

Guest Speaker: Evangelist Roger Smets – For the past 43 years, Roger Smets has served as a Foursquare evangelist ministering throughout the U.S., Canada and in other parts of the world. Roger prophetically ministers words of hope, healing and deliverance to individuals using Scriptures he has committed to memory. With the timely reminder of overcoming obstacles, we'll have our hope renewed and our faith in God's Word established.

Overcoming Obstacles

1. Obstacle of Inadequacy (Mary)

- A. Mary's "Problem with the Promise"
(Luke 1:34)
- B. God's Call to "Surrender".
(Luke 1:38)
- C. Could not receive the promise with "Natural Minded Thinking"
(1 Corinthians 2:14)

2. Obstacle of Intimidation ("King Jehoshaphat") (2 Chronicles 20:4,12)

- A. How do we "keep our eyes on Jesus with so many distractions demanding our daily attention?"
- B. Learned not to be affected by the "greater" and "larger" number of opposing forces.

3. Obstacle of Common Sense (Luke 5:4,6)

- A. Obedience always precedes the blessing of God.
(1 Peter 5:6)
- B. What can be an "Obstacle" in your life?

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – What did you receive during Roger Smets' prophetic ministry time?

Explore it (60min) – As a group, review the questions and any additional notes people had about Sunday's sermon.

1. What was the first thing King Jehoshaphat did upon learning of the rapidly approaching armies of the people of God?
2. What is a spiritual "obstacle"?
3. What is the key that unlocks the door to the miraculous? (It is not the feasibility of how such a miracle could occur, but rather Who is the One Who is speaking it.)
4. What miracles has the Lord performed both in the Bible or in your personal life that simply didn't make common sense?
5. What promises of God can help us deal with the difficult circumstances of our lives?

APPLY IT (15min) – What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussions group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?