

Unusual Things

Acts 19:11-12, Hebrews 11:23

God does unusual things in people's lives. What God did in the bible was often miraculous or supernatural. God wants to work unusual, unique, rare, once in a lifetime things in our lives today. Unusual things that *bring his promises about in our lives, that rely on the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit instead of* normal, natural means we can do on our own.

From the famous to the faceless, God uses us, people from all walks of life and professions to salt the earth. Through our church and college God is raising up once in a generation type leaders who are naturally gifted, spiritually potent and genuinely humble. Leaders who can paint outside the lines and confines of normal living, and have faith for God to work in and through their lives to reach people with the love of Jesus.

When we trust God, unusual miracles frame our lives. God can use and breathe his Holy Spirit into our natural abilities and impossible situations to work all things for his good and glory. With his Holy Spirit, God empowers us with unusual wisdom, skills, aptitude, and courage to not only change our lives, but the world around us.

Serving the God of the unusual is an adventure. 2015 is going to be the year of unusual miracles that demonstrates his love and impact people across the world, so we can see the impossible accomplished by the grace of God and enter into his promise victorious. We believe for new things to come out of the hearts of people across our church so that we can only say, "What a wonderful thing the Lord has done, that only God could do."

Pray Together

- **Salvations, that people come to know Jesus**
- **Pastor Brian and Bobbie Houston**
- **Colour Conferences**

Church Highlights

- **Colour Conference, register online: hillsong.com/colour**
- **Easter Services**

Nation Builders

At the start of the year we have the opportunity as Connect Group to set the Faith Goal for what we are believing to give towards Nation Builders. Nation Builders is the Missions Giving of Hillsong Church. Together as Connect Groups we are believing for UNUSUAL things to happen. Take the time during your next meeting to inspire your group to set a Faith Goal for 2015, and let's believe together for our Nation Builders to spark UNUSUAL miracles!

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Connection and Action Questions to promote conversation and connection

Q: What skills or natural abilities have you seen God use in someone else to do something unusual and extraordinary?

Q: Which could you use more of: unusual wisdom, skills, aptitude, or courage? If you had this how could it change your life and the world around you?

Q: What differences have you found when you try to bring about God's promises by natural efforts and when God empowers the situation? Does it feel different? Does it turn out differently?

Q: Share situations where you have seen the Holy Spirit empower a person to do something unique? How was God glorified?

Q: Share unusual miracles you want God to outwork in 2015. Spend time in prayer together.

Bible and Belief Questions to help believers develop a biblical world view

Read Hebrews 11:1-12:3

Q: Which of the experiences of the "cloud of witnesses" seems most unusual to you? Why?

Q: In this passage, what role did people's faith in God's promises have with God working unusual miracles?

Q: Which examples in this passage and the life of Jesus help you hold fast to God's promises?

Q: We belong to the "God of the unusual" – what did this mean for the people listed in *Hebrews*? What did it mean for the people to whom this letter was written? What does this mean for us today?

Growing Leadership Questions to help people grow as leaders

Q: What are you doing to raise up once in a generation type leaders who are naturally gifted, spiritually potent and genuinely humble?

Q: What might need to change in you, in your team for 2015 to be the year of unusual in our church?

Q: Are there areas in your leadership where God is calling you to "paint outside the lines?" What risks and trust are involved?

Q: As a leader, how could supernatural wisdom, skills, aptitude and courage change you and your leadership?

Pastoral Care

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people through life's challenges
- With their permission, should anyone in your connect group have experience sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, please contact our church office:
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