

## Understanding His Righteousness Chapter 1 Part 2

### 1.4 Two or More Agree

It bothers me when I get an email requesting for me to pray and agree with them for God to do a miracle for them.

Why? Don't they have faith? What!!! God only answers prayer when you have an abundance of people praying for you? Well how many are need to sway God? 2, 3, 5 10, or 50. What!! God does not listen to each of us? What!!! We are not good enough for God to hear us? Maybe we do not have the magic words to get God's attention to listen?

I cannot see God looking and listening to the groups of people praying, and He says, "Well you only have 49 people praying, and since you do not have 50, nope I will not do it." I do not think so.

What kind of a God do we have? He needs an abundance of people praying, or that they pray in a certain way? Or He only listens to certain people? Is He going to say, "Well, you did not say the magic words right, so nope, I will not to that either." I do not think so either.

He does say:

JAS 5:13 "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. [14] Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] **And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well;** the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**"

I believe the reason why He has said that about the elders is so that then you might have at least one righteous man praying for God's will. It is not just to have an abundance of people. You noticed He did not say the church, but just the elders, for they are elders because they are supposed to be righteous.

JAS 5:17 "Elijah was a man just like us. **He prayed earnestly** that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

[18] Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

Here one man stopped the rain for 3 and a half years; one man, not an abundance of men. If your prayers are not answered, just getting more people to agree with you will not do anything. Why? Well, another reason for this agreement is that when you are not being righteous, then maybe that person is, and when you fellowship in agreement, then the Lord can be there and then He can bring you to the point of being righteous and then, your earnest pray will have power and be effective.

The whole point is to have faith, to build your faith. If an abundant of people is what it takes for you to build your faith, then that is what you need. If you need an abundance of people to bring you to being righteous, then that is what you need. You need to be righteous and full of faith, not to be full of an abundance of people.

You cannot force God to do a miracle; the problem is never the symptom it is always cause—the un-righteousness for un-faithfulness. Your prayer of an un-righteous person has no power or authority, because the un-righteous person has no faith—ye of little faith.

MT 6:28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. [29] Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. [30] If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, **O you of little faith?** [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] But seek first His **Kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

You cannot have faith if you are not righteous. Prayers without faith are dead, and faith without righteousness is dead.

You cannot use my faith to get God to perform a miracle for you. You must have your own faith, and it must supported by your righteousness.

MT 16:24 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.** [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains

the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done. [28] I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."

Does trying to force God to do a miracle fulfill this about a Christian? No! Willing to give up your life for God, which is being righteous, will. This is trust. Trust God to do a miracle or to trust God to take you to heaven. Either way you win. So why not trust God?

You must seek first the Kingdom of God. You cannot use just one part of the Kingdom of God to force God to do some thing for you. You cannot just take one scripture out of the bible and use it out of context, and so use it for your selfish needs, wants or desires. You must use the entire bible together and use each scripture in context with the whole bible.

JAS 4:1 "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] **When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**"

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. **Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.** [17] This is my command: Love each other.

For example, it says that if two are in agreement and you want God to take you out of valley of death, how does that fit in to the scripture that says, "Although I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Psalms 23. He does not say that He will make a miracle by taking you out of the valley of death; He says that the miracle is that you will not have fear walking through the valley of death, because He will take care of you. He wants you to have faith in Him that He will take

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care of you in the valley of death. He will be with you because you are righteous, by trusting Him and not having fear. When you panic, become afraid—filled with fear—or worry, you are not righteous. You are not being faithful, you are not being filled with the Holy Spirit, you are being filled with evil and that makes you un-righteous—that is anti-faith.

That is why you need to meet with others, to fellowship with others, to pray with others, so that at that time you are not righteous, they can lead you back into righteousness. Then your prayers will be powerful and effective. Then you will be in agreement with the Holy Spirit and then you will have touched God's heart and moving Him to provide for you and to be your God. At that time He will say:

EX 14:13 “Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. [14] The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

PS 37:4 “Delight yourself in the LORD  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.

PS 37:5 “Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in Him and He will do this:

PS 37:6 “He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”

PS 37:7 “Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;  
do not fret (worry) when men succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.”

PS 37:8 “Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;  
do not fret--it leads only to evil.”

Worry is one of the main causes of opening evil windows. When you worry, you are being un-righteous, for worry is anti-faith.

PS 37:9 “For evil men will be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.”

PS 37:10 “A little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look for them, they will not be found.”

PS 46:8 “Come and see the works of the LORD,  
the desolations He has brought on the earth.”

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PS 46:9 "He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
He burns the shields with fire."

PS 46:10 "**Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.**"

PS 46:11 "The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
Selah"

Whenever you allow the window to evil open into your heart, you become un-righteous. That is why God gave us the Lord's prayer as a guide.

MT 6:5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. [6] But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. [7] And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, (chanting—just repeating over and over) for they think they will be heard because of their many words. [8] Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."

MT 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

" `Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,

MT 6:10 "Your **Kingdom** come, (Seeking the kingdom of God)  
Your **will be done** (Seeking His  
righteousness)  
on earth as it is in heaven.

