasing the impact of her ministry.
Reflection and Theological Implications	The author reflects on the miraculous experiences shared with Heidi Baker and references Dr. Craig Keener's studies, affirming that miracles happen globally despite modern skepticism.
Conclusion	Argues for the belief in modern miracles supported by personal stories and research, encouraging readers to recognize God's active work today.

MODERN MIRACLES

Cessationism and Healing

The author reflects on his past belief as a cessationist, acknowledging that he never experienced or prayed for healing, questioning how one could expect miracles if they believe God no longer works in such ways. He argues that

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disbelief in miracles leads to a lack of witness to them, referencing James 4:2 to emphasize the necessity of asking for God’s intervention.

Ken Boa’s Miracle Experience

The narrative transitions to the story of Ken Boa, a seminary student and apologist, who found himself in a life-threatening situation while swimming in the Sea of Galilee. During a sudden storm, he felt God’s presence urging him that his work on earth was not finished, leading to a supernatural transportation to safety.

Heidi Baker’s Vision

The author recounts the transformative vision experienced by Heidi Baker while praying for children in Mozambique. In her vision, Jesus instructed her to feed and provide for the vulnerable children around her, resulting in a miraculous multiplication of food and drink.

Challenges and Miraculous Provision

Heidi's return to Mozambique was filled with hardship as

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they faced immense challenges when trying to care for the influx of orphaned children. Despite logistical difficulties, a miraculous provision occurred when a friend brought food, which was enough to satisfy their many needs. The narrative emphasizes the ongoing impact of their ministry, feeding over a thousand children and affirming God's promises of provision.

Reflection and Theological Implications

The author reflects on shared struggles and miraculous encounters with Heidi Baker. He notes that those accustomed to great suffering often see remarkable miracles. Through reading Dr. Craig Keener's extensive study on miracles, he discovers that many worldwide continue to testify to miraculous occurrences, challenging modern skepticism and affirming the belief that God is still active in performing miracles today.

Conclusion

In summary, the chapter argues for a belief in modern miracles, supported by personal experiences and scholarly research, inviting readers to recognize the active work of God in contemporary times.

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Example

Key Point:Faith is essential to witness miracles and divine intervention in our lives.

Example:Imagine standing at a crossroads, hesitant to take a step forward because you doubt if God will act. If you were to pray earnestly for healing or a miracle, this act of faith might open you up to experience the transformative power of divine intervention, just like Ken Boa, who felt compelled to trust despite the life-threatening storm. The realization that miracles are a response to our requests encourages you to boldly seek God's guidance, much like Heidi Baker did when she asked for help to feed the vulnerable children, ultimately witnessing miraculous provision that changed lives. This chapter invites you to challenge your disbelief and embrace the possibility of modern miracles by actively seeking God's help.

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inspiration

Key Point:Belief in Modern Miracles

Life inspiration:Imagine waking up each day with the unwavering conviction that God can and does intervene in the world around you. This mindset, inspired by the stories of Ken Boa and Heidi Baker, invites you to cultivate a spirit of expectation and faith, leading you to actively seek God's miraculous presence in your life. No longer constrained by the comfort of skepticism, you step into a reality where prayer and faith not only alter outcomes but also transform lives. You may begin to see situations perceived as insurmountable—your own struggles, the suffering of those around you—as opportunities for divine intervention. Each moment becomes charged with the possibility of encountering God's power, igniting hope not just within you, but also resonating outwards to touch others, weaving your story into a broader tapestry of faith and miracles.

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Chapter 6 Summary : 6. The Real Reason Christians Do Not Believe In Miracles

Section	Content Summary
THE REAL REASON CHRISTIANS DO NOT BELIEVE IN MIRACLES	Deere discusses miracles in Christianity, referencing Jesus' healing and early church miracles. He argues that the cessationist view misrepresents the reality, stating that miracles persist today but are often unrecognized due to a lack of prayer and seeking.
MY CESSATIONIST CULTURE	Deere narrates his transition from a cessationist background, highlighting an event involving a skeptical seminary professor who performed a healing miracle, showcasing the reluctance to acknowledge contemporary miracles.
THE PEOPLE OF GOD FREQUENTLY LOSE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD	He notes historical patterns of the church neglecting God's blessings, arguing that the cessation of miracles stems from the church's disobedience rather than God's withdrawal. He references scattered miracles throughout history reinforcing the notion that spiritual gifts continue.
CONCLUSION	Deere emphasizes the need for active seeking of God's presence to experience miracles, sharing personal stories of healing. He advocates for a reestablishment of faith in God's miraculous powers in contemporary Christianity.

THE REAL REASON CHRISTIANS DO NOT BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

In the chapter, Jack Deere discusses the reality of miracles in the Christian faith, referencing Jesus' healing powers and the miracles performed by the early church as evidence of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit. He notes that the original Christian community actively prayed for and witnessed miracles, which supported their faith in God’s

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power.

Deere argues against the cessationist view, which contends that miraculous gifts ceased after the apostolic age. He asserts that believers have not seen these gifts in their lives primarily because they do not actively seek or pray for them. His own background in a cessationist environment reflects a common attitude where belief in miracles was absent due to a lack of personal experience.

MY CESSATIONIST CULTURE

Deere shares his personal journey transitioning from a cessationist perspective due to institutionalized beliefs that miracles were not present in contemporary Christianity. He recounts an incident involving a seminary professor who performed a healing miracle but was still skeptical of God's involvement. This illustrates the reluctance many cessationists have toward acknowledging modern miracles.

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Chapter 7 Summary : 7. The Miracles of the Lord

THE MIRACLES OF THE LORD

This chapter discusses a typical account of Jesus' healing ministry as recounted in the Gospels, highlighting the miraculous healings of the lame, blind, mute, and maimed. The text emphasizes the correct translation of "maimed" from the Greek word kullos, indicating that Jesus performed extraordinary and miraculous works that astonished the crowds. The remarkable nature of these miracles suggests a unique power in Jesus' ministry that does not parallel contemporary healing practices.

THE POWER IN JESUS’ MINISTRY WAS UNIQUE

The author reflects on the contrasting views within theological communities regarding miraculous healings today. Many, including the author during his seminary years, argued that since no one heals like Jesus, God must no longer

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grant the gift of healing. The chapter challenges this reasoning by suggesting that we cannot dismiss the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit based on a standard of Jesus' unique healing capabilities. Jesus' ministry was characterized by miraculous healings facilitated by the Holy Spirit, which he received without limit.

JESUS’ HEALING MINISTRY WAS NOT AUTOMATIC

The author examines the misconception that the gift of healing operates automatically and can be exercised at will. Three incidents illustrate that Jesus did not heal at random or without regard for God’s will. For example, there were instances where Jesus highlighted that his ability to heal stemmed from the authority and power granted by the Father, reinforcing that healing is contingent upon divine direction rather than human discretion.

1.

Healing at Capernaum

: The power of the Lord was present for healing, suggesting that God's timing and willingness were crucial.

2.

Incident at the Pool of Bethesda

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: Jesus only healed one man, indicating that his actions were guided by the Father’s will, not solely a response to need.
3.

Return to Nazareth

: The lack of faith among the townspeople restricted Jesus' ability to perform miracles, further illustrating that faith and God's will are intertwined in the healing process.

CONCLUSION

The chapter concludes by emphasizing that the responsibility of those with healing gifts is to be attuned to God's leading, rather than exerting personal control over healings. God directs the ministry of healing, which includes the choice of whom to heal at any given moment. It underlines that miraculous healings are a reflection of God’s sovereign will rather than human capability, contributing to a broader understanding of Jesus' healing ministry and its implications for contemporary believers.

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Example

Key Point:The uniqueness of Jesus' healing power cannot be replicated by modern practices.

Example:Imagine standing within a crowded town square where whispers of unbelievable healings permeate the air. As you witness a blind man suddenly seeing or a paralyzed individual springing to life, you're struck by the awe of such miracles, realizing that no contemporary healer anywhere matches the absolute authority and divine command of Jesus. This revelation challenges you to contemplate whether the miraculous is still at work today, urging you to seek a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit to understand that while God operates in mysterious ways, Jesus' divine miracles were fundamentally initiated by a specific divine will, which is not completely extinguished in the present.

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Chapter 8 Summary : 8. The Healing Ministry of the Apostles

Section	Summary
Power Through Dependency on Christ	The apostles relied on Jesus for divine power, as they did not possess automatic healing abilities.
God's Direction in Apostolic Ministry	Divine intervention was evident in the apostles' ministry; they acted on God's prompting rather than personal initiative.
Paul’s Inability to Heal His Partners	Despite performing notable healings, Paul could not heal close companions, illustrating limitations in his healing abilities.
The Difference Between Signs and Healing Gifts	Public miracles by apostles are distinct from the spiritual gift of healing, which is available to all believers.
Greater Ministry Among Apostles	The apostles held unique authority and received a promise of greater power post-resurrection for their distinctive ministry.
Expectation of Future Revivals	Signs and wonders are not limited to the apostolic age; other figures performed miracles, and revival through prayer is encouraged.
Personal Experiences of Signs and Wonders	The author shares personal experiences of healing and revival, emphasizing the ongoing miraculous work of the Holy Spirit.

THE HEALING MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLES

Power Through Dependency on Christ

The apostles did not possess automatic healing abilities. Jesus emphasized that divine power is dependent on Him, stating, "Apart from me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5). This principle also applied to the apostles, highlighting their reliance on the Lord's will for any supernatural work.

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God's Direction in Apostolic Ministry

Examples of divine intervention in the apostles' ministry include Peter confronting Ananias and Sapphira about their deceit, resulting in their sudden deaths (Acts 5:1–11). Paul similarly blinded the false prophet Elymas at God's direction (Acts 13:9–11). Both apostles operated under God's prompting rather than through personal initiative, as seen when Paul recognized a man's faith during his preaching in Lystra and called for his healing (Acts 14:9–10).

Paul’s Inability to Heal His Partners

Despite being a significant figure in early church healing—a fact demonstrated by the miraculous healings associated with his handkerchiefs (Acts 19:11)—Paul could not heal his close companions. Instances such as Epaphroditus's serious illness (Philippians 2:25–27), Trophimus being left sick (2 Timothy 4:20), and Timothy's recurring health issues (1 Timothy 5:23) illustrate this limitation.

The Difference Between Signs and Healing Gifts

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The ministry of signs and wonders, which included public miracles by the apostles, differs from the more widely distributed spiritual gift of healing given to all believers (1 Corinthians 12:8–10). Scriptures like Joel 2:28–29 foreshadowed this broader distribution of the Holy Spirit's gifts, becoming evident at Pentecost (Acts 2:16). Signs and wonders, significantly tied to revival and the gospel's proclamation, are distinct from the gifts of healing meant for the edification of the church (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Greater Ministry Among Apostles

The apostles had a unique role, receiving authority over demons and disease directly from Jesus (Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:13–15; Luke 9:1). Post-resurrection, they were promised greater power (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). Their ministry included unique aspects, such as turning individuals over to Satan for corrective purposes (1 Corinthians 5:1–5) and witnessing remarkable growth in the church (Acts 19:10).

Expectation of Future Revivals

Contrary to the belief that signs and wonders ceased with the apostles, other figures such as Stephen and Philip performed

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miracles and wonders (Acts 6:8), suggesting that such manifestations can occur beyond the apostolic age. The New Testament does not indicate an end to these divine outpourings, and revival, accompanied by signs and wonders, is encouraged through prayer (Acts 4:29–30).

Personal Experiences of Signs and Wonders

Reflecting on personal experiences, the author describes witnessing significant healings during a conference, emphasizing the potential for revival similar to that in Acts. The author believes that the Holy Spirit continues to work miraculously, particularly among those who rely on His power in desperate circumstances.

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Key Point:Power Through Dependency on Christ

Life inspiration:Imagine standing on the edge of a great ocean, the waves crashing relentlessly against the shore. Just as the apostles learned that their ability to heal and perform miracles depended entirely on their connection to Christ, you too can find strength and purpose in your reliance on Him. This chapter encourages you to acknowledge that, like the apostles, you cannot navigate life's challenges on your own. When you fully depend on Jesus, embracing His guidance and power, you open yourself up to transformative possibilities—whether it's facing personal struggles, seeking healing, or fostering connections with others in need. Let this principle inspire you to deepen your faith and trust in God's perfect plan, for it is in your dependency that you unveil the extraordinary potential for breakthroughs in your life.

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Chapter 9 Summary : 9. John Calvin Formulates Cessationism

Section	Summary
Corruption in the Church by 1500	The church, influenced by Augustine and Aquinas, faced significant corruption, with priests failing in their duties and engaging in scandals, while the hierarchy sold indulgences.
Martin Luther and the Reformation	Martin Luther challenged the corrupt doctrines of the church, emphasizing the Bible's authority and salvation through faith, leading to the Protestant Reformation.
John Calvin’s Contributions	John Calvin became a key theologian of the Reformation, strengthening Luther's principles in his work, "Institutes of the Christian Religion," despite both having imperfections.
Response to Catholic Claims	Calvin countered the Catholic Church's claim of historical doctrine connection through miracles by asserting that miracles affirm Christ but do not validate all doctrines, with Scripture being supreme.
Cessationism Defined	Calvin defined cessationism, claiming miracles were for apostolic authentication, have ceased, and contemporary claims by Catholics are deceptions, with his views dispersed across writings.
Miracles and Their Purposes	Calvin recognized miracles confirmed apostolic teaching, but argued that spiritual gifts' purpose has diminished over time, with no current miracles due to human ungratefulness, lacking scriptural support.
Contemporary Implications of Cessationism	Calvin allowed for the potential reemergence of miracles, especially in areas lacking the gospel, posing challenges for modern cessationists concerning the necessity of miracles today.
Calvin on Catholic Miracles	Calvin dismissed Catholic miracles as deceptions, reflecting a cessationist view, without providing scriptural reasoning, ignoring instances of miracles performed by God outside doctrinal purity.
Legacy of Calvin’s Teachings	Despite misunderstandings of spiritual gifts, Calvin's reformation contributions, such as priesthood for all believers and justification by faith, are significant, maintaining his critical role in returning to Scripture's authority.

JOHN CALVIN FORMULATES CESSATIONISM

Corruption in the Church by 1500

By the year 1500, the church influenced by Augustine and Aquinas was marked by significant corruption. Priests failed

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to adhere to pastoral duties, engaging in scandalous behavior such as using concubines. The church hierarchy devised schemes like selling indulgences, which provided monetary means to alleviate sin for individuals and even for those in purgatory.

Martin Luther and the Reformation

Martin Luther, a monk from Wittenberg, challenged this corrupt doctrine, asserting that the Bible was the ultimate authority and that salvation comes through faith in Christ, apart from works. His efforts spurred the Protestant Reformation, a movement that profoundly transformed Christianity.

John Calvin's Contributions

John Calvin emerged as a leading theologian of the

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Chapter 10 Summary : 10. Conyers Middleton Formulates the Historical Criticism of Miracles

Chapter 10: Conyers Middleton and the Historical Criticism of Miracles

Historical Context and Middleton's Argument

Less than two hundred years after John Calvin’s death, the Anglican community in England engaged in fierce debates about the existence of miracles, primarily focusing on historical evidence post-apostles. In 1749, Conyers Middleton published "A Free Inquiry into the Miraculous Powers" which posited that God had withdrawn miraculous powers after the apostolic age. Middleton, a gifted stylist and controversial clergyman, created a systematic framework for skeptics to dismiss historical accounts of miracles.

Examination of Early Martyrs

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Middleton scrutinized early church figures like Ignatius and Polycarp, providing interpretations to debunk claims of miraculous experiences. His rejection of Ignatius's assertion that the Holy Spirit revealed church divisions is illustrative of his approach. Middleton favored natural explanations over supernatural ones, suggesting that revelations could easily be explained through human intuition rather than divine intervention.

Interpretive Keys of Skepticism

Middleton employed several interpretative strategies to deny supernatural occurrences:
1. Skepticism towards things viewed as unsubstantiated by authorities.
2. Preference for natural explanations over miraculous ones.
3. Dismissal of supernatural stories as too outlandish to merit belief.
Middleton criticized Polycarp’s martyrdom and the supernatural signs associated with it, arguing that these could be understood through rational thought rather than divine significance. Eyewitnesses saw remarkable phenomena during Polycarp's death, but Middleton ridiculed these accounts rather than addressing them seriously.

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The Significance of Polycarp’s Martyrdom

Polycarp's choice to embrace martyrdom for his faith and the miraculous events surrounding it, such as a voice from heaven and unusual occurrences during his execution, stand as testimony to his faith. Middleton's derision of these accounts illustrates a broader skepticism of miraculous reports, denying the agency of early Christians experiencing divine validation of their faith through miraculous occurrences.

Responses to Middleton's Claims

Historical refutations emerged in response to Middleton's skepticism, emphasizing the credence of miraculous experiences among early believers. Figures such as Justin Martyr and Cyprian also faced Middleton's critiques, as he denounced their testimonies based on perceived flaws in their character or doctrine. Critics argued that Middleton's standards for credible testimony were impractically stringent, calling into question the validity of his historical criticism.

Conclusion: Faith in the Face of Skepticism

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Ultimately, the chapter reflects a tension between modern skepticism and the miraculous experiences recounted by early Christians. The narratives of Polycarp and others remind readers of the importance of faith amidst persecution and divine honor demonstrated through extraordinary acts. The ongoing struggle over belief in miracles continues to resonate, illustrating a historical battle between faith and rationalism. The author asserts that the miraculous not only holds historical significance but also serves to honor the faithfulness of believers through trials and martyrdom.

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Chapter 11 Summary : 11. B. B. Warfield Produces the Final Form of Cessationism

Chapter 11: Warfield Produces the Final Form of Cessationism

Overview of Cessationism

Benjamin Breckinridge Warfield, known as the "Lion of Princeton," significantly shaped the cessationist argument through his 1918 work, *Counterfeit Miracles*. He asserted that miraculous events ceased after the New Testament apostles, adopting John Calvin's views that miracles were evidential, have ceased, and that Catholic miracles are delusions.

Warfield's Arguments and Systematic Theology

Warfield presented a rigid cessationist system, categorizing spiritual gifts into "ordinary" and "extraordinary." He argued

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that miraculous gifts served only to confirm the apostles as trustworthy doctrine teachers. With the apostles' teachings recorded in the New Testament, Warfield claimed there was no longer a need for miracles. He attributed continued belief in miracles to preconceived theories blinding individuals to factual evidence.

Critique of Warfield's Stance

Despite his claims, Warfield offered scant scriptural evidence for the cessation of miracles or the primary purpose of spiritual gifts as apostolic authentication. He sought to protect Scripture's authority from what he viewed as threats from Catholicism and faith healers, leading to a lack of thorough biblical investigation on his part.

Misunderstandings of Spiritual Gifts

Warfield's interpretation misuses terms like *charismata* and overlooks instances where miracles operated outside the parameters he outlined. Contradictions arise in his interpretations, such as the case of Ananias healing Paul, which he claims does not fit his cessationist view.

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Historical Evaluation of Miracles

In his analysis, Warfield dismissed historical reports of miracles, including eyewitness accounts from respected church figures, often attributing reported healings to natural or psychological phenomena. He upheld a biased interpretation, ruling out miracles as possibilities due to his predetermined beliefs.

Anecdotes and Personal Experiences

The author contrasts Warfield's skepticism with personal experiences of supernatural occurrences that challenge the cessationist view, highlighting instances of angelic encounters and miraculous healings in their life. These anecdotes serve as a critique of Warfield's theology, showing that belief in miracles continues within various Christian experiences.

Reflections on Faith and Miracles

The chapter concludes with the author's reflections on the ongoing presence of the miraculous in the Christian faith, emphasizing the disconnect between Warfield's arguments

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and lived experiences of believers who affirm the active role of the Holy Spirit in performing miracles today.

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Chapter 12 Summary : 12. Conclusions Regarding Cessationist Arguments

CONCLUSIONS REGARDING CESSATIONIST ARGUMENTS

Overview of Cessationism Critique

This chapter serves as a conclusion on the topic of cessationism, summarizing arguments presented over four centuries of theological discussion. The central assertion against cessationism is the absence of any scripture explicitly stating that God will cease the miraculous gifts of the Spirit before Jesus' return.

Main Arguments Against Cessationism

1.
Lack of Scriptural Basis

There is no biblical verse indicating that miracles were

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intended to authenticate the apostles solely or that they ceased with the apostles. Instead, many individuals in the early Church performed miracles, undermining the argument of exclusivity.

2.

Acceptance of Non-Apostolic Scriptures

Almost half of the New Testament was authored by non-apostles, raising the question of whether their writings are inferior if apostolic miracles authenticated only apostolic scripture.

3.

