

From Usual to Unusual

The Book of Acts

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Acts 19:8-12 (NLT)

8 Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. 9 But some became stubborn, rejecting his message and publicly speaking against the Way. So Paul left the synagogue and took the believers with him. Then he held daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus. 10 This went on for the next two years, so that people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord. 11 God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. 12 When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.

Unusual Times Require Unusual Miracles

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"The daily miracle of God has grown cheap by repetition."

—Augustus, first emperor of Rome

"Miracles are God's signature upon His creation that He is sovereign."

—Carl Toti

Ezekiel 7:1-2 (MSG)

1 GOD's Word came to me, saying, 2 "You, son of man—GOD, the Master, has this Message for the land of Israel: " 'Endtime. The end of business as usual for everyone.

If we will move beyond the usual, God will do the unusual.

Usual praying has got to end.

Usual giving has got to end.

Usual serving has got to end.

Usual business has got to end.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (TLB)

9 Jabez was more distinguished than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because she had such a hard time at his birth (Jabez means "Distress"). 10 He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would wonderfully bless me and help me in my work; please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all evil and disaster!" And God granted him his request.

1. A time for unusual _____

1 Kings 4:29 (TEV)

29 God gave Solomon unusual wisdom and insight, and knowledge too great to be measured.

2. A time for unusual _____

1 Chronicles 12:27 (TLB)

"...Zadok, a young man of unusual courage."

3. A time for unusual _____

2 Chronicles 17:16 (TLB)

"...Amasiah (son of Zichri), a man of unusual piety..."

4. A time for unusual _____

Acts 28:2 (ESV)

2 The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold.

ANSWERS:

1. WISDOM

2. COURAGE

3. PIETY

4. KINDNESS