

Even Stranger Things

Part 01

Intro

1. Have you ever seen something weird that you cannot unsee?
2. Strange or scary things grab our attention.
Eg. Office at night, Scary Movies, Stranger Things, Spider Nest/Little Baby's Ice Cream
3. Strange
 - a. Unusual or surprising; difficult to understand or explain.
What some people listen to on Spotify.
 - b. Not previously visited, seen, or encountered; unfamiliar or alien.
And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" - Luke 5:26
4. The Bible is full of strange unexplainable stories.
 - a. From miracles to angels to demons
 - b. Not to freak us out or set unrealistic expectations, but to show us what God can do.
"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!" - John 14:12-14
 - c. Over these next few weeks we're going to explore many more of these stories and how we can see them happen in our lives.

Read: Luke 5:17

One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus. - Luke 5:17

God wants to do supernatural things for us and through us.

- He's a supernatural God.
- Even if you don't believe in Him yet, He still wants to.
- How come we don't experience some of these things? We need faith.

Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven." - Luke 5:18-20

I. Faith Lets Us Experience What No One Else Experiences

A. Faith will include or exclude you from certain experiences.

Bungee jumping. Roller coasters.

B. The young men got to experience what no one else experienced because of their faith.

C. Faith is the gateway to the supernatural.

- i. If you don't believe in Jesus, it's the start
- ii. If you do believe in Jesus, you already have faith, you need to exercise it.

II. Faith Makes Us Do What No One Else Does

A. Doing the same thing gets you the same results.

Not studying. When we do what no one else does, we'll experience what no one else experiences.

B. Jesus SAW their faith.

- i. How can you have see-able faith?
- ii. Faith in action is visible.
- iii. Their faith wasn't just in their hearts, their faith was in their actions.

C. Faith demands action.

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?
- James 2:14

D. Our faith should change the things we do.

If your faith doesn't change your life, it's just a cute belief system that has no power other than to make yourself feel better. Look, sound, swear the same.

- i. It's uncommon and strange.
- ii. Even within the 'Christian world'

E. Faith in your heart is great, faith in action changes a generation.

III. Faith Directs The Attention To The Source Of Our Faith

And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"
- Luke 5:25-26

A. Everyone's attention was directed to God.

When you have faith, you help people to recognize God.

B. Faith to see strange things is not just about you.

All the people impacted, the man impacted.

C. APPLICATION

- i. Can we believe for something we've never seen before?
 - a) Ask God for a faith goal
 - b) Requires all of our faith to happen
- ii. Let's make this a year we experience these things like we've never seen before.

Conclusion

We will face opposition when we declare the Gospel, but when we keep reaching beyond the wall, we invite the power of God to come and bring breakthrough.

Salvation Call

Maybe you don't know Jesus, faith is the first step.

Ministry Time

Receive a fresh revelation of what's possible.

Receive a fresh new faith today. Pray for some of these things.