Miracles vs. Scripture Authority

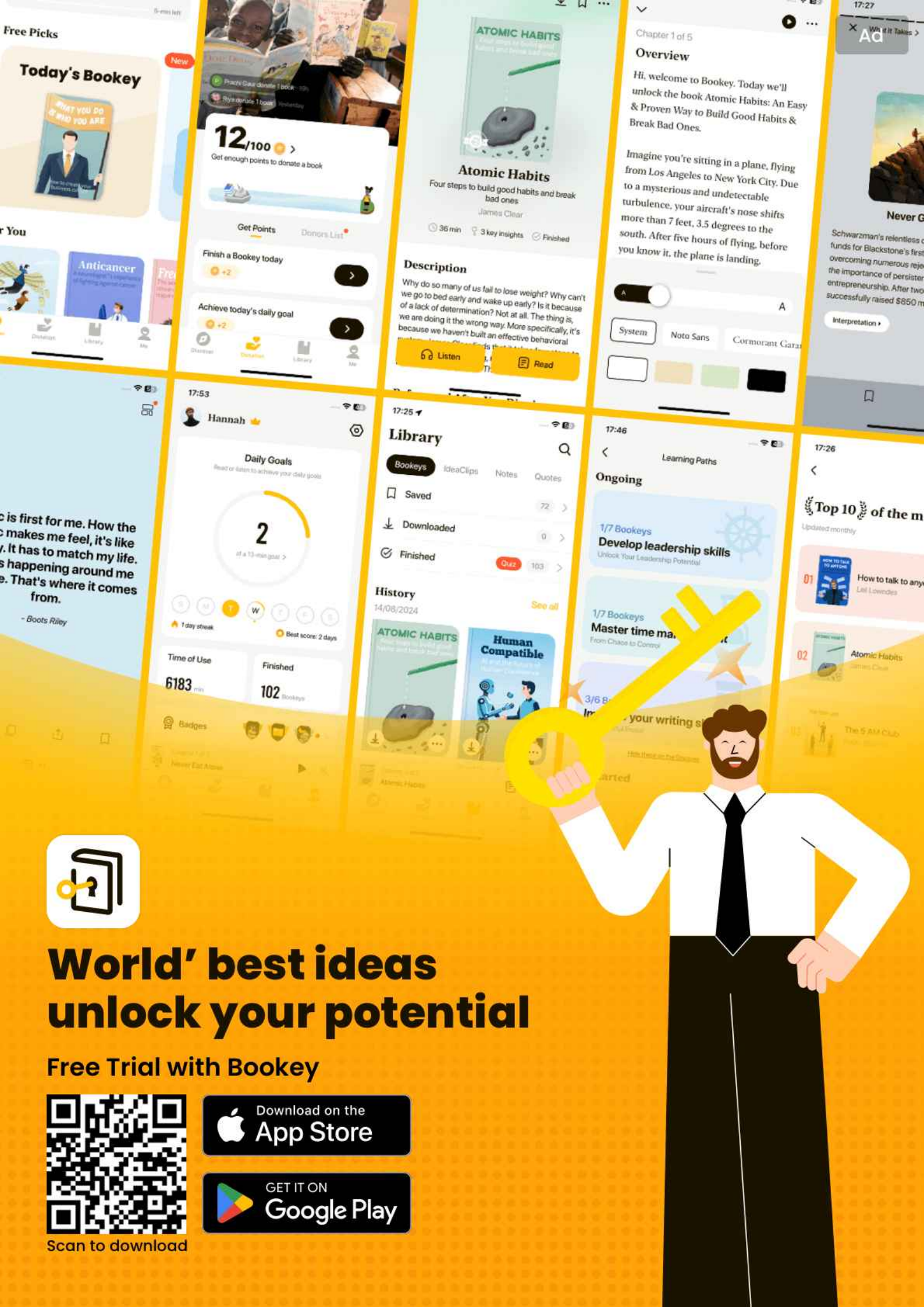
Miracles do not authenticate Scripture; rather, Scripture itself judges the validity of miracles. The self-authenticating nature of the Bible is crucial in determining the authenticity of miraculous acts.

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Chapter 13 Summary : 13. Why God Heals

WHY GOD HEALS

Introduction to Healing

- Healing is fundamental to Jesus' ministry, showing God's desire to restore rather than complicate faith.
- The primary motivations behind God's healing actions are rooted in His compassion and everlasting character.

GOD HEALS BECAUSE HE HAS COMPASSION

- Jesus frequently healed the sick out of compassion, responding to those in pain, such as lepers and demon-possessed individuals.
- The Hebrew term for compassion conveys deep maternal feelings, emphasizing God's tender care for His people.
- If Jesus acted compassionately in the past, this compassion remains unchanged today.

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GOD HEALS FOR HIS GLORY

- Some healings serve the purpose of glorifying God, as seen in the case of Lazarus' resurrection.
- Healings during Jesus' and the apostles' ministries led the masses to recognize and glorify God.
- The focus on glorifying God persists in modern miracle and healing ministries, echoing the intention behind divine intervention.

GOD HEALS IN RESPONSE TO FAITH

- Faith acts as a catalyst for healing, observable in individual stories of healing where belief prompted Jesus' response.
- This principle also applies to the apostles, exemplified in the healing of a lame man in Lystra due to his expressed faith.

GOD HEALS IN RESPONSE TO HIS OWN PROMISE

- James 5:14–16 affirms that the church is called to pray for the sick, with God promising healing as part of the church's

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role.
- The healing ministry lies not only with church leaders but with all believers, emphasizing communal intercession.

Conclusion

- Healing is a key ministry of the church today, rooted in various reasons outlined in Scripture:
  - God heals in response to requests.
  - Compassion drives healing.
  - Bringing glory to God is a significant purpose.
  - Healings align with faith and God's promises.
- Continuous understanding of these principles fosters a stronger belief in and practice of healing within the church community.

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Example

Key Point:Compassion of God in Healing

Example:Imagine reaching out in prayer for someone deeply hurt by illness, realizing it's not just about asking for healing, but recognizing God’s unchanging compassion drives your prayers. You feel His tenderness as you seek restoration, knowing that your plea reflects His loving nature. This divine empathy not only comforts but ignites hope, showing that healing is an expression of God's heart for His children.

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Key Point:God Heals Because He Has Compassion

Life inspiration:Imagine a world where you actively embrace the idea that compassion is a transformative force in your life. When you recognize that God's commitment to healing stems from His deep, unyielding compassion, it may inspire you to extend that same tenderness to those around you. Picture yourself reaching out to individuals in pain or distress, empowered by the understanding that your actions can bring relief and hope. Just as Jesus was moved to heal the suffering, you too can become a vessel of healing and empathy. This compassionate response not only honors God's character but also ignites a profound sense of connection within your community, reflecting the enduring nature of divine love and grace.

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Chapter 14 Summary : 14. Unbelief

UNBELIEF

Unbelief is identified as a primary barrier preventing some Christians from experiencing healings and miracles today. It is often rooted in theological views suggesting that God has ceased to operate through gifts of healing and miracles. However, even those who believe in God's healing power may grapple with various forms of unbelief.

DOES GOD PROMISE HEALING TO ALL?

Within the Pentecostal tradition, a prevalent belief is that it is always God's will to heal, with faith being a key requirement for healing. They often reference Isaiah 53:5 and Matthew 8:17 to support their claims. While the gifts of healing are recognized as blessings through the cross of Christ, it remains uncertain whether healing is guaranteed in this earthly life. Biblical examples, such as the Apostle Paul, demonstrate that not everyone is healed, even by the most gifted healers, suggesting that healing is not simply a matter of faith.

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DOUBTING GOD'S POWER

Most Christians' unbelief manifests as doubt regarding God's power, wisdom, or goodness. Personal anecdotes illustrate these doubts. During a prayer for healing, a woman expressed uncertainty about God's ability to heal her potentially malignant tumor, indicating a lack of belief in divine intervention despite the possibility of healing at any illness stage.

DOUBTING GOD'S GOODNESS

Another common challenge involves doubting God's goodness, particularly in relation to personal sinfulness. This doubt can hinder faith when seeking healing. The narrative emphasizes that believers often struggle with feelings of unworthiness when making significant requests to God. However, confidence in God's goodness should not be based on personal merit, but rather trust in the redeeming blood of Christ. The account of a healing conference reveals how overcoming these doubts can lead to miraculous outcomes, demonstrating that God's goodness is available to all, regardless of their imperfections.

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The chapter concludes by reinforcing the idea that God's willingness to heal does not depend on human righteousness but on His grace alone, underscoring that believers can approach God with confidence in His compassion and power.

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Chapter 15 Summary : 15. Healing Faith

HEALING FAITH

Introduction

Thirty years ago, during my time at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Anaheim, I received a call from Karen Hersom, a member of our healing team, who was distressed upon learning her unborn child had only one kidney. In the moment of her fear, I assured her that we would pray for healing. Despite my fears of having promised something I couldn't ensure, I felt a peace about it.

The Miracle

The following day, after praying for Karen, she felt unusual sensations in her womb. Two weeks later, a follow-up sonogram revealed her baby had two healthy kidneys. This astonishing healing was confirmed by a medical professional as a miracle. Today, her daughter Sarah is a nurse, fully healthy and thriving.

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Understanding Healing Faith

Healing faith is not simply mental certainty about healing but rather trust in Jesus' ability to heal. Biblical examples, such as the leper who sought healing, illustrate that faith is acknowledging Jesus' power without assuming automatic healing. Our prayers should always include a willingness to accept God's will.

The Significance of Small Faith

Many often wonder how much faith is necessary for healing. The New Testament teaches that even faith as small as a mustard seed can achieve great things. A personal anecdote from a healing meeting illustrates this — a woman with severe pain, despite minimal faith, ended up experiencing complete healing after simply meeting the call to stand for

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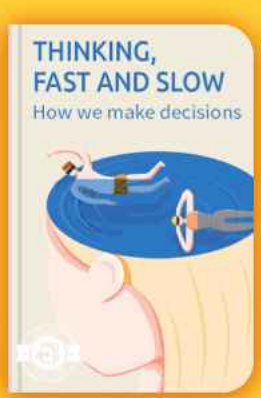
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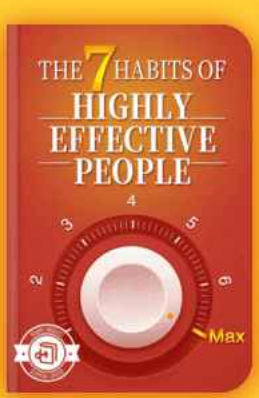
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Chapter 16 Summary : 16. Demonization

DEMONIZATION

Manifestations and Understanding of Demons

From the onset, encounters with demons occurred during prayer sessions, not as learned behavior but as surprising phenomena. Initially, there was a belief that demons were relegated to other parts of the world. However, these experiences revealed demons were present and negatively affecting lives while unnoticed. Guidance from mentor John Wimber emphasized that, instead of fearing demons, one should focus on God’s power, as He is in control.

Fear and Power

Christians are advised not to fear Satan. The key to resisting demonic influence is submission to God. Understanding Satan as a created being who rebelled against God allows for a more accurate perspective on evil. Demons, as fallen angels, follow Satan and aim to trap and control humanity.

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Levels of Demonic Influence

The text delineates levels of demonic influence, asserting that the term "demon-possessed" should rather be interpreted as "demonized," signifying varying degrees of demonic impact on individuals.

Forms of Demonic Influence

1.
Demonic Temptation
: Often subtle and linked to human fallibility, temptations may sometimes manifest through external demonic influence.

2.
Demonic Illness
: Physical ailments can stem from demonic sources. Instances involving Jesus healing individuals with conditions attributed to demons illustrate this connection.
3.
Demonic Mental Illness
: Severe cases may involve both mental and physical aspects. A notable biblical account highlights a boy’s suffering due to

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demonic possession, which the disciples could not resolve, illustrating the need for prayer in such matters.

Demonic Influence in Children

Children can be afflicted by demons without their consent, especially after trauma. Early intervention through prayer can lead to healing. If the entry point for demons after trauma is not addressed, it could integrate into the child's personality, leading to lifelong struggles.

The Importance of Prayer and Fasting

Encounters with strong demonic forces necessitate prayer, and incorporating fasting can further enhance one's authority and effectiveness in spiritual warfare.

Conclusion on Demonization

The Gerasene demoniac exemplifies extreme levels of demonic influence, marked by loss of control. However, even in severe cases, the will to reach out to Christ remains significant. The author champions the importance of submitting at Christ’s feet during prayers for liberation,

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drawing parallels between personal experiences and biblical accounts.

NOTES

The chapter closes with references to scholarly discussions on the reality of demonization and the linguistic nuances in biblical translations concerning demonic influence.

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Chapter 17 Summary : 17. Demonic Inroads

DEMONIC INROADS

Introduction

At a conference, John Wimber humorously responded to a question about whether Christians can be demonized, suggesting that while they can have anything they want, having a demon is undesirable.

Can Christians Be Demonized?

The belief that light (Christ) and darkness (demons) cannot dwell together is challenged. Wimber argues that, like sin and Christ coexist in believers, demons can influence Christians, manifesting through various biblical examples. Key examples include a woman healed by Jesus and a believer in Corinth handed over to Satan due to sinful behavior.

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Open Doors for Demons

The New Testament identifies seven specific inroads through which demons can gain access to believers.

1.

Anger and Unforgiveness

: Anger gives demons a foothold, as refusing to forgive aligns with the principles of hell rather than heaven. An example is shared about a woman whose physical ailment was linked to her unforgiveness, which was resolved through her choosing to forgive.

2.

Sexual Immorality

: Engaging in sexual impurity often leads to demonic influence, as seen in a young woman's experience with nightmares linked to her promiscuity. Confession and repentance helped her find peace.

3.

Violence

: Violence is portrayed as a mark of demonic influence. Instances of violent dreams and insomnia are connected to real-life experiences with horror and violent movies that desensitize individuals to evil.

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Additional Demonic Inroads

Four more specific inroads are mentioned:

1.
Hatred
(envy, jealousy, selfish ambition).

2.
Occult Practices
(including imaginary friends which can open doors to demons).

3.
Idolatry
(anything worshipped other than God).

4.
Blasphemy
(slander against God).

Setting a Demonized Person Free

Discerning whether a person is demonized is critical. Use the gift of "discerning of spirits" to identify demonic influence. It is emphasized not to rush healing processes, as spiritual freedom often requires addressing underlying issues.

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Final Thoughts

Demonization is a complex issue tied to various life choices and spiritual conditions. Setting people free involves prayer, discernment, and supportive relationships. Jesus' authority is crucial in confronting demonic powers, and while it may seem like a daunting task, it is part of the broader healing ministry in the New Testament.

Conclusion

John Wimber advised against glorifying the ministry of deliverance, viewing it as necessary yet humbling work, akin to a behind-the-scenes task that should not be boastful.

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Chapter 18 Summary : 18. Filled With the Spirit In the Gospel of Luke

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Christians have long sought a formula or secret to achieve perfection or minimize struggle in the Christian life. A common notion suggests that once we allow the Holy Spirit to empower us, we will find it easier to obey God. This notion portrays the filling of the Holy Spirit as a means to "cruise control" in our spiritual walk, often associated with an initial period of struggles followed by an empowerment marked by speaking in tongues and experiencing heightened love and peace. However, the New Testament offers a contrasting picture, emphasizing that true Christian life is filled with struggles and trials.

The Nature of Struggles in the Christian Life

Both Jesus and the apostle Paul faced immense struggles; Jesus experienced intense agony before crucifixion, and

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Paul's journey was marked by increasing trials. The real reward lies not in avoiding hardship but in experiencing God's affection. The filling of the Holy Spirit is often misunderstood within theological discussions, leading to confusion about its nature and relationship to other Spirit-related experiences.

Investigating the Filling of the Spirit

The text emphasizes the importance of studying New Testament references to the filling of the Spirit to draw accurate conclusions. Clarity is needed to determine if the filling of the Spirit is the same as baptism, indwelling, sealing, or other works of the Spirit. The New Testament mentions filling primarily in Luke and Acts, where Luke differentiates between being "full of the Spirit" and "filled with the Spirit."

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Chapter 19 Summary : 19. Filled With the Spirit In Acts

Summary of Chapter 19: Filled with the Spirit in Acts

Introduction to the Holy Spirit in Acts

In the Book of Acts, there are five notable instances of individuals being filled with the Holy Spirit. It is important to distinguish this experience from simply receiving or having the Spirit come upon someone.

The Significance of Key Events

Three pivotal moments mark when God's Spirit began to dwell on Earth:
1. The tabernacle's glory (Leviticus 9:23-24).
2. The glory filling the temple (2 Chronicles 7:1-3).
3. The Holy Spirit filling believers post-Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13).

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Role and Empowerment of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to prophesy and reveal Christ to the world. The first filling occurs during Pentecost, allowing the apostles to speak in different languages, leading to a mass conversion (Acts 2:4, 2:41). Notably, speaking in tongues is not a prerequisite for being filled with the Spirit, as later instances show different manifestations.

Repeated Examples of Spirit Filling

Peter’s time before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:8) illustrates how being filled with the Spirit is essential for bold testimony, especially in hostile environments. Here, he proclaims the power of Jesus, highlighting the temporary but repeatable nature of the Spirit's filling for prophetic ministry.

Prayer and the Church's Power

The power of the early church stemmed from their dedication to prayer, as evidenced by Acts 4:29-31. When the believers prayed, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, showcasing that asking for boldness rather than simply a filling leads to

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empowerment for evangelism.

Transformation of Saul to Paul

Saul’s encounter with Jesus results in his conversion and subsequent filling with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17), leading him to testify seamlessly about Jesus' lordship. His experience demonstrates that the filling occurs in the presence of non-believers, reinforcing the evangelistic role of the Spirit.

Concluding Insights on Spirit Filling

The chapter closes by reiterating that being filled with the Spirit is linked to a believer's commitment to evangelize. The narrative showcases how the faithful who dedicate themselves to sharing the Gospel are empowered by the Spirit to accomplish this mission effectively.

Final Thoughts

Embracing the filling of the Holy Spirit requires a heart willing to reach the lost—this approach invites God's supernatural empowerment, forging connections that can lead

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others to Christ. The author reflects on personal experiences of being filled with the Spirit, emphasizing the connection between such moments and a commitment to outreach.

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Chapter 20 Summary : 20. Full of the Spirit In Luke and Acts

Full of the Spirit in Luke and Acts

Overview of "Full of the Holy Spirit"

Luke uniquely employs the phrase "full of the Holy Spirit" as a character descriptor throughout his writings, particularly in Acts. This phrase signifies both a characteristic of a person and their empowerment through the Holy Spirit.

Examples of Spirit-Filled Individuals

1.
Dorcas
: Described as "full of good works", demonstrating a life consistent with the Spirit's fruit (Acts 9:36).
2.
Barnabas
: Noted as "full of the Holy Spirit and faith", implying he

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bore spiritual fruit and was empowered for evangelism (Acts 11:24).
3.
Stephen
: Highlighted as "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit", he exemplified a transformative disciple, ultimately becoming the first Christian martyr (Acts 6:5).

Stephen's Role and Martyrdom

Stephen begins as a servant but evolves into a miracle worker and a vocal witness for Christ. His boldness incited opposition, culminating in his martyrdom, where he displayed unwavering faith and forgiveness, paralleling the life of Jesus (Acts 7:55-60).

Contrast with Jesus

Luke's reference to Jesus as "full of the Holy Spirit" (Luke 4:1) denotes complete empowerment for facing challenges. Unlike others, Jesus uniquely carried the fullness of the Spirit for his mission and ministry, affirming his divine character.

The Phrase's Flexibility and Usage

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The phrase "full of the Holy Spirit" varies in context, sometimes serving purely as a character descriptor, while at other times indicating empowerment for miraculous works. This flexibility contrasts with "filled with the Spirit", illustrating a broader application in scriptural references.

Final Reflection

The apostolic call was to engage in evangelism empowered by the Spirit, suggesting that believers should seek empowerment not merely for personal character development but to effectively communicate the gospel. The consistent prayer is for empowerment to act as evangelists, leading others to faith in Christ.

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Chapter 21 Summary : 21. Physical Manifestations

PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS IN REVIVAL

On April 18, 1906, the Los Angeles Times reported on the Azusa Street revival, describing it as a "weird babel of tongues." This revival, lasting three years, is noted as the birthplace of modern Pentecostalism. The physical manifestations observed during the meetings were often mocked as "frenzy of religious zeal," despite their significance.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS

Physical manifestations during revivals are a longstanding occurrence in church history. Examples include John Wesley's observations during the Evangelical Revival and Jonathan Edwards's descriptions of similar phenomena during the Great Awakening, where congregants exhibited intense emotional responses such as crying, trembling, and

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fainting.

BIBLICAL BASIS FOR PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS

The Bible indicates that physical responses such as trembling, fear, and weeping can accompany the work of the Holy Spirit. These manifestations are linked to both visible signs (like theophanies) and intangible experiences of God's presence.

DEBATES ABOUT MANIFESTATIONS IN REVIVALS

Critics of Edwards expressed concern that the chaotic nature of these manifestations contradicted biblical teachings about order in worship. Edwards defended the authenticity of these experiences as genuine encounters with the Spirit.

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Chapter 22 Summary : 22. Abuses

Chapter 22: Abuses

Overview of Cessationist Beliefs

Cessationists argue that God refrains from performing miracles among groups with spiritual abuses, doctrinal errors, or immorality. Contrarily, scripture indicates that God can and does perform miracles regardless of such issues.

Biblical Examples

1.
Samson’s Strength

- Samson's significant strength derived from the Holy Spirit, not physical training.
- Despite engaging in sexual immorality, he still received divine strength to perform miracles.

2.
The Church in Corinth

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- Paul noted that the Corinthian church lacked no spiritual gifts, yet it engaged in serious moral violations and doctrinal errors, such as denying the resurrection.
- This highlights that rich spiritual gifts can exist alongside moral and doctrinal failures.

3.

The Galatian Churches

- Paul expressed astonishment at the Galatians abandoning the gospel for a different one, despite God still working miracles among them.
- Their errors did not negate the presence of God's power within them.

Implications of Miracles and Abuses

- The presence of doctrinal errors or moral issues in a community does not invalidate the miracles performed; miracles confirm the gospel of Jesus, not specific doctrines.
- Cessationists often dismiss genuine miracles due to the presence of abuses, failing to acknowledge these two key principles regarding biblical miracles.

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Human Nature and Church Abuses

- All churches suffer from abuses due to flawed leaders and members.
- In discussing abuses, the author recounts personal experiences that illustrate the harm done, often without realizing it, through a focus on rules or traditions over compassion.

Importance of Humility

- Recognizing our capacity for error and being aware of our potential for pride are critical to understanding our own weaknesses.
- The importance of humility in spiritual leadership is emphasized, as true spiritual insight comes from acknowledging our flaws.

