

THE GOD FACTOR

The “God Factor” doesn’t just add to our lives—
He multiplies our impact.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ After the Babylonian exile, Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, was tasked with rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple represented the presence of God and was the place where people could encounter the presence of God.
- ❖ The returned exiles faced opposition and challenges when rebuilding the Temple. Yet it was in that environment of opposition and challenges that God wanted His people to accomplish the task set before them.
- ❖ The prophet Zechariah declared that the only way the Israelites were going to be successful was through the God Factor. “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty” (Zech. 4:6).
- ❖ The formula for success in this situation was not a reliance on “might” or “power”, which is representative of military force, human strength, resources, or abilities. What made the difference was the “God Factor”, which is divine intervention.

THE GOD FACTOR EQUATION:

Human Limitation + Divine Empowerment/Intervention
= **Supernatural Experience**

- ❖ When we are dealing with an impossible situation in our lives and are in need of divine intervention, we need the God Factor to make the difference.
- ❖ A ‘factor’, by definition, is an element, ingredient, or influence that contributes to a specific result or situation (Google.com). Most people live their lives based on two factors: human effort and natural circumstance.
- ❖ We calculate our success based on what we have in the bank, who we know, how hard we can work, what we can accumulate, and the prestige we can acquire.
- ❖ The God Factor, however, is the divine variable that defies logic, bypasses limitations, and produces results that human effort alone cannot achieve or even explain.
- ❖ Jesus defined the engine that drove the God Factor in Matthew 19:26 when He told His disciples, “With man this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible.**”
- ❖ The God Factor goes beyond human comprehension. It is the introduction of **divine intervention** into the human equation, thereby causing the **ordinary** to become **extraordinary** as it changes the circumstances of our lives.
- ❖ Consider the miracle of the five loaves and two fish in Matthew 14:13-21. They were just a young boy’s lunch until God intervened and made them a meal for over 5,000 people.
- ❖ The God Factor overrides natural laws. It causes a **dead end** to become a **highway** as we see in Exodus 14:10-22. The Israelites faced certain death, with the Red Sea before them and the Egyptians behind them, but look at what happened when God stepped in!
- ❖ If we want to activate the God Factor in our lives, we must move from “doing life on my own” to “partnering with God.”
- ❖ In order for us to activate the God Factor, we must apply the

KEY SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 4:6
(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

“Faith Factor Equation”:

Faith Factor Equation = God’s Word + Our Obedience

- ❖ An example of the Faith Factor Equation at work is when Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding that took place at Cana in Galilee (John 2:1-10).
- ❖ When the wine had run out, Jesus’ mother came to Him and told Him. Jesus in turn asked her why was she involving Him because “[His] hour has not yet come” (v.v. 3-4). His mother was undeterred, though, saying “...to the servants, **‘Do whatever he tells you’**” (v. 5).
- ❖ At that, Jesus told the servants to fill nearby stone jars with water and to draw out a cup to take to the master of the banquet. Upon tasting the water that had been turned to wine, the master of the banquet praised the bridegroom, saying, “...You have saved the best till now” (v. 10).
- ❖ The water that was initially in the stone jars was just ordinary water (H_2O) until it had been transformed into high-quality fermented wine.
- ❖ The water went from H_2O to becoming C_2H_5OH —ethanol—a mixture of water, ethanol carbohydrates, and aromatic compounds. This was an instantaneous rearrangement of the water’s atomic structure. The God Factor in operation!
- ❖ You might be facing circumstances today where nothing seems to add up—the math is not mathing—and where your resources, strength, skills, and talents seem to be insufficient for the situation you’re in.
- ❖ Stop trying to solve by yourself the life challenges you’re facing. Invite God into the equation of your life!
- ❖ The God Factor causes the ordinary to become extraordinary. The God Factor doesn’t just add to our lives—He multiplies our impact.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. The God Factor is described as divine intervention in what would be considered an impossible situation. In addition to the examples in the text (Matt. 14:13-21; Ex. 14:20-22), provide at least two other instances in the Bible where people faced impossible odds and the God Factor turned things around. Discuss each circumstance and what the original outcome *could* have been. Then discuss the impact the God Factor had in changing the outcome.
2. Consider The God Factor Equation in the text. Have you had a supernatural experience in your life? If comfortable, describe the human limitation and divine intervention that led to this supernatural experience. How did following the Faith Factor Equation (God’s Word + Our Obedience) influence the end result of this particular experience?

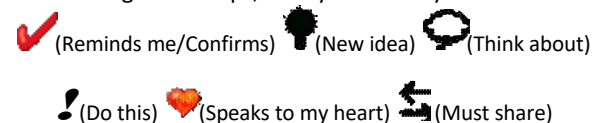
PRAYER TIME

May the God Factor be at work in my life. For with you, Lord, all things are possible! Amen.

WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.



PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Start-up: Name an instance in your life where things were added to, subtracted from, or multiplied. What was the ultimate impact?

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MONTHLY LEADERS' MEETING

Sunday, April 26th, 2026 @ 1:15 p.m. in the Upper Chapel.



“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.”

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled

(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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