

Welcome Home: A House of Miracles

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Speaker: Pastor Mark Batterson **Scripture:** 2 Kings 5

Sermon Overview: Our church home is a PLACE OF MIRACLES, place of prayer, place of worship, place of belonging, place of purpose and so much more. No matter where you've been or where you're headed, we've got a seat for you at the table, and you're right on time. Welcome Home.

Sermon Series Questions:

- 1. Whose are you?
- 2. What does belonging mean to you?

Sermon Specific Questions:

- 1. What does it mean to box God into your way, and thereby box God out of His greater mysterious way? When have you done this in your life and what was the result?
- Have you ever experienced a miracle? If so, what did it feel like before you saw God perform His miracle? If not, ask a friend to tell you their experience. Connect these experiences to those of Naaman and Joseph before they saw God invade their circumstances.
- 3. Can you think of a time that you prayed for a miracle that it seemed like God did not answer or it seemed like God did not come through on His Word? Can you look back on that time now and see how God was still working? How were His ways higher than your ways? Do you still have unanswered questions? How can you entrust those to the Lord to hold those and answer them in His perfect time?

Digging Deeper:

- What would it look like in your life if you lived as if everything was a miracle? What would change? What would stay the same?
- Praise and prayer open the way for Heaven to invade Earth. Are you waiting for a miracle? This week, spend some additional time in praise and prayer, believing that God will do what He said He would do.
- Make a Deuteronomy 29:29 file. The revealed things belong to us, but the secret things belong to God. Write down or talk aloud to the Lord. What has the Lord revealed to you and what has He not revealed to you YET? How have these things affected you and for what you are believing? What verses can help you move through difficult emotions and tensions in unanswered questions? Leave some space in your file so that when God reveals more, you can go back and add updates.
- Ask people in your small group to share the miracles they have experienced or witnessed. Note these experiences in your journal so that when it seems like nothing is happening, you can go back and remind yourself that God is the same today, yesterday, now, and forever; and He will do what He says He will do.

Practical Application:

- House of Prayer meets Thursdays at 7:14 pm at Capital Turnaround. Join us every Thursday at Capital Turnaround. Visit <u>ncc.re/houseofprayer</u> for more details.
- Upper Room is a new community space dedicated solely to prayer. All are welcome. Upper Room prayer sets are at the Capital Turnaround (8th and L St. entrance).
- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times (visit times at ncc.re/hop):
 - Tuesdays, 9 am in the Upper Room
 - Wednesdays: Virtually 7:14 am on <u>Upper Zoom</u> (use link to fill out the form and see dates) and 7:14am in person at Upper Room
 - Thursdays: 12pm in person
 - Visit times at ncc.re/hop
- Download the NCC app or visit <u>ncc.re/daily</u> to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group <u>ncc.re/groups</u> to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the <u>NCC app</u> to find our plan).