Case Studies of Abuse

- Several anecdotes illustrate how good doctrine does not necessarily translate into acts of compassion or ministry in times of crisis.
- Ministers may hold firm to beliefs while neglecting pastoral

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care, highlighting a disconnection between doctrine and practice.

Conclusion

- The chapter stresses that sound doctrine is essential, but it must be balanced with love, humility, and genuine empathy for others.
- The church must be wary of becoming judgmental or prideful, prioritizing humility and service over mere doctrinal correctness.

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Chapter 23 Summary : 23. The Gift of Teaching

THE GIFT OF TEACHING

Humanity's Division

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus categorizes humanity into two paths: the wide road leading to destruction and the narrow road leading to life. Everyone is born on the wide road, which requires no effort to remain on. In contrast, the narrow road is challenging, filled with obligations and suffering but ultimately leads to heaven. While evangelists bring people onto this narrow road, teachers help guide them through it.

Role of Teachers

Teachers clarify the spiritual obligations of following God, while also emphasizing the beauty and enjoyment of a relationship with Him. They focus on God rather than mere

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obligations, showing how to find joy in spiritual duties, such as prayer.

The Nature of Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts, like the gift of teaching, are not mere abilities but supernatural empowerments meant to build up the community in Christ. True teaching reveals the beauty of God and reflects deep personal relationship rather than rote knowledge.

The Cultural Shift in Teaching

By Jesus's time, the teaching authority in Israel had shifted to a group known as the teachers of the law, or scribes. These teachers emphasized academic knowledge of scripture rather than living it out, leading to a disconnect from true faith and relationship with God.

Jesus' Teaching Style

Jesus taught with revelation from God, rather than relying solely on formal education or study methods. His teachings were infused with the power of the Holy Spirit, contrasting

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sharply with those of the religious leaders of the day.

The Apostolic Example

The apostles followed this model, relying on the Holy Spirit for both content and power in their teaching. They conveyed the gospel not just as doctrine, but as a narrative of God's love and the kingdom at work.

Teaching and Experience of God

Seeing God's glory deepens relationships with Him, moving beyond service to friendship. Genuine friendships are characterized by pleasure and mutual delight in each other's presence, which is central to the teaching approach of Jesus.

Prayer and Love as Foundations

Jesus exemplified the importance of prayer as a relational tool, rather than a mere obligation. Love for God and others is the foundation for understanding and living out scripture.

The Shift from Obligation to Relationship

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Many contemporary teachings often focus on obligations, leaving congregants feeling inadequate. True teaching should inspire love and connection with God, moving away from guilt-driven messages toward an experience of divine love.

The Power of Storytelling

Effective teaching engages through relatable stories and experiences rather than complex theological arguments, making scriptural truths accessible and inviting.

Creating an Atmosphere for Friendship

Pastoral leaders should foster environments that encourage deep friendships and connections among believers, contrasting the isolation often found in traditional church settings.

Conclusion

The aim of teaching is to lead others into experiencing God's love deeply, creating a community centered on relationship rather than obligation, and ultimately guiding them toward the fullness of life in God through the Holy Spirit.

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Chapter 24 Summary : 24. Cultivating the Spiritual Gifts

CULTIVATING THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Introduction to Healing and Spiritual Gifts

At a church service, the author and a healing team prayed for individuals, illustrating the community's practice of coming together to offer spiritual gifts rather than just attending for sermons. The focus is on prayer, love, and spiritual gifts, derived from 1 Peter 4:7–11.

Spiritual Gifts as Tools of Empowered Love

The author shares an experience in Tainan, Taiwan, where the gifts of the Spirit are emphasized as essential tools for building the Church, not just an enhancement for services. Spiritual gifts are supernatural endowments given to each Christian for serving the body of Christ.

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Understanding Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are different from natural talents and are described as empowered by the Holy Spirit. Paul explains that all gifts are empowered for service, and they require the guidance of the Spirit for effective usage. The author emphasizes the need for growth in character alongside the development of spiritual gifts.

The Four Ways Spiritual Gifts Are Given

1.
By Will of the Holy Spirit
: Gifts are typically received when one is born again.
2.
Apostolic Impartation
: Gift transfer through the laying on of hands.
3.

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Chapter 25 Summary : 25. Eternal Rewards

ETERNAL REWARDS

Introduction to Judgment and Rewards

In his early Christian life, the author reflects on 2 Corinthians 5:10, emphasizing the significance of individual accountability before the judgment seat of Christ. He learns from his disciple Scott Manley that this moment holds immense importance as it determines how believers will be rewarded based on their actions on earth.

Understanding the Judgment Seat (Bema)

The term "bema" refers to the judgment seat where decisions are publicly declared. The perfect judge, Jesus, observes all motives and actions, revealing true character and ultimately evaluating each believer's life. While all believers will inhabit heaven, the experience of heaven differs among them,

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with some being deemed "great" and others "least" in the kingdom.

Nature of Heavenly Rewards

The heavenly reward involves God's praise and approval for one’s faithful actions in life. This concept, often overlooked in Christian teachings, reveals that rewards are not about acceptance but about recognition by Christ. The essence of heavenly rewards is inspired by how God rewarded His own Son, Jesus. The joy and honor experienced by Jesus reflect what awaits His faithful followers.

Valuing Earthly Efforts

Regardless of the magnitude of earthly efforts, rewards in heaven vastly outsize the efforts made, as seen in the parable of the faithful servant. Small acts of love and faithfulness during one’s life carry significant weight in the heavenly realm, emphasizing that even minor deeds done with love and devotion are honored by God.

The Crown of Rulership

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Various crowns symbolize rewards for believers who endure trials, long for Jesus' return, and shepherd others. These rewards embody not only rulership but also signify God's honor and beauty upon His faithful servants.

Misunderstandings and Fears about Rewards

Concerns regarding judgment and rewards often stem from misunderstanding the nature of God's love for believers. The judgment seat serves not as a place of exclusion but as a revelation of love. All believers will ultimately reside in heaven, albeit with varying degrees of reward, and even those who have strayed will experience God's overwhelming love.

The Pursuit of Jesus' Approval

Serving Jesus out of gratitude is ideal, yet seeking His approval is a pure expression of love. The desire for rewards is not tainted motivation but represents a longing to please God, culminating in the ultimate joy of hearing His commendation.

Conclusion

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Reflecting on personal motivations for divine approval, the author expresses that while initial desires for rewards were rooted in a desire to avoid being a "loser," the true aspiration has evolved into wanting to please and bring joy to Jesus, the beloved Savior. The promise of affirmation from Christ acts as a profound motivator for believers to live faithfully, making every moment an opportunity to honor Him.

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Chapter 26 Summary : 26. Hearing the Voice of God

Hearing the Voice of God

Introduction to Spiritual Gifts

The author reflects on their early Christian life, where they relied on discipline and biblical knowledge to gain Jesus' approval. They struggled with the idea of wanting "more" from God, believing that solid doctrine was sufficient.

Divisions in the Body of Christ

The text discusses the divide among Christians: one camp prioritizes doctrine while the other focuses on experiencing God's supernatural power. The author acknowledges that individual beliefs often stem from personal influences and previous experiences rather than a deep understanding of scripture.

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Personal Transformation

In their thirties, the author's perspective began to shift when they were introduced to the concept of healing. They initially believed in the strength of doctrine but came to recognize their own spiritual shortcomings and the need for emotional healing.

The Gift of Healing

Entering a healing ministry opened the author to God's accessibility outside scripture, transforming their approach to the Bible into a guide for experiencing supernatural possibilities.

Guidance by the Holy Spirit

The author recounts how the Holy Spirit directed them in their ministry, drawing parallels with the experiences of biblical figures like Paul in the book of Acts. They emphasize the importance of being attuned to God's voice for fulfilling divine purposes.

A Profound Encounter with God

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An impactful moment in a car led to the author feeling God's presence intimately. They were reminded not to take pride in their spiritual commitments but to rejoice in Jesus instead. This realization deepened their friendship with God.

Recognizing Spiritual Shortcomings

The author shares a revelation about their tendency toward self-righteousness, drawing insights from the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. They emphasize that true awareness of one’s spiritual faults comes from the Holy Spirit, not just scripture.

Redefining Friendship with God

The text describes the characteristics of a true friendship with God, marked by love, pleasure, and gratitude. Knowing and recognizing God's voice became essential for experiencing deep relationships in their faith.

Experiencing God's Voice

The author illustrates their journey of hearing God’s voice

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through everyday experiences, highlighting how these encounters have significantly impacted their life and ministry.

Conclusion: Love and Service

The author concludes that loving God and others leads to fulfilling the Great Commandment and Commission. This love is felt deeply when one experiences God’s voice regularly, emphasizing the transformative power of divine love in Christian life.

Notes

A specific prayer from Ephesians is included to illustrate the desire to grasp the fullness of God’s love, underscoring the text's central message about the importance of feeling God's presence.

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Key Point:Experiencing God's Voice

Life inspiration:Imagine immersing yourself in a daily reality where you hear and respond to the voice of God, transforming mundane moments into divine encounters. This chapter invites you to step beyond mere doctrine and into an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, guiding you through life with a clarity and purpose that you may have only dreamed of. By recognizing that God's voice is accessible in every aspect of your life, from the quiet stillness of morning to the chaos of your day, you can cultivate a friendship with Him that is vibrant and alive. It’s as if a light has been turned on, illuminating your path and allowing you to engage in loving God and others in ways that fulfill the deepest longings of your heart. This profound connection will inspire you not only to seek personal transformation but to extend that love and purpose to those around you, making a lasting impact in your community.

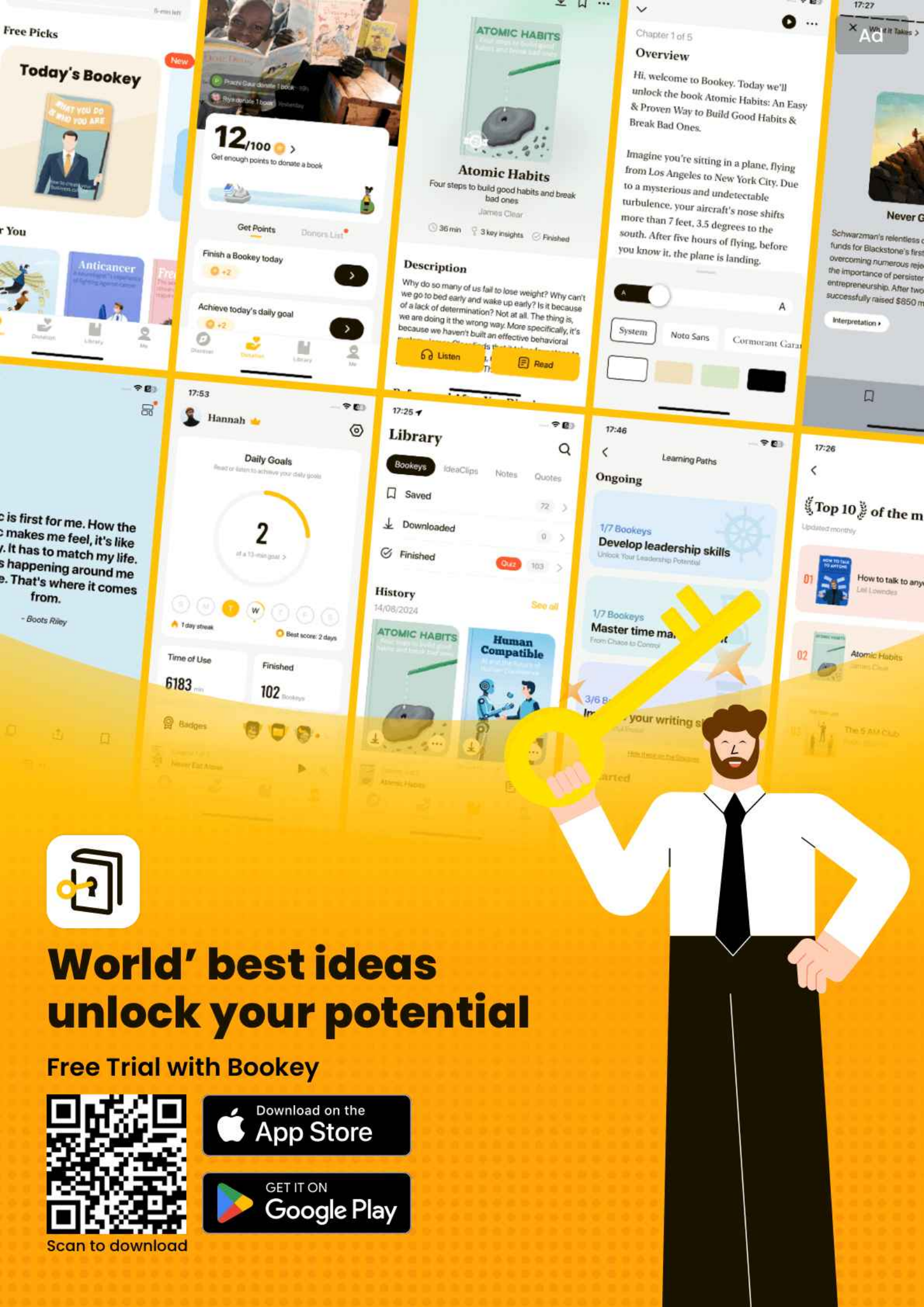
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1. With God, all things are possible.
2. The only person who never needed any help chose twelve helpers.
3. Discipleship is not about passing on some skills. That’s a mentoring relationship. Discipleship is loving someone, enjoying a person with whom we have a special chemistry, and teaching them to love the things that Jesus loves.
4. I served a Savior who healed, who taught his followers to heal, and whose followers taught their followers to heal.
5. This book is the story of how he answered that question, and the story of how he turned me into a healer.

Chapter 2 | Quotes From Pages 20-32

1. God surprised me, in my seventeenth year and gave this godless, fatherless boy a new life and

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spiritual fathers to look after me.

2. When I think of the kingdom of God, I think of Christ's authority.

3. Do you think every instance where the apostles prayed for someone is recorded in Scripture?

4. There are only two options. Either Dr. White is telling me the truth, or he is lying to me.

5. We started this church with a handful of people. If our church splits, we could start another church with a handful of people if we needed to.

6. Praying for healing miracles didn't sound so stupid anymore.

Chapter 3 | Quotes From Pages 33-40

1. Look up, you don't have to do that anymore. You are a child of the King.

2. You're a deceiver and a manipulator, and you're just playing at church.

3. You don't 'counsel' demons out of people. Demons only come out by the power of the blood of Christ.

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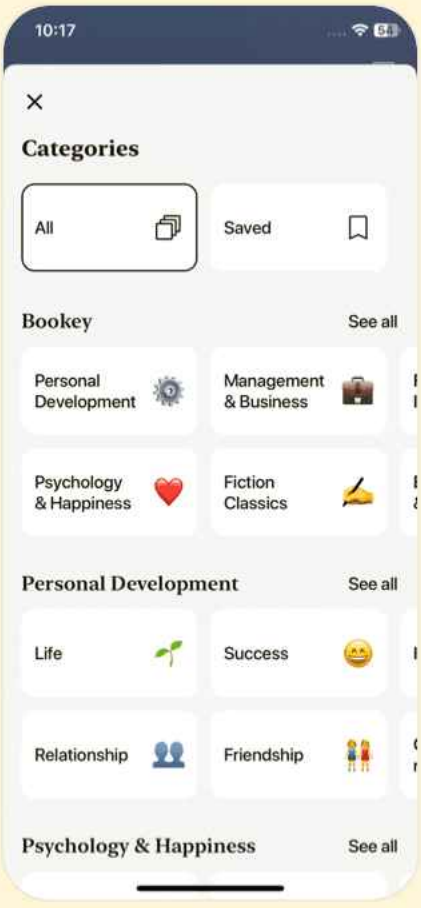
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Chapter 4 | Quotes From Pages 41-48

1. Jack, Wimber can teach you more about healing and hearing God's voice than anyone I know.
2. I thought this was the most amazing thing I had ever seen. This was like those Old Testament prophets who could see what was going on in the bedroom of the enemy commanders.
3. When she didn't come forward, I thought I should wait a moment longer. 'Tuesday' just floated through my mind.
4. I've had better luck adjusting to His way of speaking than trying to get him to adjust to my way of hearing.
5. Praying for the sick became a permanent part of my life.

Chapter 5 | Quotes From Pages 49-60

1. You do not have because you do not ask God.
2. There will always be enough, because I died.
3. But, Mama, you said there would always be enough!
4. In contrast to the environment assumed by Hume, today hundreds of millions of people claim to have witnessed miracles.

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5.The ones given the greatest miracles are also the ones given the greatest suffering.

Chapter 6 | Quotes From Pages 61-76

1.They have not seen them.

2.If the gifts were lost in history, the most important question is not whether they were lost, but why they were lost.

3.The people of God frequently lose the blessings of God.

4.There is ample evidence throughout church history for the use of the gifts in the church.

5.Current cessationist writers do appeal to history because they can’t make their case against miracles using only the Bible.

6.Conversion is one of the most supernatural works of God.

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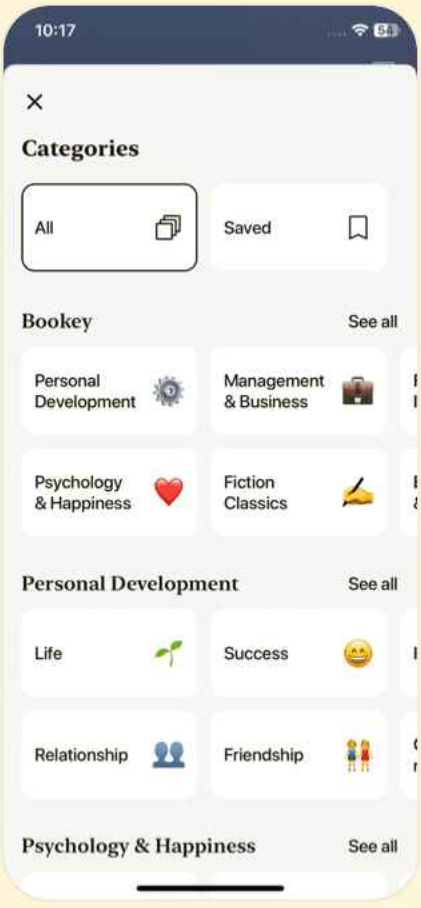
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Chapter 7 | Quotes From Pages 77-87

1. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.
2. Jesus was the only person who was given the Holy Spirit without limit.
3. The only way anyone with a healing gift could have an effective ministry in a hospital... would be if the Lord actually sent that gifted person there to heal.
4. Jesus only healed one person at the pool that day because his Father was only healing one person.
5. God allowed the healing ministry of his Son to be limited, at least on some occasions, by the unbelief of the people.

Chapter 8 | Quotes From Pages 88-102

1. Apart, from me, you can do nothing.
2. The ministry of signs and wonders is greater than the gift of healing.
3. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants

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to speak your word with great boldness.

4. Who knows what kind of outpouring of signs and wonders in revival God might be pleased to give us?

5. These are the ones who can't survive without the power of the Lord rescuing them.

Chapter 9 | Quotes From Pages 103-111

1. The Lord is indeed present with his people in every age; and he heals their weaknesses as often as necessary, no less than of old; still, he does not put forth these manifest powers, nor dispense miracles though the apostles' hands.

2. But that gift of healing, like the rest of the miracles, which the Lord willed to be brought forth for a time, has vanished away in order to make the new preaching of the gospel marvelous forever.

3. If the spiritual gifts were needed to build up the church in the first century, they would be needed to do the same in all the following centuries.

4. Calvin claims that miracles confirm the teaching of the

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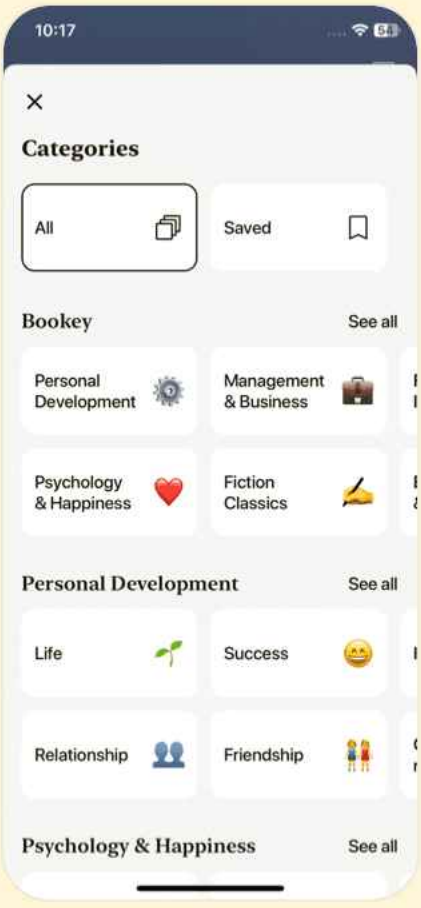
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Chapter 10 | Quotes From Pages 112-124

1. Do nothing without the bishop; keep your flesh as a temple of God; cherish union; shun divisions; be imitators of Jesus Christ, as He Himself also was of His Father.
2. Yet I do not find, that any other Commentator has ventured to build anything miraculous or supernatural upon it.
3. Be strong, Polycarp, and take courage. I am with you.
4. The God I believe in presides over a world in which his servant can split seas and make water flow out of rocks, and even a world in which a donkey can see an angel and talk.
5. There was a man named Polycarp who loved God so much and God's people so much that he chose to be burned alive rather than to go free by dishonoring God and letting down the people of God.
6. Is it unseemly that God would honor such a man with the dove and the blood?

