

1. Thank you, James for sharing what the lord has done for you and the restoration he has brought to your life.
2. From the first moment I heard your testimony, I knew the lord was asking me to believe and receive the same kind of miraculous restoration, not only for myself but for the people of BFA.
3. I truly believe that the strongholds can be broken.
4. I truly believe that restoration is not only possible, but that is God's will for everyone who will believe in Him and receive it.
5. I believe that today has been ordained by God, and that he longs to bring instant and lasting restoration to many lives.
6. I believe, and I am asking everyone within the sound of my voice to believe with me.
7. In other words, I am asking you to express faith.
8. Not faith in me. Not faith in James, but faith in the lord Jesus Christ, who is the only source of hope that exists.
9. All throughout the gospels, we see story after story of Jesus displaying miracle working power.
10. We see stories of people who had been in bondage to things like disease, sickness, sin, demon possession, and religiosity.
11. We see people whose faith had been all but dashed. People who were lacking peace and joy and love. People who had given up hope that anything could ever change for them.
12. But time and time again, Jesus arrived on the scene, and he brought the restoration that people so desperately needed.
13. John says in John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.
14. You will never convince me that that age of miracles and restoration is over.
15. You will never convince me that miracles stopped after the 12 apostles died. I have seen too many miracles to ever believe that.
16. I am hungry to see miracles again. I believe God wants to do miracles again. I have faith in the God who is able to do miracles again.

17. Do you have faith?
18. Faith is necessary if we will ever receive God's restoration miracles.
19. We see the importance of faith in **Hebrews 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*
20. A major component of faith is believing that God desires to reward us when we make pursuing and seeking Him a priority in our life.
21. God wants to reward those who diligently seek him.
22. God wants to reward you if you will earnestly seek him.
23. And it is the seeking Him that is the exercise of our faith.
24. Faith is not something that is out of our grasp. In fact, the kind of faith that brings the miraculous is not even a big faith.
25. Jesus said in **Matthew 17:20** *Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*
26. Remember our mustard seed illustration?
27. The mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds on earth. And yet Jesus uses it to illustrate the kind of faith that unlocks the impossible.
28. Let me paraphrase what Jesus said. If all you have is one of the smallest measures of faith there is in the world, then nothing will be impossible for you.
29. So today what I am asking you to do is exercise faith. Faith that God can restore to you and for you and in you what he originally intended for your life.
30. How are we going to express that faith? We are going to do it together by praying for one another and doing what Jesus says in **Matthew 7:7-8** *"Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened. (AMP)*
31. Maybe it feels like you've asked a million times.
32. Maybe it feels like you have sought God a million times for this restoration.
33. Maybe it feels like you have knocked a million times.
34. If so, that is frustrating. But it's not about how many times you ask, seek, and knock.
35. What matters is that you ask one more time. Seek one more time. Knock one more time. That is faith.

36. And we are going to exercise that faith today by praying for one another.
37. What do you need God to restore in your life?
- You need healing in your body.
  - You need healing in your mind.
  - You have been experiencing discouragement and anxiety.
  - You need healing from the hurts of your past.
  - You need God to restore faith and hope and joy and peace.
  - You need God to restore a relationship that has been broken.
  - You need God to restore finances or a job.
  - You need God to restore the truth that you matter to him and that he loves you.
  - You need God to restore salvation to someone you love.
38. Whatever it is, this is your year, and this is your day of restoration.
39. As we prepare to pray this morning, I want to give you some directions.
40. I am asking every single person in this building or watching online to participate. Even if you don't need restoration and you don't need to come be prayed for, you can pray for others. You can worship the Lord as the team leads us and you can help cultivate an atmosphere of faith.
41. There are those who have the gift of faith. You just believe in the Lord that he can do the miraculous. In a moment I want to ask you to come to my right and make a prayer tunnel if you will.
42. Then James and I are going to stand on both sides.
43. And then if you need restoration and would like to be prayed for, I am asking you to line up to my left, and to make a line up this side isle.
44. Can I have my faith folks come forward and line up?
45. If you need restoration for anything, come get in line.