MT 6:11 "Give us today our daily bread.

MT 6:12 "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

MT 6:13 "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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MT 6:14 “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

As you see, forgiveness is always part of God’s prayer. The being righteous is to ask God to forgive us all of our sins, always. Then we ask Him to free us from that evil spirit that accompanies that sin, by repenting--to change the attitude that brought that sin into your life-- and the evil spirit that comes with it. Repenting means to remove the evil spirit that is in you, and replace it with the Holy Spirit.

Then you are clean, and now you can start being righteous. Now that you are clean and the static noise that prevents you from hearing the Small still voice of the Lord is gone, you can start hearing His voice, and then you need to be willing to obey His voice, and that obedience is what makes you righteous.

So again the purpose of two or more gathering in His name and coming into agreement to what you pray is a way for the un-righteous person to come close to God so that the word of God can touch his heart, and bring him to pray for forgiveness and then repentance. Then he can pray on his own like Elijah and expect God to answer.

To God it is not a matter of the numbers of people or their rituals, customs or religious rights of living, but rather the righteous of man; his attitude, his spiritual heart—which is where evil and the Holy Spirit live in man, in his heart.

It all comes down to being righteous in God’s eyes, not mans.

So when I receive these emails asking me to agree with them in their problems, I tell them that yes I will pray and agree with them that God would show them were they lost their righteousness and for God to show them how to restore it, then they can pray like Elijah with power and effectiveness.

## **Appendix**

### **Faith Moves Mountains**

**By Richard**

Do you remember reading this story from Volume 3:

“Many years ago while I was in the Navy, it was December and we were on Christmas Vacation. During this time in my life I was broke, and had no money. Because of this, I did not plan on going anywhere.

However, I got a disturbing letter from girlfriend (she is now my wife). And as I thought about it, it seemed that the Holy Spirit was telling me that I really needed to go and see her, but she was in Japan and I was in San Diego, CA. How could I get there without any money?

The more I read the letter the more urgent it became that I go. So I prayed and I prayed. I prayed very sincerely. After a while of this, (I am not sure now long I prayed), but suddenly, I heard in a very clear voice, “Ok you should go.”

I was shocked to say the least. But I prayed again, and I heard the same thing again, “Ok you can go to Japan.”

So I quickly prayed, ”Lord this is wonderful, but I do not have any money and there are a few other problems too. First, I need to get permission, second, I have to get leave papers, and they said that everyone was gone who do that, third, I have no money, forth, if I am to go, I will need to change my domestic flight schedule to go and fifth, I do not know how to get to her house. So Lord I will need a miracle for all of these things to go there.”

Finally, I prayed that I was not sure about the return and that I could not get in trouble with my Navy School or else my Navy career will be ruined.

He said, “Is that all, no problem.”

Next I heard was, “Go to the office, they have a list of all military fights from the US to Japan, find what that flight is and go there.”

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So I acted on Faith on the promise of His personal word. I went forward with faith and determined that nothing would stop me, because He promised me.

So I did, but also in the office was my Chief who was in charge of leave doing some last minute paperwork (my first miracle). I asked him if I could go on leave and he said that he would approve it but the office personal was already gone on vacation until the New Year, but I could try to find the office person to write the papers up he would sign them, but to hurry because he was leaving soon. As I went running to find the office person, she came walking it (for what reason I do not know, because she was on vacation—another miracle). She agreed to make the papers and the Chief signed it.

Then I asked to see the military flight book and they gave it to me. They did not mind me using the phone for long distance because they had the special free line to all military bases. So I called around and I found out that at Norton Air Force base on Friday night at 7pm has a direct flight to Japan. (The Holy Spirit confirmed in my heart that this was the one--another miracle)

So the next miracle was that I had to get a flight to Riverside, CA on 1 day notice and on Christmas week. I tried weeks before to get a flight to San Jose and they had none. So I called and we looked and they found that a cancellation happened just an hour before I called. So I was on the flight, which actually cost less, so I even got a refund.

Then I flew to Riverside and took the bus Norton Air Force base. I got there about 1pm. I went to the flight desk and asked for a seat on the plane. They laughed and laughed. They said that the next in line was 150, but that there were only 15 seats available. I told him that is ok and that I would be going to Japan. They all laughed again.

Then he said that had to have the small pox shot. Well I forgot to bring my shot card. He said that I was in luck and that a bunch of Marines needed their shots too and that I could go with them.

Well I joined these marines and we went to the doctor's office. After I got there, I requested to get a shot, but they said that unless I had orders requiring one they could not do it and of course I did not have any orders, I was on vacation.

Well I did not worry. God said that I would go to Japan so I figured that some thing would happen. So I praised God and waited. Little later the Marine in charge asked me how it went and I told him what



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happened. He said. "Come with me." When we got to the nurse he gave her the riot act and she was so scared that she was glad to give me my shot just to get rid of us. ( I have lost count of how many miracles have happened). I was so thankful for that Marine Sergeant.