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1. The curious power which preconceived theory has to blind men to facts.
2. You let nothing fall through the cracks. Then you take your list and make notes about the content and purpose of each supernatural act or each teaching about the supernatural.
3. All of this information, and more, was available to Warfield. Here is his response. We have never seen a satisfactory natural explanation of how this cure was effected... we prefer simply to leave it, meanwhile, unexplained.
4. I cannot find any evidence in the writing of Warfield that he has ever done a thorough study like this, nor can I find a single story in Warfield's writing of him ever praying for a sick person.
5. When the devil came to sift us, the Lord did the same for us by sending angels and prayers ahead of time so that our faith might not fail.

Chapter 12 | Quotes From Pages 142-156

1. The major biblical problem for the cessationists is

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that there is not a single verse of Scripture stating that God will withdraw the miraculous gifts of the Spirit before Jesus returns to establish His kingdom on the earth.

2. Miracles do not authenticate the Bible. Scripture is self-authenticating and judges the authenticity of miracles.
3. The greatest miracle in the world is that God loves us and His Son died for us. His love for us is, and forever will remain, an inexplicable mystery.
4. When miracles are given by God to authenticate gospel preaching, they are given on the basis of grace, not out of a divine necessity to make up for a deficiency in the gospel message.
5. The simple preaching of the gospel could do all of these things without miracles at any time in history and can still do them today.

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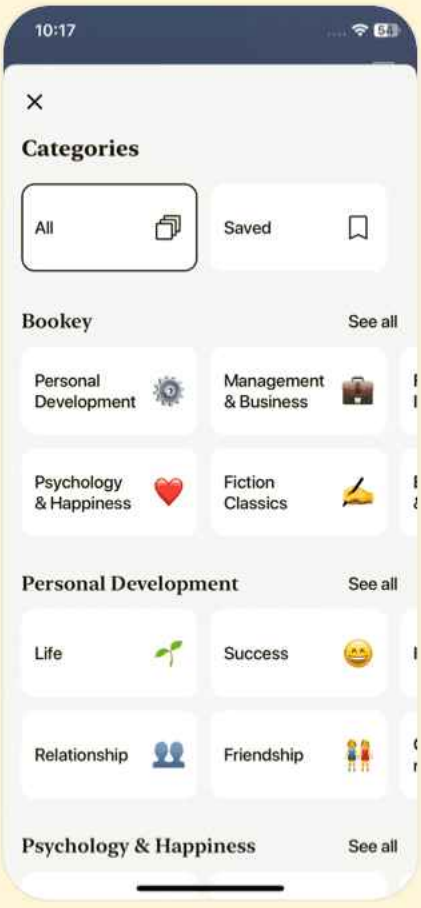
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Chapter 13 | Quotes From Pages 157-171

1. When I first studied every healing and miracle story in the New Testament, I was overwhelmed by the purity and simplicity of the supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus heals because he has compassion on the sick and hurting.
3. The sheer number of the texts listed... demonstrate that God’s compassion and mercy were major factors in the healings of the New Testament.
4. Sometimes the stated purpose for a healing is to bring glory to God.
5. God has always been concerned to bring glory to himself and to his Son.
6. If the whole church were to take God’s command seriously, we would see a great deal more healing than we see presently.

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1. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was

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crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

2. If Paul believed that anyone could be healed if they had enough faith, he would have encouraged Timothy to, 'fan into flame', the gift of faith.
3. Satan accuses us 'before our God day and night.' He doesn't stand before God pointing out my failures. He accuses me directly when I go before God to pray.
4. What the accuser is attacking is the goodness of God. He wants us to believe that God's goodness is contingent on our goodness.
5. I can ask God for anything because I am a blood-bought child of God, and I am loved by him, regardless of the quality of my performance.

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1. Don't worry, Karen. We will pray for you, and God will heal your baby.
2. When we ask for healing or anything else, we must always

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ask in the spirit of 'if you are willing.'

3. Every time I speak to a group about healing, someone will ask, 'How much faith does it take to get healed?' The short answer is, 'Not much.'
4. It is God’s will to give us grace in every situation.
5. If he doesn’t take away my pain, but instead gives me the grace to endure the pain, it’s because I need that pain.
6. I go to listen to the hurting and to listen to my God and to bring His light into the darkness.
7. Everyone who finds joy in praying for the sick will see their faith for healing grow the more they pray for the hurting.

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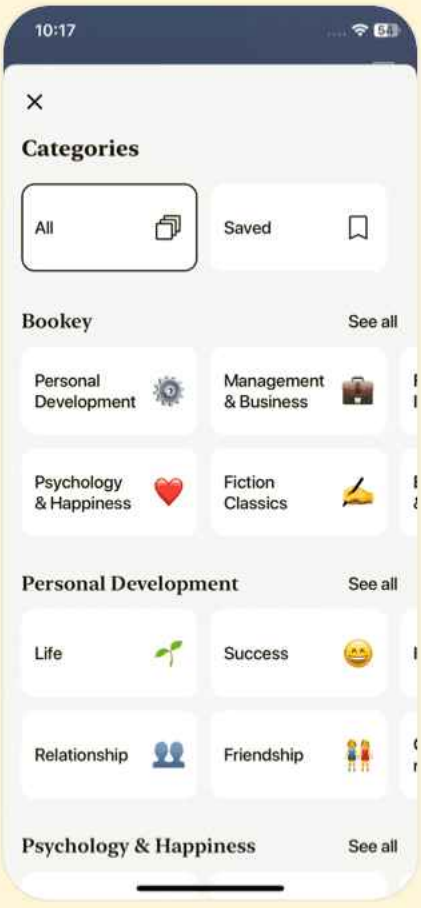
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1. When you all launched out in prayer, God gave you power to make wrong things right in their lives. Look at it like this: you all are cleaning a house that has been soiled through years of neglect. Eventually, you will cleanse the house, and things will settle down.
2. NEVER FEAR SATAN OR DEMONS. First of all, neither Jesus nor the apostles ever showed the slightest fear of Satan. No Christian should fear Satan. We are to fear only God.
3. The key to overcoming the devil is submitting to God. Satan is not God’s opposite. God created a beautiful and powerful angel who later rebelled against God and became Satan.
4. Demons can’t just enter any person they please. Adults give demons a legal right to enter them by prolonged voluntary sin in certain forbidden areas.
5. Jesus said, 'this kind' does not go out except by prayer.

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1. Sure," answered Wimber. "Christians can have anything they want, but who'd want a demon?
2. The kingdom of Jesus Christ is founded on love and forgiveness.
3. Forgiveness is a skill that is not native to our hearts. We have to be taught to forgive and then empowered by God to forgive from the heart.
4. When I refuse to forgive, I want something bad to happen to that person; I feel spiritually superior to that person.
5. When we keep choosing to forgive and seeking the grace to forgive, we stay out of prison.
6. Sexual impurity is a major inroad for demonic influence.
7. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
8. Doing battles with demons is like cleaning out toilets. Someone has to do it, but no one in their right mind would

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1. For nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:37, ESV).
2. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” (Luke 1:45).
3. His name is John” (Luke 1:63, emphasis added).
4. What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).
5. They see what no eye can see. They are dazzled by the beauty of what they see.

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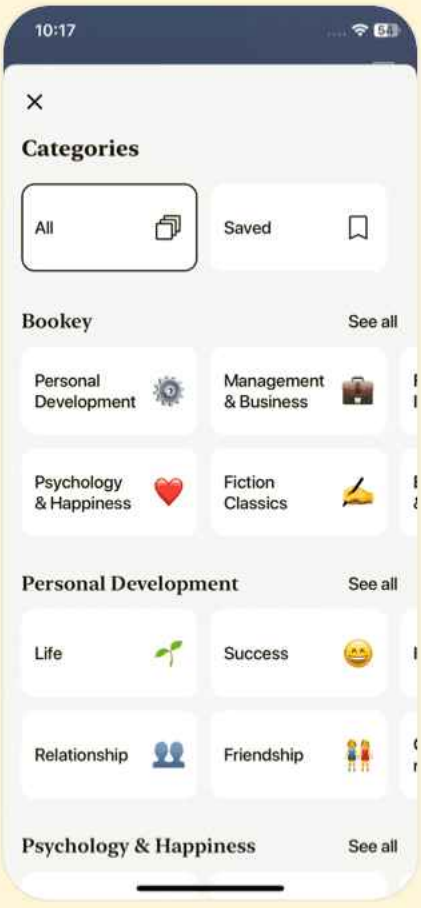
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Chapter 19 | Quotes From Pages 248-262

1. From now on, all the people of God will be prophetic.” (Acts 2:17-18)
2. They did not pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They prayed for boldness to speak the word of the Lord to a hostile audience.” (Acts 4:31)
3. You’re a sinner, and you need a Savior.
4. The filling of the Spirit is a temporary, repeatable, prophetic empowering to testify about Jesus to hostile unbelievers.” (Acts 13:9)
5. The first-century church was a praying church.

Chapter 20 | Quotes From Pages 263-270

1. ‘But, Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God’.
2. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he fell on his knees and cried out,

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‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he fell asleep.

3. Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

4. Every day, I pray to be like Barnabas—‘a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith,’ and through whom ‘a great number of people were brought to the Lord’.

5. But, through Stephen’s prayer, the Holy Spirit found a witness among the murderers to replace Stephen.

Chapter 21 | Quotes From Pages 271-290

1. From this time, I trust, we shall all suffer God to carry on His own work in the way that pleaseth Him.

2. When God is pleased to convince the consciences of persons, so that they cannot avoid great outward manifestations, even to interrupting and breaking off those public means they were attending, I do not think this is confusion...

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3. Neither the devil nor the flesh produces love for God, love for one's family, or freedom from addictions.
4. The ability to weep over the words of Scripture and over our failure to obey God's commands is something that ought to be cultivated and desired today.
5. Genuine physical manifestations may appear chaotic, but they are part of God's work in restoring order.

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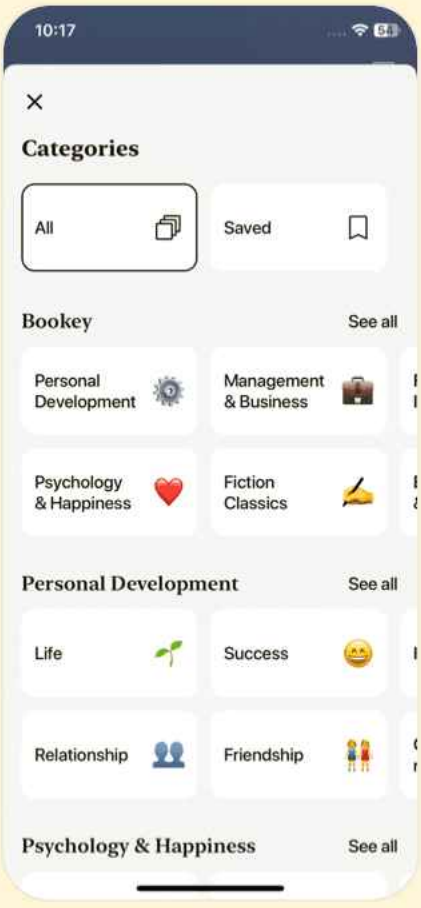
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Chapter 22 | Quotes From Pages 291-302

1. All churches are guilty of abuse because all churches are made up of broken leaders and broken followers.
2. Good doctrine doesn't heal dying babies or broken hearts.
3. The presence of impurity or doctrinal error in Christian groups where miracles occur does not prove that their miracles are not from God.
4. Scripture doesn't produce hate, but religious pride does.
5. When doctrinal purity becomes our highest value, our hearts will always be hardened.

Chapter 23 | Quotes From Pages 303-327

1. When my main focus is obedience, I am least obedient. When my main focus is enjoying God, I am most obedient.
2. The goal is not just to pray, but to enjoy praying.
3. The gift of teaching is not primarily the ability to explain Scripture. It is the supernatural empowerment to reveal the excellencies of the Trinity and the kingdom of God in a

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way that leads people into a deeper friendship with God.

4. Jesus used the Bible, but he did not receive his knowledge of the Bible independently of his Father.
5. Jesus wanted his disciples to enjoy him like a best friend, and he wanted the apostles to feel his pleasure in them.
6. Seeing God not only causes us to love God more, but also transforms us to be more like him.
7. Our first prayer is to love God.
8. When teaching becomes more important to me than my friendship with Jesus, my teaching loses power.
9. People don't become like Jesus by mainly listening to sermons on Sunday. People become like Jesus in deep, redemptive friendships.
10. I want to enjoy God, not endure him.

Chapter 24 | Quotes From Pages 328-349

1. The gifts of the Spirit are not an afterthought to spice up our meetings. They are the tools for building the Lord's house.
2. Prayer, love, and spiritual gifts.

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3.Our spiritual gifts also grow in strength through constant use.

4.The primary task of the leaders of the church is not to do 'the work of ministry,' but to train church members to do 'the work of ministry.'

5.The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

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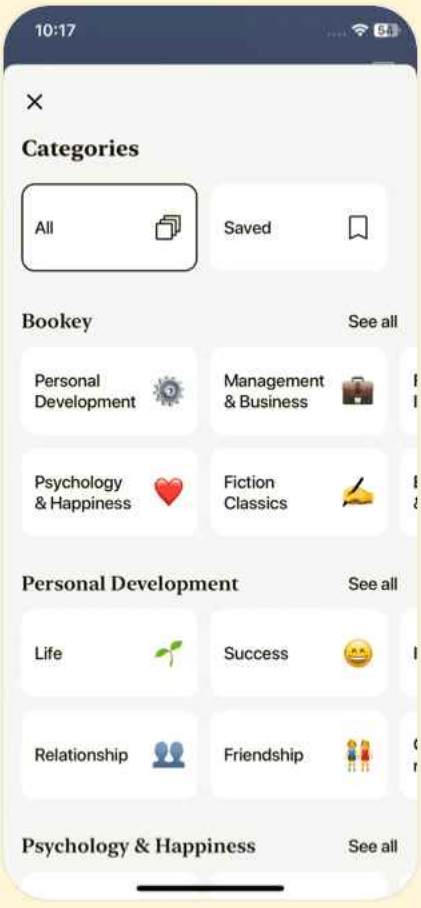
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Chapter 25 | Quotes From Pages 350-363

1. The greatest words anyone will ever hear spoken over them, the greatest honor in the universe, come from a person who can’t be bribed or fooled, a perfect judge who sees our whole life—all the good and all the bad, from beginning to end—and then, in the presence of his Father and all the angels says, "Well done, good and faithful servant!
2. As long as there is breath in us, there is still time to please him, still enough time left to live in a way that allows him to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!
3. The glory of earthly royalty, of movers and shakers, of movie stars, of sports heroes, and of geniuses is all straw burned up at the end of the earth, forever forgotten. But the word of the Lord—"Well done, good and faithful servant"—will be worn as an eternal crown.
4. Jesus taught us about rewards, not to intimidate us, but to help us yearn to please him.
5. The essence of the heavenly reward for living faithfully is

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the approval of God, which is expressed in the gifts of God to share his rule, joy, and honor, and to be close to him in heaven.

6. Those of us who have wasted our lives will also see the perfect beauty of the Son of God, but instead of seeing joy in his face, we will see pain. For we will have denied him the pleasure he longed for, the pleasure of commending us for a life well lived.

Chapter 26 | Quotes From Pages 364-374

1. Don’t rejoice in your commitment to Jesus; rejoice in Jesus.
2. Only the Holy Spirit can tell you that you are self-righteous.
3. Best friends rejoice in one another.
4. Hearing God’s voice like this has become a normal experience for me. I can’t imagine how I could ever be close friends with Jesus without hearing his voice regularly.

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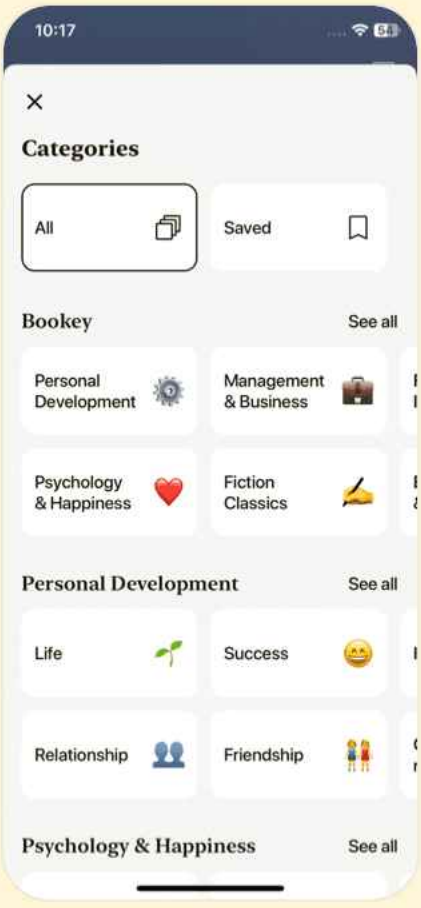
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Surprised By The Power Of The Spirit Questions

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Chapter 1 | 1. From Professor to Healer| Q&A

1.Question

What was the main lesson learned by the author on his journey with Jesus?

Answer:The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing: loving God, loving others, and teaching others to love what Jesus loves.

2.Question

How does the author describe discipleship?

Answer:Discipleship is not about passing on skills or accountability; it's about loving and enjoying a relationship with someone and teaching them to love the things that Jesus loves.

3.Question

Why did Jesus heal the sick according to the author?

Answer:Jesus healed out of love and to meet people's needs,

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just as he taught us to pray for our daily bread because we need to be well.

4.Question

What challenge did the author face in his theological education regarding healing?

Answer:The author encountered a culture in seminary that doubted the validity of healing today, equating faith healers with fakes, and emphasizing biblical study over experiencing God’s healing.

5.Question

What prompted the author's transformation into a healer?

Answer:The author simply asked the Lord why he healed so many people, leading to a personal journey that showed him healing is still active and relevant.

6.Question

Why does the author continue to pray for healing despite many not getting healed?

Answer:He continues because some do get healed, and he holds on to faith in the possibility of healing and

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transformation in people's lives.

7.Question

What insights does the author share about spiritual gifts?

Answer:He learned how God gives spiritual gifts, how to help people find their gifts, and the importance of walking in one's spiritual gift.

8.Question

What understanding has the author gained about the Spirit's ministry?

Answer:The author has deepened his understanding of the theology and practice of the Spirit's ministry, recognizing its significance and the misunderstanding it faces in the church today.

9.Question

How does the author reflect on his past views as a seminarian?

Answer:He reflects that despite being knowledgeable in Scripture, he was misled in believing that God had ceased to heal, limiting his own spiritual growth and understanding.

10.Question

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What does the author say about the importance of practice in prayer for healing?

Answer:He emphasizes that no one becomes proficient at anything without practice and that he initially lacked experience in praying for the sick.

11.Question

What is the author's view on modern faith healers?

Answer:The author initially ridiculed modern faith healers and shared a skepticism fostered by his theological background, yet he moved beyond these views as he experienced healing himself.

Chapter 2 | 2. The Power of a Credible Witness| Q&A

1.Question

How did Jack Deere's perception of healing change after his conversation with Dr. John White?

Answer:Jack Deere initially believed that miraculous gifts, such as healing, had ceased. However, after conversing with Dr. White—a credible witness who passionately shared recent

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healing miracles he witnessed—Deere's perspective shifted. He began to see the possibility that healing is still relevant and could be a vital part of the church's ministry.

2.Question

What challenges did Jack face when he proposed Dr. White's invitation to his church leadership?

Answer:Upon presenting the idea of Dr. White's conference to his church elders, Jack faced significant resistance. The board expressed fears that inviting Dr. White could split the church due to differing beliefs about healing. Ultimately, despite their apprehensions, they decided unanimously to move forward with the invitation.

3.Question

What arguments did Jack Deere initially use to support his belief that the gift of healing had passed away?

Answer:Jack argued that since miraculous healing in the New Testament was immediate and complete, and there were no similar occurrences being recorded today, it indicated that

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healing gifts had ceased. He also referenced instances where the Apostle Paul could not heal certain individuals to support his claim.

4.Question

How did Dr. White respond when challenged by Jack’s views on healing?

Answer:Dr. White responded calmly to Jack’s challenges, indicating he believed in God's continuing work of healing. Rather than getting drawn into a debate, he shared personal experiences of healings he witnessed, thus shifting the conversation from argument to testimony.

5.Question

What was the significance of studying healing stories in the New Testament for Jack Deere?

Answer:Jack’s study of healing stories represented a transformative journey for him. It was a move from skepticism to a genuine exploration of biblical texts, re-evaluating his beliefs about divine healing, and seeking to understand not just the 'how' but the 'why' God performs

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healings.

6.Question

What internal conflict did Jack experience regarding his beliefs about the miraculous gifts of the Spirit?

Answer:Jack felt torn between his established theological beliefs, which dismissed the ongoing presence of miraculous gifts, and the compelling testimonies he was hearing, particularly from someone he respected like Dr. White. This conflict prompted him to re-examine his standpoint, leading to a deeper, more open-minded exploration of Scripture.

7.Question

What did Jack conclude about healing in the church by the time of the conference in April?

Answer:By April, after considerable study and reflection, Jack concluded that God still heals people today and that healing should be an essential aspect of the church's ministry, even if this belief differed from the prevailing views in his seminary community.

8.Question

Why was the phone call from Dr. White significant in

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Jack’s spiritual journey?

Answer:The phone call from Dr. White was a pivotal moment that challenged Jack's perspectives. It catalyzed a series of events and a deep reflection that significantly altered his understanding of the Holy Spirit's gifts, ultimately leading him toward a more open-hearted faith regarding God's active work in healing.

Chapter 3 | 3. A Demon Comes to Church| Q&A

1.Question

What did John White's experience in the healing ministry reveal about the church's expectations for healing?

Answer:John White's experience revealed that many in the church held a skeptical view about healing, unsure of whether God would actually heal anyone. His first few lectures raised no eyebrows, indicating that conventional teachings were comfortably accepted. However, when he attempted to pray for those in need, people responded unexpectedly, showing a hunger for genuine ministry, which

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contradicted the leaders' expectations.

