

# Want to See God Move in Your Life?

As a child, I would bring my dime to church for tithe (10 percent on my whopping occasional increase of a whole dollar). The words that followed from the front each week were so predictable that the enormous power of the promise has faded.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” Malachi 3:10.

This promise of God—way better than any contract in good faith among mere mortals—raises our expectations. It purposely gets our hopes up. It intentionally invites us to go out on a limb and believe for what He has said. “Prove,” meaning “test,” “try,” or “investigate,” also implies God’s hope. He hopes that in the proving process, when we glimpse who He is, and trace a small part of what He wants for us, we would discern between the choices in front of us and choose Him.

## Proving Position

While the promise in Malachi is so ubiquitous in service, the architecture of it is worth noting for those of us who want to see God move in our lives. It requires us to first get in position. Position? Yes, proving position means we align ourselves with what we know to be true, the things we know He has asked of us, things already clearly revealed in His Word, the Bible.

In Malachi, the prophet indicated that the proving position was returning the tithes. For Joshua and the children of Israel—wearied, jaded, and weak in faith after wandering 40 years in the wilderness—the proving position was dipping the toes into the river Jordan. It was then that God parted the water for them to cross to the other side (Joshua 3:9-17). In the prophet Elijah’s day, during a widespread famine, the proving position for a poor starving widow and her son who had so little, was to share of her last little homemade cake. It was then that her supply, and her Supply, never ran out (1 Kings 17:10-16). For a man whose hopeless, helpless case meant he lay at a poolside impotent and paralyzed for 38 years, proving position meant immediately acting on the call of Jesus (John 5:2-10).

## Testimony to Come

Want to see what happens? Position yourself to get a glimpse of God, and His plan for your life:

**Trust and Believe**, even in the face of skeptics, doubters and haters. You’ve got evidence—just that calm inkling that things will work out is evidence itself (Hebrews 11:1).

**Trust and Obey**, even when we don’t understand (and we may often fail to understand) (1 John 3:22).

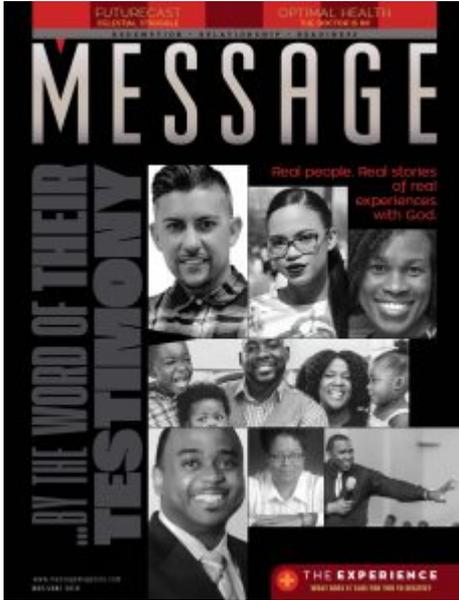
**Trust and Listen**—through His Spirit and through His Word—to gain an understanding (John 16:13, 14).

**Trust and Pray** while you wait, letting the Spirit do the talking (Romans 8:26).

**Trust and Speak** and “act in harmony with your prayers,” wrote Ellen G. White in the book *Christ’s Object Lessons*. We are, after all, working on the same

team, as “co-workers” with God, (1 Corinthians 3:9).

**Tell what you know**, what you’ve seen, and what you’ve heard of Him in your life to others. “We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty” (2 Peter 1:16).



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