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A short book

How to Be a Miracle

*Four things I've learned about hope, purpose, and
getting back up.*

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BEFORE YOU START

A pair of shoes in the closet

For most of my life, I prayed for a miracle. I was born with no arms and no legs, and I wanted the kind you can see. I even keep a pair of shoes in my closet, ready for the day God answers that prayer. I am still waiting on those shoes.

Somewhere along the way, the prayer changed. I stopped asking only for a miracle, and I started asking to be one. That shift saved my life.

This is a short book. Four things, one per chapter, each with a question at the end for you to answer. Read it in a sitting, or one chapter at a time when you need it. There are no right answers. Just come as you are.

Here are the four

1 God can use you, exactly as you are.

2 He can use you even when the answer is no.

3 Your story is the bridge.

4 The limit you cannot see.

If one line helps you, send this to someone who needs it. Let's begin.

God can use you, *exactly as you are*

You do not have to become someone else before your life can count.

I meet people all the time who are waiting to be a better version of themselves before they step forward. More confident. More qualified. More healed. I understand it. For years I thought God would use me only after He fixed me. I had that backward.

The promise most people cut in half

A lot of people know this by heart:

“For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future.”

JEREMIAH 29:11

What most people skip is the next line, where God says you will find Him when you seek Him with your whole heart. The future is real, but it is tied to a relationship, not a résumé. You do not earn your way into being useful. You have to be willing.

He starts in the ordinary

God almost never starts where we expect. He started with my parents, who decided the world would not get to tell me who I was. He started with a school janitor who treated me like I mattered, when he had no reason to except that he chose to. None of it looked like much. All of it shaped me.

Your ordinary life is not a waiting room for your real purpose.

The people around you and the small thing in front of you today, that is the mission field. You do not need a bigger platform. You need to say yes where you are.

YOUR TURN

Who is one person in your ordinary week you could encourage, and what will you say to them?

T W O

God can use you *even when the answer is no*

You can trust God even with the prayers He answers no.

Anyone can trust God when the answer is yes. The test comes when you pray with everything you have, and nothing changes. I know that place. I have prayed for arms and legs more times than I could count, and so far the answer has been no. For years I read that no as rejection.

A no is not an absence

Scripture does not promise everything that happens is good. It promises God is working in all of it for good, which is a different thing. Paul begged God three times to remove something painful, and God answered:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Paul wanted it gone. God met him inside it instead. My no did not shrink my life. It became the very thing God has used to reach people who would never have listened to a man with an easy story.

A no from God is not the same as His absence.

Gratitude is a choice

This is where gratitude comes in, and I do not mean the fake kind that pretends nothing hurts. Real gratitude counts what is still good while the hard thing is still true. You do not wait to feel thankful. You choose it, and the feeling often follows.

YOUR TURN

Name one good thing and one hard thing that are both true for you right now.

GOOD

HARD

Your story is *the bridge*

The hard thing you walked through is how hope reaches the next person.

You have a story, and it is not random. Your history, the whole messy timeline of it, is something God is writing, and He does not waste a single chapter.

Enough light for one step

I did not grow up with a map. There were a lot of ordinary days where I had to trust God with a future I could not see.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

PROVERBS 3:5

He gives you enough light for the next step, not the whole staircase. If He gave you the whole plan, you would not need faith. You would just need instructions.

It was never meant to stop with you

There are people around you who will never open a Bible or walk into a church. But they will listen to you. They will watch how you carry a hard week, and notice what gives you hope. In those moments, your story becomes a bridge.

Your story becomes a bridge that someone else can walk across.

You do not need all the answers. You just need to say what is true. Who you were, what you struggled with, how God met you, what is different now. That is one of the main ways hope moves from one person to the next.

YOUR TURN

In a sentence or two, what is the turning point in your story? Practice saying it here.

The limit *you cannot see*

The thing holding you back is usually the one you have never named out loud.

Let me ask you the question I ask every audience. What is your disability? People think of something physical, like my missing arms and legs. But I have met plenty of people with every limb in place who are far more limited than I am.

The limits you can't see

The limits that hold most people back are invisible. Fear that makes your decisions for you. Shame that tells you what you are worth. Bitterness you have carried so long it feels like part of you. You can look completely fine on the outside and still be fenced in on the inside.

Your greatest limitation is usually not what you lack. It is what you refuse to surrender.

Bring it, don't hide it

There is a father in Scripture who brings his whole desperate situation to Jesus and says:

"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

MARK 9:24

He believes and he struggles, in the same breath. That is most of us. God is not asking you to hide the thing. He is asking you to bring it to Him. Naming it, out loud and honestly, is where it starts to lose its grip.

YOUR TURN

What is the unseen thing that has been quietly limiting you? Name it here. That is where freedom starts.

KEEP THESE

The whole book, *in one place*

If you remember nothing else, remember these four. Pick the one you needed most today, and start there this week.

1 God can use you, exactly as you are.

Willing beats qualified.

2 He can use you even when the answer is no.

A no is not an absence.

3 Your story is the bridge.

Your mess can be someone's map.

4 The limit you cannot see.

You cannot surrender what you will not name.

You do not have to be perfect. You just have to be willing.

THE WHOLE POINT

So, how do you *be a miracle?*

You do not do it by becoming perfect first. You will be waiting on those shoes forever. You do it by letting God use you as you are, by trusting Him when the answer is no, by sharing your story, and by surrendering the limit you cannot see instead of hiding it.

I did not get the miracle I asked for. I got something I did not know to ask for. A life that gets to be a miracle for other people. And the wild part is that this is available to you too, starting today, right where you are.

If this book meant something to you, send it to one person who needs it. That is the simplest way to be a miracle for somebody this week.

And come see the rest of the story. We made a film about all of this. It is called No Limbs No Limits, it is my whole story, and it is in theaters September 25. It was made for the person who feels the way I felt at ten years old. If that is you, or someone you love, I want you in that theater.

Thank you for reading. I am glad you are here.

Nick

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