2.Question

How did the reaction of the congregation during the prayer session challenge the pastor's perspective on emotional responses?

Answer:Initially, the pastor was perplexed and repulsed by the emotional reactions of the congregation, interpreting them as emotionalism. Yet, these heartfelt responses demonstrated the presence of the Holy Spirit and the release of deep-seated pain and confessions, challenging his understanding of how authentic healing could manifest.

3.Question

What role did Dr. White's prayer approach play in the healing of the woman suffering from depression?

Answer:Dr. White's gentle and affirming approach helped the woman feel valued and loved by God. His specific address of her pain, acknowledging the spiritual manipulation behind her depression, created a moment where she could encounter God's healing power. His method contrasted significantly with past counseling experiences she had, signifying a

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breakthrough moment.

4.Question

What realization did the pastor come to regarding the nature of spiritual afflictions and counseling?

Answer:The pastor realized that spiritual afflictions often require spiritual solutions. He came to understand that demons cannot be counseled out of individuals; they must be addressed by the power of Jesus Christ. This realization underscored the limitations of conventional counseling in the face of spiritual warfare.

5.Question

How did the pastor's encounter with the Holy Spirit's presence affect his personal faith journey?

Answer:The encounter prompted the pastor to confront his own shortcomings in faith and authenticity. He recognized an invitation from the Lord to abandon the superficiality he was maintaining in his ministry, which ultimately led to a profound internal transformation, allowing God’s power to redefine his approach to faith.

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6.Question

What does the phrase 'Look up, you are a child of the King' signify in the context of healing and identity?

Answer:This phrase signifies a pivotal reminder of one's true identity and worth as established by God. It emphasizes that individuals need not seek approval or validation from others when they fully understand their identity as beloved children of God, capable of receiving His love and affirmations.

7.Question

What lesson can be learned from the pastor's initial reluctance to embrace the healing ministry?

Answer:The pastor's initial reluctance underscores the importance of being open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, even when they challenge existing beliefs. It teaches that embracing the unpredictable aspects of faith can lead to deeper community healing and connection with God's power.

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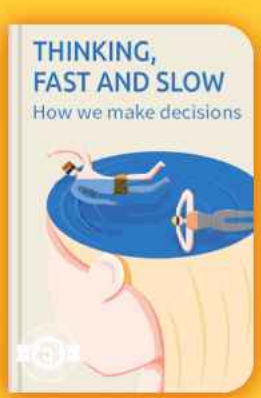
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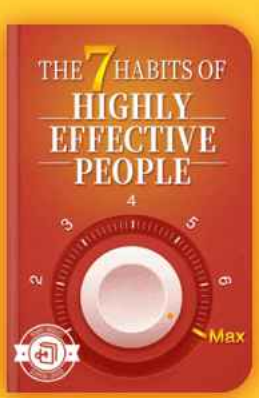
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Chapter 4 | 4. John Wimber| Q&A

1.Question

Who is John Wimber and what was his significance in Jack Deere's life?

Answer:John Wimber was a prominent figure in healing ministry and spiritual leadership. He was described as the most gifted healer by Dr. White, and his down-to-earth approach drew Jack Deere to learn about healing and hearing God's voice, making a lasting impact on Deere’s life and ministry.

2.Question

What were Jack Deere's initial thoughts about John Wimber's healing meetings?

Answer:Jack was skeptical and anxious about the prospect of falling down, vomiting, or barking like a dog during Wimber's meeting. He feared the 'clinic time', which he thought might lead to weird experiences.

3.Question

How did John Wimber demonstrate prophetic insight

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during his service?

Answer:Wimber called out specific details about an unknown woman named Margaret, who had severe back pain, which led her to come forward to receive prayer. This display of insight astonished Jack Deere and showcased Wimber's ability to hear divine prompts.

4.Question

What was the outcome of Ruth Gay's healing experience after Jack Deere prayed for her?

Answer:Ruth Gay was miraculously healed of an aneurysm, a condition doctors had said could only be corrected by surgery. When she went in for a follow-up, the aneurysm had disappeared, which left her doctor baffled and affirmed the miracle.

5.Question

What lesson did Jack Deere learn from John Wimber regarding how God communicates?

Answer:John taught Deere that God often communicates through faint impressions or thoughts, and that being attuned

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to God’s way of speaking is crucial to effectively ministering to others.

6.Question

How did Jack Deere's experiences with John Wimber shape his approach to ministry?

Answer:Spending time with John Wimber helped Jack develop a deep understanding of the Holy Spirit’s power and healing ministry, integrating these elements into his own life and making prayer for healing a permanent part of his ministry.

7.Question

What was the impact of Wimber's teachings on Jack Deere's understanding of the church?

Answer:Wimber's approach taught Deere to embrace love for the entire church, regardless of denominational differences, fostering a spirit of unity and acceptance in his ministry.

8.Question

Reflect on a specific instance that changed Jack Deere's perception of healing in a church setting. What did it reveal?

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Answer:The instance of Wimber calling out a woman in the audience, who was later confirmed as his acquaintance's sister-in-law, showcased the authenticity and power of God working through the church, changing Deere's skepticism to awe about the real workings of the Holy Spirit.

9.Question

In what ways did John Wimber’s ministry promote practical applications of faith?

Answer:Wimber’s focus on not only spiritual experiences but also practical, down-to-earth applications of faith—like praying for the sick without fanfare or hype—encouraged congregants to engage with their faith in tangible, actionable ways.

10.Question

How did Jack Deere's friendship with John Wimber affect his career path?

Answer:Through his friendship with Wimber, Jack Deere gained significant opportunities in ministry; he received education in spiritual matters and was introduced to diverse

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church movements, ultimately leading him to join the Anaheim Vineyard staff.

Chapter 5 | 5. Modern Miracles| Q&A

1.Question

What is the main idea of Ken Boa's experience on the Sea of Galilee?

Answer:Ken Boa found himself in a life-threatening situation while swimming, where he encountered a sudden storm. In his moment of crisis, he heard God's voice assuring him that his work on earth was not done, which resulted in a miraculous supernatural transportation to safety without any physical explanation.

2.Question

How does the story of Ken Boa challenge the cessationist viewpoint?

Answer:The miraculous event in Ken's life offers a tangible example against cessationism, demonstrating that God still intervenes in extraordinary ways today, despite some beliefs

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that the supernatural gifts ceased after the early church.

3.Question

What profound lesson does Heidi Baker's vision convey regarding Jesus' provision?

Answer:Heidi Baker's vision illustrates that Jesus provides spiritual and physical nourishment, showing that when we look to Him and commit our meager resources, He multiplies them for the needs of many. The experience reflects absolute dependence on God's sufficiency.

4.Question

Describe the challenges faced by Heidi and Rolland Baker after returning to Mozambique. What does their response demonstrate?

Answer:Upon returning to Mozambique, they faced overwhelming numbers of needy children and threats from the government. Their response, grounded in faith, resulted in a miraculous provision of food for an ever-growing group of children who needed care, showcasing their trust in God's promise of abundance.

5.Question

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What does the story of multiplying food signify in the context of faith and miracles?

Answer:The story represents the idea that true faith leads to miraculous outcomes. Heidi Baker’s experience of feeding the children shows that when one acts on faith, bringing what little they have to God, it can yield an abundance far beyond one's expectations.

6.Question

How does the author’s view on miracles evolve from being a cessationist?

Answer:Initially a cessationist, the author reflects on his experiences and those of others, including Ken Boa and Heidi Baker. His perspective shifts as he encounters modern miracles and recognizes that belief and prayer are pivotal in experiencing God's miraculous works today.

7.Question

What importance do the experiences of Ken Boa and Heidi Baker hold for believers today?

Answer:Their experiences serve as powerful testimonies to

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the ongoing reality of God's miraculous power and provision. They encourage believers to maintain hope and faith that God acts in their lives and reinforces the belief in the active work of the Holy Spirit.

8.Question

How does the concept of 'there is always enough' resonate throughout the text?

Answer:The phrase encapsulates the central theme of divine provision, underscoring that despite circumstances of scarcity, God's abundance will always meet the needs of His people when they trust Him.

9.Question

Why is the testimony of modern miracles crucial in a skeptical world?

Answer:These testimonies serve to combat skepticism by providing credible accounts of God's ongoing intervention, encouraging faith and belief among both believers and non-believers, demonstrating that miraculous occurrences are not relics of the past but present realities.

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10.Question

What challenge does the text present to the reader regarding faith and expectation of miracles?

Answer:The text challenges readers to actively pray and expect miracles in their lives, implying that the experience of miracles is often tied to one's openness to God's action and engagement in faith.

Chapter 6 | 6. The Real Reason Christians Do Not Believe In Miracles| Q&A

1.Question

What is the fundamental reason many Christians do not believe in miracles today?

Answer:Many Christians do not believe in miracles today because they have not personally witnessed them. Their lack of experience leads them to assume that miracles are not occurring.

2.Question

How did the early church demonstrate their belief in miracles after Jesus' ascension?

Answer:The early church demonstrated their belief in

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miracles by praying for healing and miracles, as seen in Acts 4:29-31, where the church asked God to stretch out His hand to heal and perform signs and wonders.

3.Question

What misconceptions did cessationists have about miracles and their existence?

Answer:Cessationists mistakenly believed that God had withdrawn the gifts of the Spirit, including miracles, due in part to their own lack of experiential knowledge and reliance on intellectual arguments rather than Scripture.

4.Question

How have historical events shown that the church has lost access to God's miracles?

Answer:Historical events, such as the people of God forgetting their Scriptures after Joshua's time or the loss of the doctrine of justification by faith after the apostles, illustrate that the church has often neglected or misplaced God's gifts and blessings.

5.Question

What must be investigated to understand the absence of

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miracles today?

Answer:To understand the absence of miracles today, we must investigate whether they were divinely withdrawn or if the church's unbelief led to neglect and disobedience to God’s command to pursue the gifts of the Spirit.

6.Question

What positive experiences did the author share about witnessing miracles?

Answer:The author shared experiences of witnessing healing in a church service, where a man who couldn’t bend his knee was miraculously healed simply by responding to a call to lift his knees, and a woman paralyzed for eight years got up and walked during the service.

7.Question

What is the ultimate question regarding the existence of miraculous gifts in the church today?

Answer:The ultimate question regarding the existence of miraculous gifts in the church today is not whether they were lost, but why they were lost—whether it was God's plan or

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the result of the church's neglect.

8.Question

In what ways did the author's previous beliefs about miracles change?

Answer:The author's previous views as a cessationist changed as he began to encounter and believe in miracles and healing, ultimately leading him to share these experiences in his ministry.

9.Question

What lesson can be drawn from the history of how the church has interacted with God's gifts?

Answer:A significant lesson from the church's history regarding God's gifts is that neglect and lack of faith can lead to a disconnect from the supernatural, and one must remain open and willing to investigate claims and evidence of the miraculous.

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Chapter 7 | 7. The Miracles of the Lord| Q&A

1.Question

What does the healing ministry of Jesus demonstrate about his power?

Answer:The healing ministry of Jesus showcases incredible power as he performed miraculous healings that astonished the crowds. He healed the maimed and the blind, bringing forth limbs and functions that were lost, reflecting that no one had ever seen such miracles. This power is unique and emphasizes not just healing, but restoration, revealing the divine authority he possessed.

2.Question

How is the term 'maimed' significant in understanding Jesus' healings?

Answer:The term 'maimed' is significant because it emphasizes the extent of the restoration Jesus offered. It suggests that Jesus didn’t just heal ailments but actually restored physical body parts that were lost due to accidents or

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disabilities, highlighting his miraculous power to recreate and heal completely.

3.Question

What principle governed Jesus' healing ministry?

Answer:Jesus operated under the principle of obedience to the Father’s will. He stated, 'the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing,' suggesting that his healing actions were directed by God and not exercised at his own discretion.

4.Question

Why was Jesus unable to heal everyone at the Pool of Bethesda?

Answer:Jesus only healed one paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda because that was the specific directive from the Father. Despite the presence of many sick individuals, Jesus was obedient to the Father's specific will, demonstrating that not every need necessitates healing, as healing is ultimately determined by divine sovereignty.

5.Question

What lesson can we learn about the practice of healing in

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ministry today?

Answer:We learn that healing in ministry should not be viewed as an automatic ability or a mere function of having the 'gift.' It requires discernment to follow God’s leading and to be directed by His will. Effective healing ministries operate in alignment with God’s timing and purposes, demonstrating sensitivity to His direction rather than trying to fulfill every pressing need.

6.Question

In what way is Jesus our model for ministry?

Answer:Jesus serves as our model for ministry by constantly submitting to the Father’s will and by illustrating how love should guide our actions. He instructed his disciples to love one another the way he has loved them, showing the importance of loving and serving others in accordance with God’s design.

7.Question

Why is the modern interpretation of healing sometimes criticized?

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Answer:Modern interpretations are sometimes criticized when 'faith healers' promise miraculous healings without a clear direction from God, leading to unfulfilled expectations. If healing does not occur as promised, it can raise questions about the discernment or integrity of those leaders and whether their approach aligns with the biblical premise of being led by the Spirit.

8.Question

What does the restriction of Jesus' healing abilities in Nazareth indicate?

Answer:The restriction of Jesus' healing abilities in Nazareth indicates that individual faith plays a crucial role. The lack of faith among the townspeople limited the miracles he could perform, highlighting the idea that divine work can be impacted by human belief and receptivity.

9.Question

What is a common misconception about the gift of healing?

Answer:A common misconception about the gift of healing

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is that it can be exercised at will or as a constant possession, similar to other skills. In reality, like Jesus, those with the gift must operate under God's direction and timing, rather than trying to wield healing power according to personal choice.

Chapter 8 | 8. The Healing Ministry of the Apostles| Q&A

1.Question

What is the significance of the apostles' healing ministry being dependent on Jesus and God’s will?

Answer:The apostles could not heal autonomously. Jesus emphasized that apart from Him, they could do nothing (John 15:5). This illustrates the vital relationship between the apostles and the divine source of their authority and power, showcasing humility and dependence on God for spiritual efficacy.

2.Question

How did Peter reveal the deceit of Ananias and Sapphira?

Answer:God revealed their duplicity to Peter, resulting in

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Ananias falling down dead when confronted (Acts 5:1-11). This shows that the apostles held a divinely appointed authority to discern and act against hypocrisy.

3.Question

What distinguishes the ministry of signs and wonders from the spiritual gift of healing?

Answer:The ministry of signs and wonders is a unique calling for a selected few, primarily the apostles, as seen through miraculous acts confirming the gospel. In contrast, the gift of healing is distributed among the broader community of believers to edify the church (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).

4.Question

In what ways did Paul’s ability to heal differ from his experiences with his companions?

Answer:Though Paul performed miraculous healings, he could not heal his close associates, highlighting that healing was not our of his control but rather dependent on God's will. For example, he left Trophimus sick at Miletus (2 Timothy

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4:20) and advised Timothy to use wine for his ailments (1 Timothy 5:23).

5.Question

What evidence supports the continuity of miracles beyond the apostolic age?

Answer:There is no scriptural basis to assert that miracles ceased with the apostles. Examples include the ministries of Stephen and Philip, who performed signs and wonders similar to the apostles. Additionally, the New Testament encourages believers to seek revivals accompanied by signs and wonders (Acts 4:29-30), demonstrating that such events can occur in any age.

6.Question

Can you describe a personal experience of witnessing healing that resonated with the themes in this chapter?

Answer:During a 1990 conference, I witnessed an incredible session of healings where a crooked ankle straightened before my eyes. People were miraculously healed, causing a wave of joy and praise. This aligns with the chapter's

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emphasis on the active involvement of the Holy Spirit in community healing and revival.

7.Question

What role do signs and wonders play in the context of the gospel?

Answer:Signs and wonders confirm and authenticate the proclamation of the gospel, establishing credibility, especially in the context of revival. They are not merely acts of power but serve to glorify God and grow the church by demonstrating His active presence among believers.

8.Question

How should modern believers approach the desire for miracles and revivals?

Answer:Believers are encouraged to seek and pray for movements of the Holy Spirit that bring about signs and wonders. This includes having faith in God's ability to act powerfully today, just as He did in the early church.

Chapter 9 | 9. John Calvin Formulates Cessationism| Q&A

1.Question

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What was the state of the Roman Catholic Church by the 1500s according to the text?

Answer:The Roman Catholic Church was filled with corruption, with priests openly neglecting their duties and engaging in immoral behaviors such as sleeping with concubines. There were also exploitative practices like the selling of indulgences, which allowed church members to buy forgiveness for sins or to ease the suffering of loved ones in purgatory.

2.Question

Who were the key figures opposing the corruption of the Catholic Church, and what did they advocate for?

Answer:Martin Luther and John Calvin opposed the corruption. Luther argued that the Bible was the ultimate authority for believers, that salvation was by faith alone, not by works, and that all believers are priests. Calvin taught the same cardinal doctrines and systematized them in his influential work 'Institutes of the Christian Religion'.

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3.Question

What is cessationism and how did Calvin contribute to this doctrine?

Answer:Cessationism is the belief that the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as miracles and healings, ceased after the apostolic age. Calvin formulated a modern understanding of cessationism by claiming that miracles were primarily evidential, affirming the apostles' authority, that miracles have ceased, and that contemporary miracles are delusions influenced by Satan.

4.Question

What is the significance of miracles according to Calvin?

Answer:Calvin believed that miracles were meant to confirm the doctrine and authority of the apostles. He argued that if miracles were performed, they should support true doctrine and thus, God would not perform miracles to validate what he considered false teachings.

5.Question

What inconsistencies can be found in Calvin’s argument regarding the continuation of spiritual gifts and miracles?

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Answer:Calvin, while claiming that miracles had ceased, acknowledged that God could 'revive' miracles as needed, especially in areas where the gospel had not been preached. This concession contradicts his cessationist stance, suggesting that if miracles are necessary for evangelism, they could likewise be needed in contemporary contexts.

6.Question

In what way does the text critique Calvin's handling of miraculous gifts?

Answer:The text critiques Calvin for being careless regarding spiritual gifts during the conflict with Catholicism. While he was generally a diligent student of Scripture, he overlooked the possibility of God working miracles even in the presence of spiritual abuses and doctrinal errors.

7.Question

How did the Reformation figures, despite their flaws, impact the church?

Answer:Luther and Calvin, though imperfect, played crucial roles in restoring the priesthood of all believers, emphasizing

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justification by faith alone, and establishing the authority of Scripture, which significantly influenced the development of Protestantism.

8.Question

What does the text imply about the nature of God's power in relation to miracles?

Answer:It implies that God's ability to perform miracles is not confined by human beliefs or doctrinal purity. God can work miracles even through those who may not align perfectly with all scriptural truths or who engage in spiritual abuses.

9.Question

What need did Calvin see for miracles in relation to the church and evangelism?

Answer:Calvin recognized that if there was a need for miracles in 'cutting-edge, missionary situations', they could be necessary for the advancement of the gospel even today, which presents a challenge to strict cessationist arguments.

10.Question

What lesson can modern believers draw from the

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discussions of cessationism and the role of miracles in church history?

Answer:Modern believers can learn the importance of seeking a balanced understanding of spiritual gifts, staying open to the possibility of God's miraculous works today while grounding their faith in the authority of Scripture and the core tenets of Christian theology.

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Chapter 10 | 10. Conyers Middleton Formulates the Historical Criticism of Miracles| Q&A

1.Question

What is the significance of Conyers Middleton's work in the context of miracles in Christianity?

Answer:Conyers Middleton's publication, 'A Free Inquiry into the Miraculous Powers', is significant because it provided skeptics with a systematic way to deny the historical validity of miracles in the Christian Church after the death of the apostles. His arguments served to cast doubt on firsthand accounts of miraculous events, claiming that many of them were unverifiable or that their authors lacked credibility.

2.Question

How did Middleton view the experiences of early Christian martyrs like Ignatius and Polycarp?

Answer:Middleton regarded the experiences of martyrs like Ignatius and Polycarp with skepticism. For example, he dismissed Ignatius's claim that the Holy Spirit revealed the

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divisions in the church, suggesting it was more plausible Ignatius fabricated this rather than accept a miraculous revelation. He also argued that Polycarp could rationally anticipate his martyrdom without divine revelation, thus denying the supernatural elements present in their testimonies.

3.Question

What key arguments did skeptics use to dismiss miracle reports, according to Middleton?

Answer:Middleton outlined several key arguments used by skeptics, including: (1) skepticism towards anyone who had an unconventional interpretation of scripture, (2) the belief that if a miraculous event could be explained naturally, it should be dismissed as supernatural, and (3) the assertion that some miraculous stories were so incredible they did not merit serious consideration.

4.Question

How did early Christians respond to persecution, and what role did miracles play in their experiences?

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Answer:Early Christians often faced persecution and death for their beliefs, which forced them to rely deeply on their faith in God. Many reported miraculous events during their trials, serving as testimonies of God's presence and power in their lives, reinforcing their convictions. These believers experienced divine support, such as Polycarp hearing a voice of encouragement during his martyrdom, demonstrating a belief that God was actively involved in their sufferings.

5.Question

What does the martyrdom account of Polycarp suggest about the nature of faith and miracles?

Answer:The martyrdom of Polycarp illustrates an extraordinary display of faith, as he willingly faced death rather than deny his beliefs. The miraculous elements surrounding his death, including an audible divine voice and the mystical nature of the flames that did not harm him, suggest that miracles can serve as powerful affirmations of faith during moments of ultimate trial, supporting the idea that God honors those who are faithful even in the face of

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persecution.

6.Question

How can the stories of early martyrs inform contemporary faith communities about facing adversity?

