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Series: I Believe in Miracles, Part 2

Message: Wait For It

Text: John 4:43–54 (NIV)

### Main Truth

**Miracles often require trusting Jesus' Word before seeing Jesus' work.** Faith is not just believing *that* God can act—it is trusting Him enough to walk forward before evidence appears.

### I. Miracles Don't Always Come the Way We Expect

#### John 4:46–49

- The royal official believed Jesus *could* heal, but assumed Jesus *had to come*.
- His faith was sincere, but limited by expectations.
- In the ancient world, healing was believed to require physical presence.

**Key Truth:** God's methods often differ from our assumptions.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- Isaiah 55:8–9 – God's ways are higher than ours
- 2 Kings 5:10–14 – Naaman healed in an unexpected way
- 1 Kings 19:11–12 – God speaks in a whisper, not the spectacle

**Application:** Don't dismiss God's work because it doesn't look the way you imagined.

### II. Miracles Begin When We Take Jesus at His Word

#### John 4:50

"The man took Jesus at His word and departed."

- Nothing changed immediately—but the man trusted the Word.
- Jesus healed without touch, travel, or ritual.
- Biblical faith is trust rooted in God's character, not visible proof.

**Key Truth:** Faith moves before evidence.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- Hebrews 11:1 – Faith is confidence in what we do not see
- Psalm 107:20 – God sends His Word and heals
- Isaiah 55:11 – God's Word does not return empty

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 – We walk by faith, not by sight

**Application:** Stand on what God has said—even when circumstances disagree.

### III. The Miracle May Be Instant, but the Revelation May Be Delayed

#### John 4:51–53

- The boy was healed the moment Jesus spoke.
- The father did not know until later.
- God often works immediately but reveals progressively.

**Key Truth:** Waiting does not mean God is inactive.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- Daniel 10:12–13 – Answered immediately, revealed later
- Habakkuk 2:3 – The vision waits for the appointed time
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 – God makes everything beautiful in its time

**Application:** Trust God in the space between promise and fulfillment.

### IV. The Result: Faith That Multiplies

#### John 4:53

- One man's faith led to an entire household believing.
- Miracles are never just personal—they are communal.

**Key Truth:** Your faith impacts more people than you realize.