So now I had my shot and then I had to wait in the airport from 4pm to 7pm to get on the plane.

Little after 5pm they started calling names. After 10 or so minutes they called my name. They said that because some Navy Captain had to get back to Japan and he chartered a special plane that had a lot of extra seats available, and because I had waited in the airport and not left like the others, I was on it.

It was a better plane then the original one, with food and everything. I was starving, not having any money (uhh, miracle number what?).

I finally got to Japan. But I did not know how to get there. An information person gave me a map and tried to explain to me how to take the trains to her house.

But I got off the train too early. I was not sure where to go. In my heart I was hearing that gas stations know how to get there, they have maps. So I went to a gas station to find directions. But it was so complicated for the station attendant to explain with his limited English and my non-existent Japanese, that the guy drove me there.

Many things happened while I was there for the week, and we resolved the problem she was having, believe me that it was a problem that could only be resolved in person. So then I spent a wonderful week in Japan. But now the problem was getting back to USA. I put my name on the standby list to return but they laughed again. No planes were available for a week, and that would make me late back to my Navy School. They suggested that I buy a plain ticket back, but I could not, for I did not have any money. (If you are curious, her family put me up in their spare quest room.)

So I waited at the airport but not airplanes. The navy had this rule, that if you are out of leave and because of a flight you will be late, then they would make you buy a ticket, but I had no money. So they would let me make payments out of my pay check every month. This was new. (Another miracle)

Finally I called my boss and told him my problem, but he told me that I was ok because I called and they would extend my leave to cover the

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days I was flying back which took 2 days, but they were going to have a test on the stuff they were teaching for the next 2 days that I gone, and if I failed I would be put on probation and in trouble. So I prayed for help and waited on the Lord.

I got back that night in time for the test, I arrived 30 minutes after the test started. They required that I take the test and suffer the consequences.

I prayed for help reminding Him that He promised to keep me out of trouble. So I took the test. He helped me with the test. I got a "D+". But that was not passing, I needed a "C". So after the test, I went to the instructor to find out my consequence and he said that anyone who could get that grade without attending class or being able to study does not need to be put probation or is in trouble. He said good job and that he would see me the next day at the regular time. So He got me out of trouble again; The Story of my life.

RO 10:16 "But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" [17] **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.** [18] But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:"

So make note that this faith only comes from hearing the direct Word from the Lord. If you see something, like some one is hurt and just because you believe the bible says that God heals, does not mean that you are to go out and try to heal them, or to try to heal every living person. Believing the Bible establishes your faith, in that you have made the decision to believe, trust in the Lord and His word, the bible, but that does not give you the wisdom on how to use it. So unless you hear in your heart after you have prayed about it, that God wants to heal that person, then all the praying in the world will not heal them. The passage above in Romans means that you have to have two types of Word: The Word of teaching that you learn how the Kingdom of God works, and 2 the direct Word from the Lord that being obedient makes you righteous, like in my story above.

Remember that there is a lot to happen in your life before you are able to hear the Word of the Lord in your heart, but once you have removed that static interference that is keeping you from hearing the Word of the Lord in your heart, then you will have the faith that moves mountains."

As you can see, I had already decided to believe God, that miracles of God happens and can happen for me. I decided to trust God in all things. So I have the knowledge, and understanding of the Kingdom of

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God and how He does things. But when I started all of this adventure, I prayed. What do you think I prayed?

Did I pray? God help me, save my relationship, I need to go to Japan, I want to keep my girl? I did not pray, I, I, I.

No I prayed, God what should I do? What do You think is best? God please show me the way as to how I should proceed and make this better. I prayed, God, Your will be done. Then my heart sank and He too pity on me, He showed me His mercy and grace, by telling me I should go to Japan and fix my relationship with my girl.

In short I sought out His righteousness. I sought out His will with all of my body, mind and soul. He knew my heart, He knew my needs, wants and desires, but I put Him first before mine, I sought out His righteousness first before mine. When we were one at that moment, He showed me His will, which was the same as mine, and He gave me the word that was the catalyst to my faith, giving the faith that moved mountains. I never doubted, for He gave me His personal promise to take care of all things.

Here I was obedient to His will, and that made me righteous and He was faithful to take care of everything as he promised.

Only when I sought out His righteousness first, did any miracles happen. Only when I sought what He was willing to do like in the bible. Only when I sought out His will. Then mighty mountains were moved and will be moved as we work together, because we were one, like Jesus was one with God.

This part is Jesus' great personal prayer from John Chapter 17 before He was crucified.

JN 17:20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, [21] **that all of them may be One, Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You.** May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me. [22] I have given them the glory that You gave Me, **that they may be One as we are One:** [23] **I in them and you in Me.** May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent Me and have loved them even as you have loved Me.

In short He has called it, "Oneness with God".

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This prayer is Jesus praying for all of the Children of God to become one with God and Jesus, which would then make us one through Them. This is only accomplished through seeking His Righteousness.