Answer:The stories of early martyrs like Ignatius and Polycarp can inspire contemporary faith communities by demonstrating the strength found in steadfast faith during adversity. Their willingness to endure suffering for beliefs can serve as powerful examples of dedication, encouraging believers today to rely on their faith and seek divine strength in challenging times, while also fostering a deeper understanding of spiritual resilience and community support.

7.Question

What is the author's perspective on the relationship between belief in miracles and the experiences of early Christians?

Answer:The author expresses a firm belief in the historical accounts of miracles as integral to the faith experiences of early Christians. He contends that dismissing these accounts as mere fables undermines the profound impact such events

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had on the believers' faith and community. The author loves the miraculous elements in these accounts, viewing them as manifestations of divine support that testify to God's ongoing presence and power in the lives of believers.

Chapter 11 | 11. B. B. Warfield Produces the Final Form of Cessationism| Q&A

1.Question

What was Benjamin Warfield's main argument regarding miracles?

Answer:Warfield argued that miracles ceased after the New Testament apostles, positing that their primary purpose was to authenticate the apostles as trustworthy teachers of doctrine. He believed that since we have their doctrine in the New Testament, there was no further need for miracles.

2.Question

How did Warfield classify spiritual gifts?

Answer:Warfield categorized spiritual gifts into 'ordinary' and 'extraordinary' with the latter being distinctly miraculous gifts given only to the apostles and those on whom the

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apostles laid their hands.

3.Question

What was Warfield's view on the possibility of miracles in the history of the church?

Answer:He maintained that there were no true miracles after the apostles, attributing continued belief in miracles to preconceived theories blinding people to facts.

4.Question

What was Jack Deere's critique of Warfield's research methodology?

Answer:Deere criticized Warfield for not conducting a thorough study of Scripture or church history to find truth but instead asserting his conclusions based on prior beliefs that miracles had ceased.

5.Question

What did Warfield say about miraculous occurrences in the early church?

Answer:Warfield acknowledged that numerous eyewitness reports of miracles existed after the fourth century but used Conyers Middleton’s debunking methods to dismiss them as

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unreliable.

6.Question

How did Jack Deere's personal experiences lead him to a different understanding of miracles?

Answer:Deere shares how he and his friends began experiencing supernatural events, contradicting Warfield's claims of cessationism. This encouraged him to explore the miraculous ministry of the Holy Spirit more freely.

7.Question

What was the significance of Pierre de Rudder's healing experience?

Answer:His case was recognized by twenty-eight physicians as an inexplicable miracle, which Warfield refused to classify as a miracle, highlighting his bias against Catholic reports of miracles.

8.Question

How did Warfield respond to Augustine's later beliefs about miracles?

Answer:Despite Augustine retracting his belief that miracles ceased, Warfield dismissed Augustine's testimony due to his

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skepticism about healings associated with relics.

9.Question

What message emerges from the contrast between Warfield's views and Deere's experiences?

Answer:The contrast illustrates the tension between strict cessationist doctrines and personal experiences that affirm the continuation of the miraculous workings of the Holy Spirit in the present day.

10.Question

How did Deere suggest one should approach the study of miraculous gifts in Scripture?

Answer:Deere encouraged a thorough examination of the Greek New Testament, documenting every occurrence of miraculous gifts with an open mind, which could lead to a deeper understanding of the Spirit's ministry.

11.Question

What can be learned from the historical context presented in the chapter?

Answer:The historical accounts and testimonies of miracles, along with theological debates, reveal the lasting struggle

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within the church regarding the nature and existence of miraculous events through the ages.

Chapter 12 | 12. Conclusions Regarding Cessationist Arguments| Q&A

1.Question

What is the main argument against cessationism as discussed in Chapter 12?

Answer:The main argument against cessationism is that there is no scriptural text stating that God will withdraw the miraculous gifts of the Spirit before Jesus returns. Cessationists rely on theological arguments that claim miracles were only for the apostolic age to validate the apostles as teachers, but this is not supported by Scripture.

2.Question

Why do cessationists argue that miracles were necessary for the apostles?

Answer:Cessationists claim that miracles served primarily to authenticate the apostles as trustworthy teachers of doctrine, establishing their authority to present the New Testament

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scripture. However, this argument is flawed because many others also performed miracles without being apostles.

3.Question

How does Jack Deere counter the argument that miracles authenticated the apostles?

Answer:Deere counters this by indicating that numerous individuals apart from the apostles, such as Stephen and Philip, performed miracles, suggesting that the purpose of miracles extended beyond authentication. Furthermore, he notes that many New Testament books were written by non-apostles.

4.Question

What does Deere argue is the purpose of miracles according to Scripture?

Answer:Deere suggests there are multiple purposes of miracles in Scripture, none of which are about authenticating Scripture. Instead, miracles demonstrate God’s eternal character and compassion, signifying that they continue until Jesus returns.

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5.Question

What evidence does Deere provide to show miracles occurred after the apostolic age?

Answer:Deere references the ongoing miracles in the early church documented in books such as Acts, emphasizing that miracles and the gifts of the Spirit were actively distributed among the believers beyond just the apostles.

6.Question

What is the significance of 2 Corinthians 12:12 in the argument on apostolic authority?

Answer:In 2 Corinthians 12:12, Paul defends his apostleship not through the miracles alone, but primarily through his sufferings and the surpassing revelations he received. This shows that the true marks of an apostle are characterized by endurance and hardships endured for Christ.

7.Question

How does Deere respond to the assertion that miracles were necessary only during the church's nascent stage?

Answer:Deere argues that if miracles were beneficial for establishing the church in the first century, they would still

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benefit the church today, indicating that miraculous powers are not merely historical artifacts but remain pivotal for affirming the gospel.

8.Question

What is the greatest miracle according to Deere, and how does it relate to the power of the gospel?

Answer:The greatest miracle according to Deere is God's love for humanity, demonstrated through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. He argues that the gospel itself—the message of salvation—is powerful enough to bring people to faith without needing the validation of miracles.

9.Question

What practical example does Deere provide to demonstrate the power of prayer and miracles?

Answer:Deere recounts an instance where he prayed for a friend suffering from Bell’s palsy, resulting in immediate healing. This illustrates that miracles can occur through ordinary prayer, prompted by God’s compassion, underlining the continuous presence of divine power.

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Chapter 13 | 13. Why God Heals| Q&A

1.Question

Why did God heal according to the New Testament?

Answer:God heals primarily because he has compassion and mercy on the sick, not as a means to validate the authority of the apostles or transition worship practices. Healing is rooted in God's eternal character and love for humanity.

2.Question

What motivates Jesus to heal?

Answer:Jesus is motivated by compassion for those who are suffering. Many healing examples in the New Testament illustrate that he responded to the pleas and cries for mercy from individuals.

3.Question

How does God's character influence healing?

Answer:God's healing is a reflection of His compassion, which resembles a mother's love for her child. He longs to alleviate suffering and bring wholeness to His children, no

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matter their spiritual maturity.

4.Question

What role does faith play in healing?

Answer:Healing often occurs in response to faith. Examples in the Gospels illustrate that Jesus credited healing to the faith of individuals who reached out to Him.

5.Question

What is the purpose of healing in relation to God's glory?

Answer:Many instances of healing serve to bring glory to God. For example, Lazarus was raised from the dead to demonstrate God’s glory, showing that miracles ultimately testify to who God is.

6.Question

What is the biblical basis for the church's healing ministry?

Answer:The book of James commands the church to pray for the sick and assures that the prayer offered in faith will result in healing, indicating that healing should be a normative part of church life.

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Why do some people believe God no longer heals?

Answer:Some may believe God has ceased healing after the apostolic age, but such a belief overlooks the ongoing compassion of God for suffering people and may stem from a lack of persistent prayer for healing.

8.Question

How should believers approach healing prayer in the church?

Answer:Believers should approach healing prayer with confidence rooted in God’s promises, actively seeking to pray for one another, which can lead to visible manifestations of healing.

9.Question

What are some reasons God heals, according to Deere?

Answer:God heals to show compassion, to bring glory to Himself, in response to faith, following His promises, to lead others to repentance, to remove barriers to ministry, and for reasons known only to Himself.

10.Question

How can understanding God's compassion and healing

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influence believers today?

Answer:Recognizing that God’s compassionate nature continues to influence His actions can empower believers to confidently seek healing for themselves and others, fostering a culture of faith and expectation in the church.

Chapter 14 | 14. Unbelief| Q&A

1.Question

What is the major reason some Christians do not see healings and miracles today?

Answer:Unbelief is the major reason, which can stem from theological views that God has withdrawn the gifts of healing and miracles.

2.Question

Do people who believe in God's healing still experience forms of unbelief?

Answer:Yes, even those who believe in God's healing can struggle with various forms of unbelief.

3.Question

What does Isaiah 53:5 suggest about healing?

Answer:It suggests that through Jesus’ wounds, healing is

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available, leading some to believe it is always God's will to heal.

4.Question

What example is given to challenge the belief that healing is guaranteed for all believers?

Answer:The example of the Apostle Paul is given, who could not heal his own spiritual son Timothy, despite being a gifted healer himself.

5.Question

How do some interpret the healing ministry of Jesus compared to modern healers?

Answer:Many believe that Jesus had a unique power to heal due to being filled with the Holy Spirit without limit, unlike anyone else in the New Testament.

6.Question

What pastoral issue arises from teaching that healing is contingent upon personal faith?

Answer:It places the burden of healing on the sick person and can lead to guilt or shame if they are not healed.

7.Question

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What is a damaging statement often directed at those who remain unhealed?

Answer:Some might say, 'You didn’t get healed because there must be unbelief or sin in your life', which can be seen as cruel.

8.Question

What does doubt in God's power or goodness typically relate to?

Answer:Doubt often relates to feelings of inadequacy or guilt over personal sins when approaching God for healing.

9.Question

What is the role of the accuser as described in the narrative?

Answer:The accuser voices doubts and highlights our sins whenever we seek healing or come before God in prayer.

10.Question

How do believers overcome the accusations against them?

Answer:By placing their confidence in the blood of Christ and recognizing their identity as loved, blood-bought children of God.

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11.Question

What was the significant moment at the conference in Oklahoma City?

Answer:The speaker felt prompted to pray for a woman named Rachel, who had been trying to conceive, leading to her successful pregnancy nine months later.

12.Question

What can we learn about approaching healing requests according to the chapter?

Answer:We should approach healing with confidence in God's goodness and grace rather than our own worth, as healing is a gift we cannot earn.

13.Question

How does the author view the relationship between faith, God's will, and healing?

Answer:The author believes healing is available but recognizes that it may not occur in every situation or for every person in this life.

Chapter 15 | 15. Healing Faith| Q&A

1.Question

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What can we learn from Karen Hersom's experience regarding healing and faith?

Answer:Karen's experience teaches us about the importance of community support in faith and healing. Despite her initial fear, the assurance from Jack to pray for her brought her hope. This illustrates that faith can be sparked by the encouragement of others, and that healing can sometimes defy medical expectations, as evidenced by the miracle of her baby having two kidneys after initially being diagnosed with only one.

2.Question

How does Jack Deere define healing faith?

Answer:Jack Deere defines healing faith not as a psychological certainty that someone will be healed, but rather as confidence in Jesus' ability to heal, even in the face of uncertainty. This means that faith can exist without guarantees; it is about trust in God's power and willingness to heal.

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3.Question

What does the story of the woman with carpal tunnel pain illustrate about faith and healing?

Answer:The story of the woman with severe carpal tunnel pain demonstrates that even a small amount of faith can lead to miraculous healing. Although she initially stood up with doubt, her act of faith in standing was sufficient for God to intervene, showing that healing does not always require a strong belief or expectation.

4.Question

What is the significance of approaching God with the spirit of 'if you are willing' when seeking healing?

Answer:Approaching God with the spirit of 'if you are willing' acknowledges His sovereignty and our dependence on His will. It presents an attitude of humility and trust, rather than demanding or expecting a particular outcome, which reflects a healthy relationship with the divine.

5.Question

How should we view unanswered prayers for healing according to Jack Deere?

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Answer:Jack Deere suggests that unanswered prayers for healing should be met with grace and understanding. If healing does not occur, it is important to continue to pray and support individuals in their suffering. This regard for ongoing prayer reflects love and commitment, as well as a belief in God's greater plan.

6.Question

What is the promise in Hebrews 4:16 that Jack Deere emphasizes?

Answer:Hebrews 4:16 promises that we can approach God’s throne of grace with confidence to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need. This emphasizes that we can expect God's grace to help us through any situation, rather than just physical healing.

7.Question

What broader lesson about suffering and divine love can we learn from the chapter?

Answer:The chapter teaches that suffering can lead to deeper experiences of God's compassion and love. Jack Deere

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relates that pain can serve a purpose in shaping us to become lovers of God and of others, enriching our faith journey and equipping us to help those in anguish.

8.Question

How did God communicate to Addison's grandfather about his grandson's healing?

Answer:God communicated to Addison's grandfather through an audible voice while he was in despair, assuring him that 'Addison will be healed, worship God and give Him thanks.' This highlights the power of divine reassurance amidst desperate circumstances.

9.Question

What is Jack Deere's perspective on the act of praying for healing?

Answer:Jack Deere views praying for healing as a lifestyle and a joyful act. He believes that continual prayer for the sick not only serves others but also strengthens one's faith and deepens the relationship with God. As a person prays for the hurting, they often see their own faith grow.

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10.Question

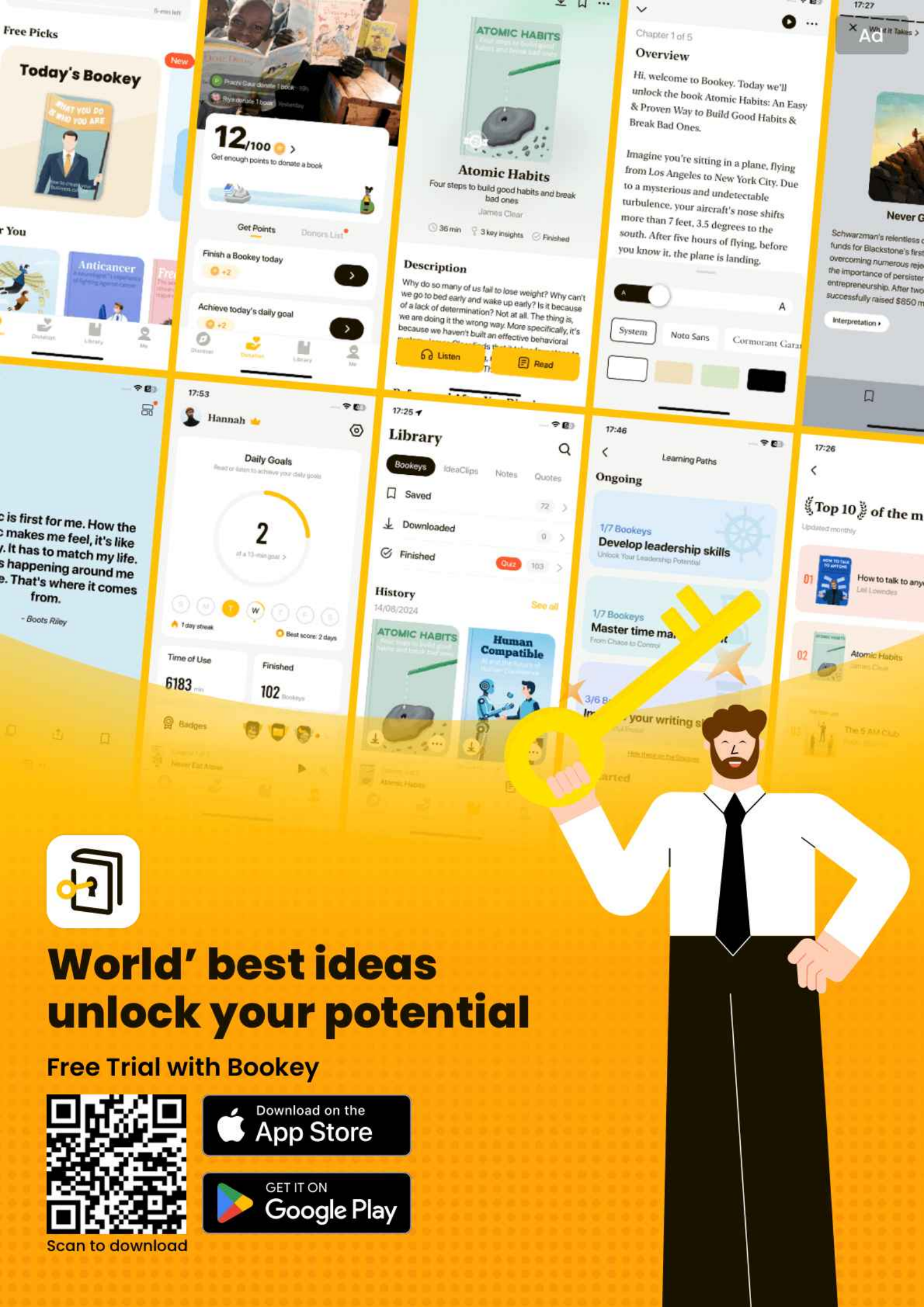
How does Jack Deere propose we handle the pain and suffering we experience?

Answer:Jack Deere proposes that instead of seeking to escape pain, we should embrace it as part of our journey, trusting that God gives us the grace we need to endure. He believes that suffering can reveal depths of divine love that lead to greater maturity and compassion.

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Chapter 16 | 16. Demonization| Q&A

1.Question

What is the author's perspective on the presence of demons and their influence on people?

Answer:The author believes that the presence of demons is real and that many people are affected by their influence without being consciously aware of it. He states that when they began praying for healing, they encountered demons that had always been there but were previously unnoticed, emphasizing that their aim is to cleanse the spiritual condition of individuals.

2.Question

How should Christians approach the concept of demonic influence according to the author?

Answer:Christians should never fear demons or Satan, as neither Jesus nor the apostles showed fear. The key to overcoming demonic influence is to submit to God. The author emphasizes that Christians hold the power through

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their relationship with God, and they are to resist the devil, who will flee.

3.Question

What does the author mean by 'demonization' rather than 'demon possession'?

Answer:The author explains that the English translations often misuse the term 'demon possession' whereas the Greek word implies 'demonization,' indicating varying levels of demonic influence over a person. This distinction signifies that individuals can be affected by demons in different intensities, rather than being entirely dominated by them.

4.Question

Can you describe the sliding scale of demonic influence the author discusses?

Answer:The author describes a sliding scale from one to ten, where one represents temptation, and ten indicates severe cases like the Gerasene demoniac. On this scale, demonic temptation and subtle influence lie at the lower levels, while severe cases of demonic illness or mental disturbances are

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found towards the higher levels.

5.Question

What is the author's stance on how to recognize and confront demonic influence in children?

Answer:Demonic influence in children can occur, especially following trauma. The author has seen cases where vulnerable children, often abused, may become targets of demonic attacks. He advocates for immediate prayer and intervention to help children heal from the trauma, suggesting that timely action can prevent deeper integration of demonic influence into a child's personality.

6.Question

What experiences does the author share that illustrate his insights on demonic illness?

Answer:The author shares personal experiences, including praying for a man suffering from a gastric condition. He recognized it as demonic and successfully prayed for his healing, illustrating the difference between natural sickness and that influenced by demonic forces. The author

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emphasizes that sometimes, illness may stem from demonic attacks and not just physical conditions.

7.Question

What should one understand about the power dynamics between God, Satan, and Christians?

Answer:The author stresses that Satan is not God's equal but rather a created being. Christians, being empowered by God, do not need to fear Satan but rather stand firm in their authority through faith. By submitting to God and resisting the devil, believers can overcome any demonic influence.

8.Question

In what ways does the author suggest that fasting can relate to confronting demonic power?

Answer:The author suggests that fasting increases one's authority and power in confronting demonic forces. He notes that when he is aware of a forthcoming confrontation with demonic influence, he fasts to prepare spiritually, demonstrating that fasting is a vital component of spiritual warfare.

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9.Question

How does the author suggest addressing the spiritual needs of individuals recovering from severe demonic influence or trauma?

Answer:He highlights the importance of gentle prayers for healing and encourages a supportive community around individuals recovering. For individuals who have experienced severe trauma and demonic influence, he recommends prayer, repentance, and a strong method of deliverance aimed at restoring their peace and integration back into healthy living.

Chapter 17 | 17. Demonic Inroads| Q&A

1.Question

Can Christians be demonized?

Answer:Yes, Christians can be affected by demons, as demons seek to find open doors in the lives of both believers and non-believers. While the presence of Christ in a person's life does not lead to defilement, it is important to understand that

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demons can still exert influence.

2.Question

What are some common open doors for demonic influence?

Answer:Seven specific inroads mentioned are anger and unforgiveness, sexual immorality, violence, envy or jealousy, occult practices, idolatry, and blasphemy.

3.Question

How does unforgiveness lead to demonic influence?

Answer:Refusing to forgive creates a 'foothold' for demons as it aligns one's heart with hatred and bitterness, thereby giving an opening for demonic oppression.

4.Question

What is the first step in the process of forgiveness as described?

Answer:The first step is to ask God for forgiveness for harboring hate, followed by a sincere declaration of forgiveness for those you have wronged.

5.Question

Why is prayer and repentance crucial for healing from

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demonic influence?

Answer:Prayer is the most powerful tool against demonic influence. It invites God's presence and can bring healing and deliverance. Additionally, repentance closes the door to demonic influence by aligning an individual with God’s will.

6.Question

What role does sexual immorality play in demonic influence?

Answer:Sexual immorality can serve as a major inroad for demons, as it attracts unclean spirits that lead individuals into further immorality and away from God.

7.Question

How can Christians protect themselves from these demonic inroads?

Answer:Christians should practice forgiveness, live in purity, avoid violence, steer clear of occult practices, and maintain healthy relationships with God and others for spiritual protection.

8.Question

What is the significance of naming demonic influences

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during prayer?

