

# going deeper

You'll notice that I've referenced several passages that give us a "live" view into the heavenly courts.

That's because when the Bible repeats something several times, God wants us to notice it. In this case, it "proves" that the heavenly courts are a place of action and decision-making.

### You try it:

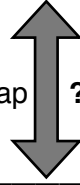
Study the four passages about the heavenly courts listed to the right. Are there other things I didn't mention that they have in common? How do they differ? What conclusions could you draw from this further study?

# PARTNERSHIP

The Bible teaches that reality exists in two separate \_\_\_\_\_ planes \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The heavenly, divine, \_\_\_\_\_ supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ plane.

How do we bridge this gap ? By human effort?



2. The earthly, human, \_\_\_\_\_ natural \_\_\_\_\_ plane.

**Galatians 4:1-6:** We bridge the gap to miracles by faith, not works.

Faith begins with adjusting our earthly plane \_\_\_\_\_ perceptions \_\_\_\_\_ to match God's heavenly plane \_\_\_\_\_ reality \_\_\_\_\_.

### Five critical adjustments:

1. The unalterable \_\_\_\_\_ law \_\_\_\_\_ that governs these two planes is: **"Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit"** (John 3:6)

Only God can produce spiritual fruit.

2. Heaven's throne room is \_\_\_\_\_ mission \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ central \_\_\_\_\_.

**Job 1:6-13, 2:1-7:**

**Revelation 5:1-10:**

**1 Kings 22:19-22:**

**Isaiah 6:1-9:**

God is looking for volunteers!

3. Our job is to deliver God's \_\_\_\_\_ miracles \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Being \_\_\_\_\_ willing \_\_\_\_\_ is not enough: **John 4:34: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."**

5. Christian faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ partnership with God.

The moment our faith loses it's childlike \_\_\_\_\_ audacity \_\_\_\_\_, it begins to wither on the vine. **"Do not dare not to \_\_\_\_\_ dare \_\_\_\_\_."**

# FAITH@HOME:

miraculous: PARTNERSHIP



## FOR YOU

Commit to coming into God's throne room each day to pray, "Here I am, send me." Put your "5-2Thrive Jar" into practice.

## FOR COUPLES

Begin putting your "5-2Thrive Jar" into practice, beginning with prayer together each day for the people you've listed on the jar.

## FOR PARENTS

1. Explain the significance of the "5-2Thrive Jar" and how it works. Have each of your children choose a name (or family) to write on one week of the jar so they are invested in the whole idea. Parents, you choose someone too.
2. If you have more than one child, they can take turns enjoying the candy reminders, one per day.
3. Take the time to model *how* to pray for unsaved people and express God's love for them. For some, this may involve a realization that some people don't know Jesus and are still lost without him. Don't just pray, "Lord, help so and so." Get more specific, especially with older kids: What would have to change in order for this person or family to come to a full and joyful faith in Christ? Ask God for that together.

**Older/grand parents:** If your grown children are attending DCC, touch base about living a 5-2Thrive lifestyle. If not, show them your jar and explain how it works.

## FOR LIFE GROUPS

Make sure each family in your Life Group has a "5-2Thrive Jar" and commit as a group to live it out. Take at least ten minutes each week for a "5-2Thrive update."