Answer:Identifying and naming the specific influences helps in confronting them in the authority of Christ and often facilitates healing as the individual can recognize the source of their struggles.

9.Question

What practical steps should one take when confronting potential demonic influences?

Answer:Engage in prayer with a supportive team, seek healing and freedom, maintain accountability with trusted individuals, and often examine and remove influences that may lead to further demonic access.

10.Question

How does Wimber recommend handling the process of freeing someone from demons?

Answer:Wimber emphasizes the importance of team praying, listening to God for direction, avoiding confrontation alone, and being guided by Scriptures, focusing on bringing individuals into Christ's presence for deliverance.

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Chapter 18 | 18. Filled With the Spirit In the Gospel of Luke| Q&A

1.Question

What is the common misconception about being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Answer:Many Christians believe that the filling of the Holy Spirit leads to a life free from struggle and sin, as if there is a simple formula or secret that provides constant empowerment and peace. This idea rests on a version of Christianity that suggests once you are filled, life becomes easier and more joyful.

2.Question

How does the author contrast this misconception with biblical teachings?

Answer:The author explains that biblical figures like Jesus and Paul actually faced significant struggles and suffering. Rather than a life of ease, true joy comes from God's presence despite the challenges. The New Testament showcases real struggles leading to deepened faith rather than

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effortless living.

3.Question

What does the author suggest is the true purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Answer:The filling of the Holy Spirit serves to reveal God's affection and to empower believers to witness and share the love of Christ with others, rather than simply to improve personal comfort or performance.

4.Question

According to the author, are being filled with the Spirit and being baptized in the Spirit the same thing?

Answer:The author encourages readers to study the scriptures to understand the nuances of being filled with the Spirit versus being baptized in the Spirit, suggesting they might represent different experiences or functions in a Christian's spiritual journey.

5.Question

How does the story of John the Baptist illustrate the filling of the Holy Spirit?

Answer:The story illustrates that John was filled with the

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Spirit even in the womb, showcasing that spiritual recognition and joy can occur in the most improbable situations. His leap of joy at the presence of Jesus demonstrates the profound impact of the Holy Spirit, even before birth.

6.Question

What lesson can be learned from Zechariah's response after the birth of John?

Answer:Zechariah's act of naming his son 'John' was a significant moment of faith, showing that he believed Gabriel's proclamation about his son. This act not only signified obedience but also marked his own filling with the Holy Spirit, enabling him to prophesy regarding Jesus.

7.Question

How does the author view God's choice in revealing the Gospel to unexpected individuals?

Answer:The author highlights that God often chooses the overlooked and the humble—like a baby, a young girl, and an elderly woman—to reveal significant truths,

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demonstrating His preference for grace and inclusion over societal norms.

8.Question

What does it mean when the author says that John the Baptist was 'doing what all the prophets before him had done'?

Answer:This means that, like the prophets, John recognized Christ through the Holy Spirit's revelation—underscoring the belief that true knowledge of God and His plans comes through the Spirit's work, transcending human understanding.

9.Question

In what way does the filling of the Holy Spirit affect personal behavior, according to the author's analysis?

Answer:The filling of the Holy Spirit leads to a profound realization of God's beauty and truth, prompting individuals to testify about Jesus, not through self-focused actions like speaking in tongues, but through a deep revelation and acknowledgment of His divinity.

10.Question

What does the author hope readers will take away

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regarding the filling of the Spirit and personal struggles?

Answer:The author hopes readers will recognize that struggles are part of the Christian journey and that the filling of the Holy Spirit is not about avoiding those struggles but about empowering believers to endure and witness God's love amidst them.

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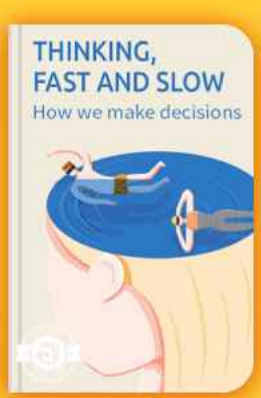
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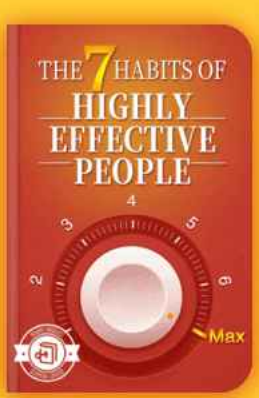
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Chapter 19 | 19. Filled With the Spirit In Acts| Q&A

1.Question

What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts?

Answer:To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be empowered temporarily to proclaim Jesus boldly, often in the presence of an unbelieving audience. It is a prophetic empowerment for testifying about Jesus rather than a permanent state or simply an ability to speak in tongues.

2.Question

Can you provide examples of when individuals were filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts?

Answer:Yes, examples include: at Pentecost when the 120 disciples spoke in tongues (Acts 2:1-13), Peter before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:8), and Saul (Paul) after Ananias prayed for him (Acts 9:17). None of these examples consistently involve speaking in tongues.

3.Question

What role does prayer play in being filled with the Holy

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Spirit?

Answer:Prayer is crucial as it was the means by which the early church sought boldness to speak God's word. Following their prayer for boldness, they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:31), indicating that God empowers those who earnestly seek to witness for Him.

4.Question

How does the chapter differentiate between being filled with the Spirit and speaking in tongues?

Answer:While speaking in tongues was an initial sign of being filled with the Spirit at Pentecost, other examples in Acts show that speaking in tongues is not a requirement or inherent aspect of being filled; instead, it is one of many gifts.

5.Question

In what ways does being filled with the Holy Spirit impact evangelism?

Answer:Being filled with the Holy Spirit acts as a supernatural force that emboldens believers to share the

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Gospel, turning their testimony into powerful, prophetic proclamations that can lead others to faith, as shown in conversions of thousands after Peter's sermons.

6.Question

What key lesson is learned from Saul's transformation in relation to the Spirit?

Answer:Saul's experience shows that opposing God's people equates to opposing God Himself, and that spiritual empowerment and effective ministry often come through the support and prayers of the body of Christ, highlighting our interdependence.

7.Question

Can you illustrate an important prayer from Acts that signifies dependence on the Holy Spirit?

Answer:Acts 4:29-31 is a crucial prayer where believers ask for boldness to preach despite threats. After praying, they are filled with the Holy Spirit, showing that such prayer leads directly to empowerment for ministry.

8.Question

How does the book illustrate the consequences of being

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filled with the Spirit through personal stories?

Answer:The author recounts experiences where praying Acts 4:29-31 coincided with significant events, such as earthquakes, emphasizing that the Spirit's filling leads to impactful ministry moments and aligns with God's responses in the physical world.

9.Question

What should believers do today to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit?

Answer:To experience the filling of the Holy Spirit today, believers should dedicate themselves to reaching out to the lost through evangelism, coupled with prayer for the empowerment needed to effectively share the Gospel.

10.Question

What is the biggest difference noted between the first-century church and the modern church?

Answer:The first-century church was distinct for being a praying church, emphasizing communal reliance on God for guidance and empowerment rather than relying solely on

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speaking and teaching.

Chapter 20 | 20. Full of the Spirit In Luke and Acts| Q&A

1.Question

What does it mean to be 'full of the Holy Spirit' according to Luke and Acts?

Answer:Being 'full of the Holy Spirit' can refer to a character description reflecting a deep spiritual life characterized by the fruits of the Spirit, such as love, kindness, and patience. It also implies being empowered by the Holy Spirit for specific tasks, particularly in evangelism and performing miracles. For instance, Barnabas is characterized as 'full of the Holy Spirit and faith', suggesting both inherent spirituality and an empowering ability to lead many to the Lord.

2.Question

How does Stephen exemplify being 'full of the Holy Spirit'?

Answer:Stephen exemplifies being 'full of the Holy Spirit' in

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a profound way as he starts by serving widows and transitions into performing miracles and boldly witnessing for Jesus. His faith allows him to believe in God's miracles, and his life is marked by signs and wonders. Ultimately, when he faces martyrdom, he does so with a spirit of grace, praying for those who persecute him, showcasing the ultimate fruit of the Spirit.

3.Question

What does Stephen's vision at the moment of his death signify?

Answer:Stephen’s vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God signifies both honor and affirmation as he becomes the first Christian martyr. It illustrates the reality that even in death, he was empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness effectively and the notion that Jesus is present with his followers in their suffering, reflecting immense love and support from Christ.

4.Question

How does the phrase 'full of the Holy Spirit' differ from 'filled with the Spirit'?

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Answer:The phrase 'full of the Holy Spirit' is more elastic; it can describe a person's character, an empowerment for ministry, or both, as seen in the examples of Barnabas and Stephen. In contrast, 'filled with the Spirit' typically refers to a specific moment of empowerment for a task or occasion, like proclaiming the gospel or performing miracles.

5.Question

What can we learn from the early church's request for qualified leaders?

Answer:The early church sought individuals who were 'full of the Spirit and wisdom' for leadership roles, emphasizing the importance of spiritual maturity and character in service. This serves as a reminder that leaders in faith communities should reflect the spiritual qualities and fruits of the Spirit, as they are vital in fostering a healthy and thriving church environment.

6.Question

How does the author personally connect with the concept of being 'full of the Spirit'?

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Answer:The author relates to the concept by expressing a desire to be like Barnabas, praying to be 'full of the Spirit' each morning, not merely for personal spiritual strength but to effectively evangelize and bring others to Christ, indicating a personal commitment to living out the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in daily life.

Chapter 21 | 21. Physical Manifestations| Q&A

1.Question

What led to the revival at Azusa Street in Los Angeles?

Answer:The revival at Azusa Street was sparked by a combination of heightened spiritual fervor, unusual physical manifestations during worship, and the coinciding San Francisco earthquake on April 18, 1906. The latter was seen as a significant event, symbolizing both fear and a call to deeper faith, which fueled the revival's growth.

2.Question

How were physical manifestations during revivals historically perceived?

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Answer:Historically, physical manifestations during revivals, such as trembling, crying, and fainting, have been met with skepticism and ridicule. In the case of the Azusa Street revival, these phenomena were labeled as mere 'frenzy of religious zeal' and dismissed by many critics, yet they were a notable aspect of genuine spiritual experiences.

3.Question

What can we learn from John Wesley's experience with physical manifestations?

Answer:John Wesley experienced and noted that during his preaching, many attendees displayed outward signs of strong emotional and spiritual reactions, such as trembling and collapsing. This illustrates that intense spiritual encounters often elicit physical responses, which should not be dismissed but understood as part of the workings of the Holy Spirit.

4.Question

How does the biblical perspective explain physical reactions to God's presence?

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Answer:The Bible suggests that physical reactions, such as trembling in fear of God or weeping in response to His Word, are legitimate and expected. Verses in Jeremiah and Psalms highlight that these responses are natural for those encountering God's holiness, and reflect a healthy reverence and emotional engagement with divine truths.

5.Question

What criteria did Jonathan Edwards provide for distinguishing true works of the Spirit?

Answer:Jonathan Edwards emphasized that physical manifestations alone do not determine the authenticity of a spiritual work. Instead, he argued that the key criteria include alignment with Scripture and the resultant fruit of the Spirit in individuals' lives—transformative love, joy, and holiness, rather than merely observable phenomena.

6.Question

Why is it important not to glorify physical manifestations in worship settings?

Answer:Glorifying physical manifestations over the work of

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the Holy Spirit can lead to counterfeits and distractions in worship. It shifts focus away from the genuine transformative work of God and may encourage people to seek experiences rather than the Spirit's true presence and power.

7.Question

How should modern believers respond to physical manifestations of the Spirit?

Answer:Today, believers should accept physical manifestations as part of God's work without exalting them above the Spirit's genuine influence. There should be open discussion about these reactions, recognizing their biblical foundation while also providing guidance when manifestations lead to distraction or confusion.

8.Question

What similarities exist between past and present revivals in relation to physical manifestations?

Answer:Both past and present revivals experience physical manifestations as authentic responses to the Holy Spirit's presence. While societal attitudes may vary, these

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occurrences historically parallel modern experiences in churches, emphasizing a continuous thread of God’s engagement with humanity.

9.Question

Why is the ability to weep over God’s Word considered a sign of spiritual health?

Answer:The ability to weep over God’s Word signifies a responsive heart, indicating sensitivity to divine truths and personal shortcomings. It reflects emotional and spiritual health, contrasting with a hardened heart that fails to respond to God’s convictions.

10.Question

What dangers accompany the responses to physical manifestations?

Answer:The dangers include possible misinterpretation of genuine experiences as chaotic or unspiritual, leading to unnecessary suppression of the Spirit's work. Additionally, some may counterfeit or feign manifestations to gain attention, which can dilute true worship and confuse seekers.

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Chapter 22 | 22. Abuses| Q&A

1.Question

What does the story of Samson illustrate about God's power even in the presence of immorality?

Answer:The story of Samson shows that God's power is not contingent upon our moral perfection. Despite Samson's moral failings, including his involvement with a prostitute, God still granted him extraordinary strength through the Holy Spirit when needed, highlighting that God's gifts and workings are based on His grace and purpose rather than human righteousness.

2.Question

How does the condition of the Corinthian church challenge the idea that miracles are associated only with doctrinal purity?

Answer:The Corinthian church was filled with spiritual gifts and miracles despite its significant errors and moral failures, such as allowing severe immorality and sectarianism. Paul's acknowledgment of their spiritual richness serves as evidence

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that miracles can occur in environments lacking doctrinal purity, countering the assertion that miracles only validate correct theology.

3.Question

What warning does Jack Deere give regarding doctrinal purity and its effect on humility?

Answer:Deere warns that an excessive focus on doctrinal purity can lead to a hardened heart and a sense of superiority. This can result in abuse and oppression, not only within church structures but also in interpersonal relations, where individuals may prioritize doctrine over compassion and genuine support for others in need.

4.Question

How does Deere's experience with the seminary student's struggles illustrate the disconnect between doctrine and love?

Answer:Deere illustrates this disconnect when a student reacted strongly to theological differences regarding biblical inerrancy while downplaying his serious personal issues, like addiction and infidelity. This suggests that an overemphasis

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on doctrinal correctness can blind individuals to the need for love and moral accountability in their own lives.

5.Question

What does Paul encourage the Galatians to reflect on concerning miracles and the Spirit?

Answer:Paul encourages the Galatians to reflect on whether miracles and the giving of the Spirit come from following the law or from believing the gospel of Jesus Christ. He points out that God's working among them is not conditioned by their doctrinal purity but by their faith, emphasizing that God's grace transcends their spiritual failings.

6.Question

In light of Deere's examples, how should churches approach the issue of abuse and error within their ranks?

Answer:Churches should recognize that all congregations have weaknesses and failures due to human brokenness. Rather than dismissing works of God based on abuses or errors, they should strive to address sin within the community with humility, seeking restoration and support

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instead of condemnation.

7.Question

What does the case of the HIV-positive boy reveal about the role of the church in times of crisis?

Answer:The situation of the HIV-positive boy emphasizes the failure of the church to provide spiritual and emotional support in times of crisis. It reveals that good doctrine alone is insufficient; the church must embody the love and compassion of Christ, actively reaching out to those in distress rather than merely upholding correct beliefs.

8.Question

What key takeaway regarding humility does Deere emphasize for believers?

Answer:Deere emphasizes the necessity for believers to cultivate humility, recognizing their potential for deception and sin. He argues that acknowledgment of our own weaknesses and dependence on God's revelation is crucial for genuine spiritual growth and community health.

Chapter 23 | 23. The Gift of Teaching| Q&A

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1.Question

What are the differences between the wide road and the narrow road as described by Jesus?

Answer:The wide road symbolizes the easy, natural path where many people walk without effort, leading to destruction, while the narrow road is challenging and represents a life of duty to God and others, filled with obligations and suffering, ultimately leading to life.

2.Question

How do teachers contribute to guiding individuals along the narrow road?

Answer:Teachers help explain the obligations of living (as meant by Jesus), warn about the consequences of not fulfilling these obligations, and showcase the rewards of obedience, thereby guiding individuals deeper into their relationship with God.

3.Question

What is the primary focus of a great teacher, according to the text?

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Answer:A great teacher focuses mainly on God Himself rather than just the obligations of Scripture, emphasizing the joy of enjoying God in our lives.

4.Question

Why is it necessary for teachers to rely on the Holy Spirit?

Answer:Teachers must depend on the Holy Spirit for revelation and power in their teaching because this ensures that their messages are not merely intellectual but transformative and life-giving, aligning the hearers' hearts with God.

5.Question

What is the key takeaway regarding the relationship between prayer and understanding Scripture?

Answer:Understanding Scripture deeply is intertwined with prayer; true comprehension comes through loving God and continually seeking His presence, which allows His voice to guide us.

6.Question

How can educators ensure that their teaching reflects a

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relationship with God rather than mere obligation?

Answer:Educators should cultivate personal experiences of God's love and share authentic stories of their own faith journeys, emphasizing that knowing God is about relationship, not just adhering to rules.

7.Question

What role does enjoyment of God play in our obedience?

Answer:When we find joy in God, our obedience ceases to feel like a burden and becomes a natural expression of our love for Him, thus leading to deeper spirituality.

8.Question

What warning does the text give about the dangers of legalism in teaching?

Answer:The text warns that focusing solely on rules and obligations without the relational aspect of God can lead to spiritual deadness and hinder both the teachers and their audience from experiencing God's love.

9.Question

According to the text, how should one approach biblical teaching?

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Answer:One should approach biblical teaching as a means to reveal God’s beauty and love, rather than just providing instructions or principles, ensuring that teaching leads to deeper friendships with God.

10.Question

What does Jesus’ teaching exemplify in terms of friendship and relationship with God?

Answer:Jesus’ teaching exemplifies that true discipleship is rooted in a friendship with Him, where understanding and obedience arise from a loving relationship rather than fear of obligation.

Chapter 24 | 24. Cultivating the Spiritual Gifts| Q&A

1.Question

What is the significance of spiritual gifts in the church according to Jack Deere?

Answer:Spiritual gifts are essential tools for building the Lord’s house and are not merely an afterthought to make services more interesting.

They are supernatural endowments of grace given to

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every Christian to serve the body of Christ and empower acts of love.

2.Question

How are spiritual gifts received by believers?

Answer:Spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit as He wills, often at the moment of being born again. They can also be imparted through apostolic laying on of hands, prophetic words, or personal prayer.

3.Question

What is the relationship between personal character and spiritual gifts?

Answer:Spiritual gifts are not awarded based on merit; a person can have a powerful gift and yet poor character. It's crucial for believers to cultivate their character alongside their gifts.

4.Question

How can one discover their spiritual gifts?

Answer:Believers typically discover their spiritual gifts through trial and error, in conjunction with mentorship. Participating in a supportive environment allows them to

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experiment and find where they are most effective.

5.Question

Why does Jack Deere advocate for using home groups to practice spiritual gifts?

Answer:Home groups provide a safe and intimate setting for individuals to share experiences and practice spiritual gifts. It allows for personal growth in a supportive atmosphere where mistakes can be made without fear of public failure.

6.Question

What warning does Deere provide about churches that practice spiritual gifts compared to those that do not?

Answer:Deere warns that a church practicing spiritual gifts is not superior to one that doesn't. The quality of love among the congregation is the true measure of a church, not merely the presence of spiritual gifts.

7.Question

How might young people excel in supernatural ministry?

Answer:Young people often excel in supernatural ministry because they are more willing to take risks and step out in faith compared to older individuals who may feel a need to

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protect their reputation.

8.Question

What example does Deere share to illustrate the power of a prophetic word?

Answer:He recounts the story of a young boy, Josiah, who provided a prophetic word to a woman in distress, accurately communicating God's love and assurance during her darkest moment. This illustrates how even young people can be vessels for God's messages.

9.Question

What role should church leaders play in relation to spiritual gifts?

Answer:Church leaders are tasked with equipping church members to discover and effectively use their spiritual gifts. This involves training and providing opportunities for ministry, rather than doing all the ministry themselves.

10.Question

What is the ideal setting for practicing and training in spiritual gifts according to Deere?

Answer:Deere suggests that the ideal setting for practicing

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and training in spiritual gifts is in home groups or specialized training meetings, not during the main Sunday service, which should be reserved for mature expressions of those gifts.

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Chapter 25 | 25. Eternal Rewards| Q&A

1.Question

What does 2 Corinthians 5:10 teach us about our lives on earth?

Answer:It emphasizes that we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, where our actions in life—good or bad—will be assessed and rewarded accordingly.

2.Question

How does Scott Manley explain the concept of eternal rewards to Jack Deere?

Answer:He describes it as a future appointment where believers will receive what they are due for how they lived out their faith on earth, highlighting that not all believers will experience heaven in the same way.

3.Question

What does the term 'bema' signify in the context of judgment?

Answer:'Bema' refers to the platform where a ruler or judge would announce decisions in a public setting, illustrating that

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believers will receive a public acknowledgment of their lives before Christ.

4.Question

What is the significance of heavenly rewards as described in this chapter?

Answer:Heavenly rewards represent God’s approval and joy for those who have lived faithfully, signifying honor and closeness to Him in eternity.

5.Question

How can the judgment seat of Christ be viewed as a place of love rather than anger?

Answer:It is a revelation of Christ's love where He recognizes the efforts of believers. Even those who see their shortcomings will be met with mercy and grace upon entering heaven.

6.Question

What are crowns, and what do they symbolize for believers?

Answer:Crowns represent not only the reward of ruling but also the honor and beauty conferred by God on His faithful

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followers for their perseverance and faithfulness.

7.Question

How should believers understand the concept of rewards to avoid despair or jealousy?

Answer:Rewards should be seen as expressions of God's love rather than a hierarchy in heaven, emphasizing that all believers will be eternally happy regardless of their earthly reality.

8.Question

What does it mean to say that heaven is a place of beauty and value beyond human calculation?

Answer:This signifies that earthly symbols and descriptions fall short of encompassing the true splendor of heaven, which will surpass all understanding and imagination.

9.Question

How does Jack Deere's perspective on seeking approval from Jesus evolve throughout the chapter?

Answer:Initially, he sought approval to feel like a winner, but later comes to desire it from a place of love for Jesus, understanding it as the deepest fulfillment to please Him.

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10.Question

What hope does the thief on the cross offer to believers regarding salvation and reward?

Answer:The thief’s last-minute acceptance of Christ demonstrates that it's never too late to receive grace and points to the idea that even those with little time can receive eternal reward.

11.Question

What final message does this chapter convey about our choices in this life?

Answer:The chapter encourages believers to make the most of their time on earth to please Jesus, as there is always opportunity for grace and faithfulness leading to eternal rewards.

Chapter 26 | 26. Hearing the Voice of God| Q&A

1.Question

What led the author to shift from reliance on discipline and knowledge of Scripture to embracing the gifts of the Spirit?

Answer:The author initially relied on discipline and

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knowledge to earn Jesus' approval, but realized the insatiable longing for more and the limitations of mere intellectual understanding. A profound personal crisis and subsequent healing led him to embrace the gifts of the Spirit, ultimately discovering a deeper friendship with God.

2.Question

How did the author's view of the Bible change after entering the healing ministry?

Answer:Once entering the healing ministry, the author began to view the Bible not just as a doctrinal text but as a source of supernatural possibilities, embracing the ways God communicates beyond the written Word.

3.Question

In what way did the author recognize his own self-righteousness, and what revelation did he receive from God?

Answer:The author was confronted by a voice from God that directed him to rejoice in Jesus rather than in his commitments to Jesus. This revelation highlighted his

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tendency towards self-righteousness when he celebrated his spiritual accomplishments rather than focusing on the love and joy found in Jesus.

4.Question

What experience did the author recount that illustrated listening to God's voice and acting on it?

Answer:While on the way to a gun shop, the author felt an impression to visit a different one. Ignoring his own thoughts, he followed this prompting and ended up helping a young man struggling with drug addiction, showing how listening to God's voice directed him to meaningful ministry.

5.Question

What does the author suggest is necessary for developing a close relationship with Jesus?

Answer:The author suggests that hearing God's voice is essential for developing a close friendship with Jesus, as it enables believers to feel His love and guidance, making the relationship dynamic and alive.

6.Question

How did the author describe his transformation in prayer

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and fasting practices?

Answer:Initially resistant to fasting, the author came to embrace it joyfully, discovering that regular prayer and fasting not only improved his spiritual life but also deepened his relationship with God.

7.Question

What is one of the key characteristics of true friendship with God, according to the author?

Answer:True friendship with God involves love, pleasure, and gratitude, where individuals rejoice in one another and share secrets, moving beyond mere obligation in their spiritual practices.

8.Question

How does the author relate personal trauma to his spiritual growth?

Answer:The author connects his past emotional trauma to his earlier self-righteousness and harshness, which he later recognized as unhealed remnants of his upbringing but transformed through God's healing and intervention.

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9.Question

What scriptural basis does the author provide for his experiences of hearing from God?

Answer:The author references Acts, where early Christians relied on the Holy Spirit for direction in their ministries, emphasizing that if they needed this guidance, contemporary believers certainly do too.

10.Question

Why is it important for believers to pray for God to reveal their sins?

Answer:The author notes that many of our worst sins are spiritual and often hidden from our sight; prayer for revelation allows God to bring these to light, enabling greater intimacy and honesty in our relationship with Him.

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Surprised By The Power Of The Spirit Quiz and Test

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Chapter 1 | 1. From Professor to Healer| Quiz and Test

1. The author believes that discipleship is solely about imparting knowledge and holding others accountable.
2. The author's perspective on faith healing changed from skepticism to practice after realizing its significance in God's plan.
3. The seminary experience reinforced the belief that miraculous healing is a vital part of God's plan for modern believers.

Chapter 2 | 2. The Power of a Credible Witness| Quiz and Test

1. Jack Deere found faith at the age of seventeen, leading to a transformative career as a seminary professor and pastor by the age of thirty-six.

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2.Dr. John White initially agreed to lead a conference in the spring of 1986 without any reluctance.

3.Jack Deere remained completely confident in his skepticism regarding physical healing throughout the lead-up to the conference.

Chapter 3 | 3. A Demon Comes to Church| Quiz and Test

1.John White initially introduced himself as 'Dr. White' to the audience.

2.Deere felt skepticism regarding emotionalism but later acknowledged the authenticity of the healing environment.

3.John White's authority in prayer was ineffective in confronting spiritual afflictions.

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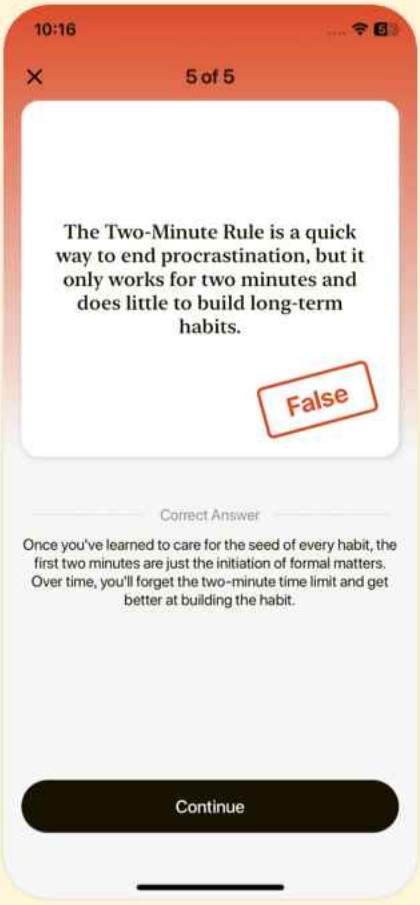
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Chapter 4 | 4. John Wimber| Quiz and Test

1. John Wimber was known for his flashy and hype-filled style of ministry.
2. Jack Deere's experience with John Wimber included witnessing a miraculous healing of a woman with back pain.
3. John Wimber advised that it was crucial to ignore minor impressions during prayer in order to be effective in healing ministry.

Chapter 5 | 5. Modern Miracles| Quiz and Test

1. The author believes that disbelief in miracles can lead to a lack of witness to them.
2. Ken Boa did not believe he was in danger while swimming in the Sea of Galilee during a storm.
3. Heidi Baker's vision instructed her to neglect the vulnerable children in Mozambique.

Chapter 6 | 6. The Real Reason Christians Do Not Believe In Miracles| Quiz and Test

1. Jack Deere believes that miraculous gifts ceased

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after the apostolic age.

2.The early Christian community actively prayed for and witnessed miracles as evidence of God's power.

3.Deere states that the church has consistently maintained a strong belief in the gifts of the Spirit throughout history.

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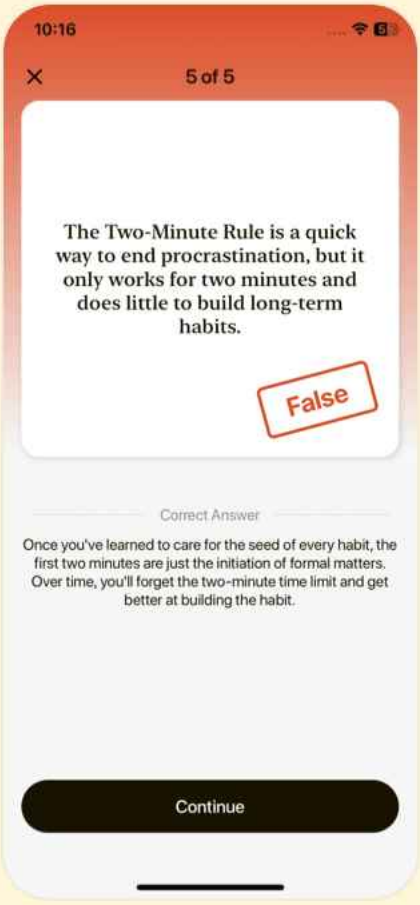
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Chapter 7 | 7. The Miracles of the Lord| Quiz and Test

1. Jesus' healing miracles were consistent with contemporary healing practices.
2. The power in Jesus' ministry was granted by the Holy Spirit without limitation.
3. Jesus had the ability to heal anyone at any time, regardless of divine direction.

Chapter 8 | 8. The Healing Ministry of the Apostles| Quiz and Test

1. The apostles possessed automatic healing abilities through their own power.
2. Signs and wonders are distinct from the spiritual gift of healing distributed among all believers.
3. Paul was able to heal all of his companions, showcasing his healing ministry within the early church.

Chapter 9 | 9. John Calvin Formulates Cessationism| Quiz and Test

1. John Calvin formulated the doctrine of cessationism, which claims that miracles have

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ceased and are no longer present in the church today.

2. Martin Luther claimed that salvation comes through works and not through faith in Christ.

3. Calvin believed that miracles were necessary for authenticating the teachings of Christ and His apostles, and that they are still necessary today in areas without gospel exposure.

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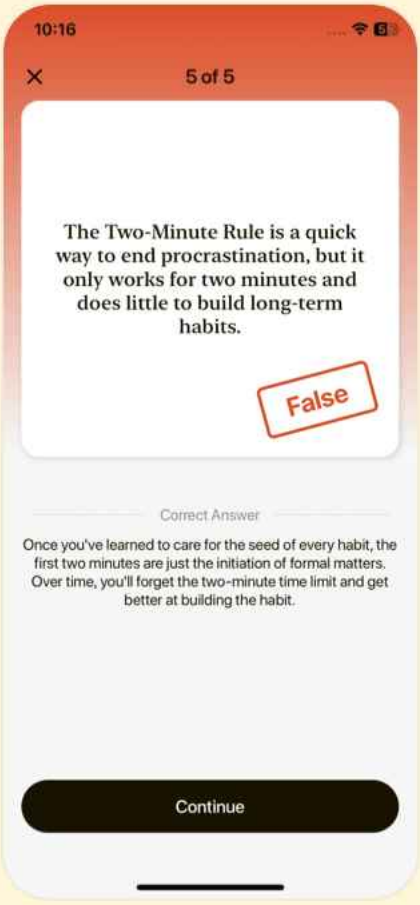
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Chapter 10 | 10. Conyers Middleton Formulates the Historical Criticism of Miracles| Quiz and Test

1. Conyers Middleton argued that God had withdrawn miraculous powers after the apostolic age.
2. Middleton supported the idea that natural explanations should be preferred when interpreting miraculous experiences.
3. Middleton's criticisms of early Christian martyrs were universally accepted by all historians without dispute.

Chapter 11 | 11. B. B. Warfield Produces the Final Form of Cessationism| Quiz and Test

1. Benjamin Breckinridge Warfield claimed that miraculous events ceased after the New Testament apostles' time.
2. Warfield provided extensive scriptural evidence for the cessation of miracles, validating his cessationist views.
3. Warfield maintained that all miraculous gifts were only for the purpose of confirming the apostles as trustworthy teachers.

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Chapter 12 | 12. Conclusions Regarding Cessationist Arguments| Quiz and Test

1. There is a biblical verse indicating that miracles were intended to authenticate the apostles solely and that they ceased with the apostles.
2. Almost half of the New Testament was authored by non-apostles, questioning their writings' superiority if only apostolic miracles authenticated scripture.
3. Miracles are an essential requirement for belief in the gospel, as they authenticate its message.

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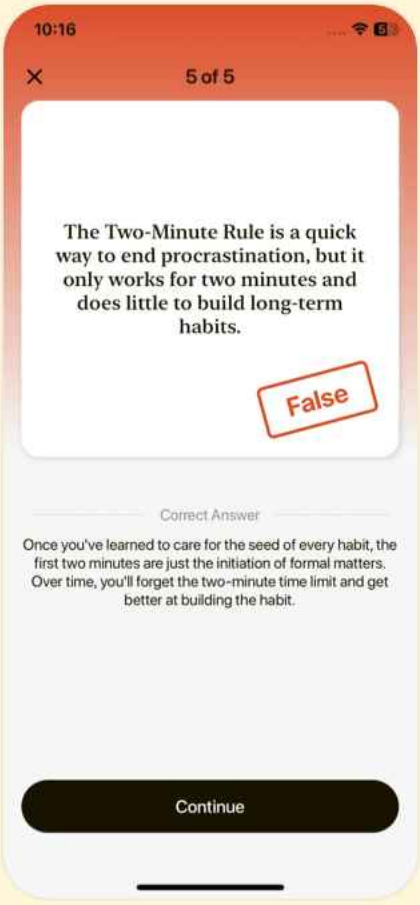
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Chapter 13 | 13. Why God Heals| Quiz and Test

1. Jesus healed the sick out of compassion, responding to those in pain.
2. The ministry of healing is solely the role of church leaders and does not involve all believers.
3. Faith does not play any role in the healing process as described in the ministry of Jesus and the apostles.

Chapter 14 | 14. Unbelief| Quiz and Test

1. Unbelief is not a factor that prevents Christians from experiencing healings and miracles today.
2. According to the Pentecostal tradition, it is always God's will to heal, with faith being a key requirement for healing.
3. Believers should rely on their personal merit to feel worthy of God's goodness when seeking healing.

Chapter 15 | 15. Healing Faith| Quiz and Test

1. Healing faith is simply having mental certainty about the outcome of healing.
2. According to New Testament teachings, faith as small as a mustard seed can achieve significant results.

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3.Not everyone will experience healing in this life, but God's promise to provide grace is unwavering.

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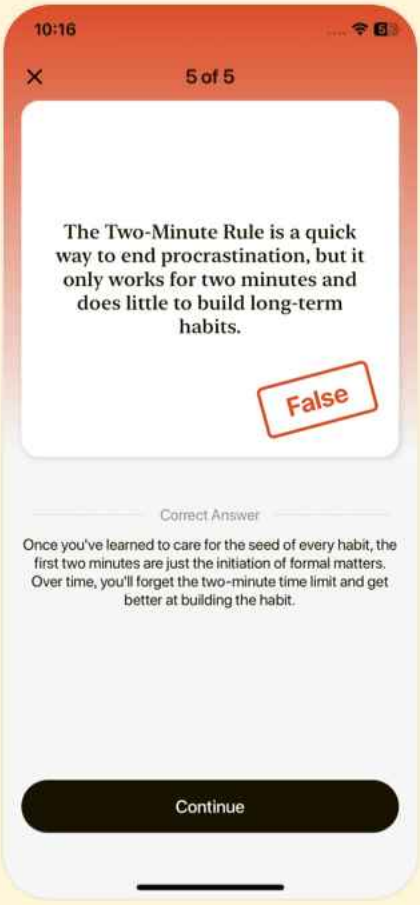
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Chapter 16 | 16. Demonization| Quiz and Test

1. Demons are believed to be relegated only to certain parts of the world and are not present in every area.
2. Christians should focus on God's power rather than fear demons.
3. Demonic influence in children can occur with their consent after trauma.

Chapter 17 | 17. Demonic Inroads| Quiz and Test

1. According to John Wimber, Christians cannot be demonized because light and darkness cannot dwell together.
2. Anger and unforgiveness can serve as a foothold for demons in the lives of believers.
3. The only way to set a demonized person free is through immediate prayer without addressing underlying issues.

Chapter 18 | 18. Filled With the Spirit In the Gospel of Luke| Quiz and Test

1. The filling of the Holy Spirit leads to a life without

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struggles in the Christian experience.

2. The New Testament primarily references the filling of the Spirit in the books of Luke and Acts.

3. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit after he was born, demonstrating personal empowerment.

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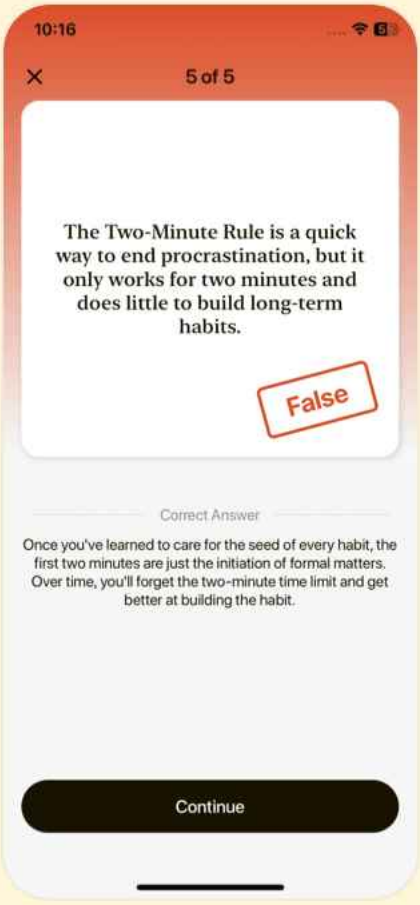
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Chapter 19 | 19. Filled With the Spirit In Acts| Quiz and Test

1. There are three pivotal moments when God's Spirit began to dwell on Earth, as listed in the chapter summary.
2. Speaking in tongues is a prerequisite for being filled with the Holy Spirit according to the chapter summary.
3. The early church's power stemmed solely from its organizational structure and not from prayer according to the summary.

Chapter 20 | 20. Full of the Spirit In Luke and Acts| Quiz and Test

1. In Luke's writings, 'full of the Holy Spirit' is solely a term used to describe a person's character.
2. Stephen was the first Christian martyr and was described as 'full of faith and of the Holy Spirit'.
3. Jesus uniquely possessed the fullness of the Spirit for his mission and ministry, unlike others in Luke's narrative.

Chapter 21 | 21. Physical Manifestations| Quiz and Test

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1. The Azusa Street revival is considered the birthplace of modern Pentecostalism.
2. Critics of Jonathan Edwards believed that the chaotic nature of physical manifestations reflected biblical order in worship.
3. Edwards emphasized the importance of physical manifestations as the true indicator of genuine spiritual work.

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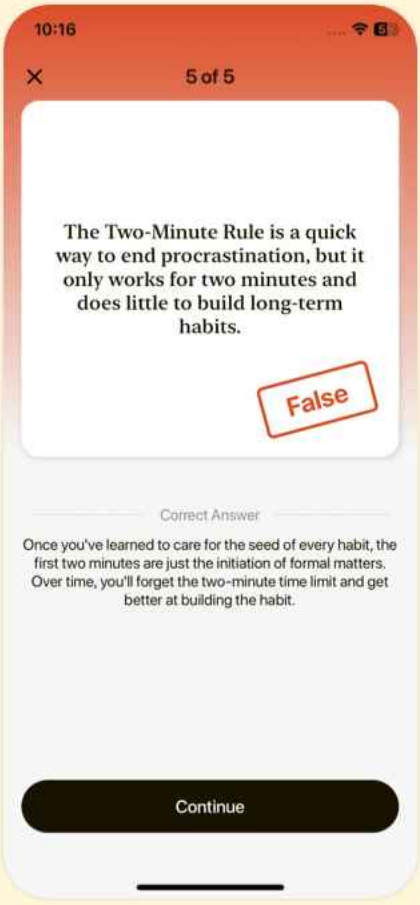
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Chapter 22 | 22. Abuses| Quiz and Test

1. Cessationists believe that God performs miracles among groups that have spiritual abuses, doctrinal errors, or immorality.
2. Samson was able to perform miracles due to his physical training rather than the Holy Spirit.
3. The presence of doctrinal errors or moral issues in a church community can still allow for God to work miracles among them.

Chapter 23 | 23. The Gift of Teaching| Quiz and Test

1. According to the chapter, Jesus outlines two paths for humanity: one wide leading to destruction and one narrow leading to life.
2. Teachers in the church should focus solely on imparting academic knowledge and not on building relationships with God.
3. The power of storytelling is emphasized as an effective teaching method in the chapter.

Chapter 24 | 24. Cultivating the Spiritual Gifts| Quiz

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1. Spiritual gifts are natural talents that everyone possesses from birth.
2. Home groups serve as a supportive environment for practicing spiritual gifts and community engagement.
3. Young individuals are less effective in supernatural ministry due to their lack of experience.

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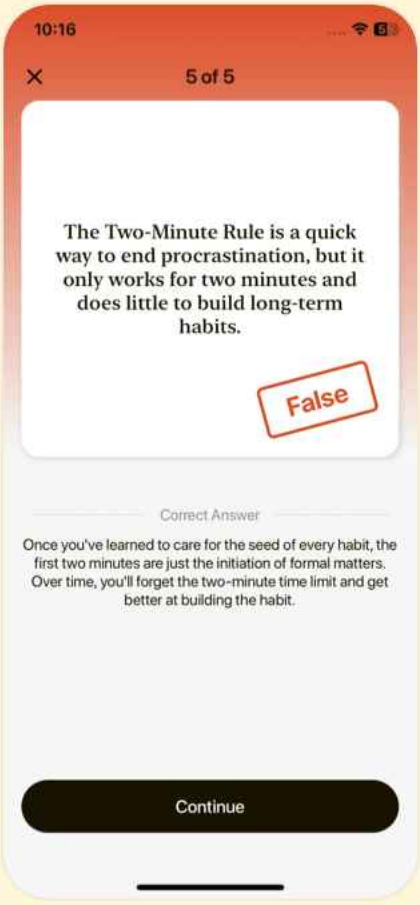
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Chapter 25 | 25. Eternal Rewards| Quiz and Test

1. All believers will have the same experience in heaven, regardless of their actions on earth.
2. Heavenly rewards are based on God's praise and approval of a believer's faithful actions in life.
3. Seeking rewards from Jesus is a sign of selfish motivation and should be avoided.

Chapter 26 | 26. Hearing the Voice of God| Quiz and Test

1. The author initially relied only on solid doctrine to gain Jesus' approval.
2. The author believes that personal beliefs stem solely from a deep understanding of scripture, without influence from past experiences.
3. Experiencing God's voice is essential for deepening one's friendship with God, according to the author.

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