



UNLIMITED WISDOM

FAITH. PURPOSE. LOVE.

MEMBER COMPANION WORKBOOK

The Miracle Within

A ten-week member journey through
The Greatest Miracle in the World
by Og Mandino

READ & LISTEN / REFLECT / PRACTICE / GIVE FORWARD

Weekly conversations. Everyday expressions of love.

A LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS

Let wisdom become part of your week.

A meaningful conversation can begin with a book. What gives it life is what we notice, what we question, and what we choose to practice together.

Welcome to an Unlimited Wisdom journey through Og Mandino's *The Greatest Miracle in the World*. Across ten weekly gatherings, we will follow the supplied chapter recordings and explore the themes of dignity, hope, friendship, daily renewal, and service.

This companion gives each chapter room to become a conversation. You will find a short source summary, an original Unlimited Wisdom reflection, questions for the member show, and a seven-day practice. Bring your own copy of the book or the chapter audio alongside it.

You do not need a polished answer or a dramatic story of change to take part. Bring your attention, your honest questions, and a willingness to try one useful thing. You may keep your writing private and pass on any invitation to share.

Our rhythm: receive with openness, reflect with honesty, practice with patience, and give with love.

ABOUT THIS COMPANION

An independent study workbook with original summaries and exercises, not a transcript or an edition of Mandino's book. The source recordings are readings by Wanda Kay; Chapter 9 is identified in its audio as an edited reading. Workbook chapter titles and applications are new.

The story contains spiritual interpretations, strong motivational claims, and dated language. We approach them as material for thoughtful discussion. A person's dignity does not depend on health, income, productivity, or an ability to overcome every circumstance.

THE SEASON AT A GLANCE

One chapter. One week. One lived practice.

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FOR MEMBERS AND HOSTS

Make room for a real conversation.

Before we meet: listen to the assigned audio and read the chapter's opening page. Note one idea, one question, and one place where the material meets your life. Audio lengths range from about 9 to 38 minutes.

A SUGGESTED 60-MINUTE MEMBER SHOW

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| 00-05 | Arrive. Welcome, a brief check-in, and an optional opening prayer. |
| 05-15 | Return to the chapter. Recap the story and invite one observation from the listening. |
| 15-35 | Explore together. Choose two or three discussion questions. Leave time for members. |
| 35-50 | Make it practical. Introduce the weekly exercise and allow quiet writing or paired sharing. |
| 50-55 | Name a next step. Each willing member shares one realistic commitment. |
| 55-60 | Close with care. Offer appreciation, optional prayer, and the next listening assignment. |

OUR CONVERSATION AGREEMENTS

- Speak from your own experience. Ask before giving advice.
- Let people pass. Share only what you want known in the group.
- Protect other people's stories. Seek consent before repeating them outside the gathering.
- Distinguish the source story, your interpretation, and what you have actually experienced.

A useful closing sentence: This week, I will try ___, at ___, with support from ___.

WEEK 01 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 1 / 15:32

Notice grace in ordinary places

Begin with attention. A small act of kindness can open a door that effort alone has not opened.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

The story opens in a Chicago snowstorm. Og is exhausted after a difficult drive and preoccupied with the demands of his work. Near the parking lot, an unfamiliar older man calmly feeds the birds. Og notices him, but his first impressions are shaped by appearances and by his own frustration.

When the parking gate will not stay open, the stranger offers practical help. He holds the heavy bar while Og drives through. Og is deeply unsettled by the encounter and its religious imagery. By the time he turns to thank his helper, the man has disappeared. A routine morning has become the beginning of a relationship Og could not have planned.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

We often imagine that meaningful change must begin with a dramatic decision. This chapter begins with someone noticing a need. The stranger does not ask Og to prove his worth or explain why he deserves assistance. He sees the obstacle and does something useful.

For Unlimited Wisdom, this is an invitation to practice attention before advice. A person beside us may need a patient welcome, help with a task, or a few uninterrupted minutes. We also have a receiving role. Being capable does not mean carrying everything alone. This week, let faith make you attentive, let purpose make you useful, and let love make your help considerate.

Receive help with gratitude. Offer help with attention.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. What do Og's first impressions of the stranger reveal about how tiredness or frustration can shape the way we see people?

02. Recall a small kindness that changed the direction of a difficult day. What made it meaningful to you?

03. When help is offered, do you tend to accept, explain, apologize, or refuse? What would receiving it freely look like?

04. Where is there a practical obstacle you could help someone with this week, after checking what they actually need?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Notice how the scene uses the image of the cross to give an ordinary act spiritual meaning. Where might you practice your faith through a simple, useful action?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, help me notice the people I hurry past. Give me humility to receive kindness and wisdom to offer it in a way that serves. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Open with an ordinary kindness, not a dramatic rescue story. Invite members to notice what happened before interpreting what it means.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

The attention practice

Choose one small opportunity to notice, receive, or offer help each day. Ask before stepping in; the other person gets to define what would help.

☐ **DAY 1** Notice one person you normally hurry past. Offer a warm, unhurried greeting.

☐ **DAY 2** Name an assumption you made about someone. Replace it with a curious question.

☐ **DAY 3** Accept one reasonable offer of help without apologizing for having a need.

☐ **DAY 4** Ask someone, 'What would make today a little easier for you?' Listen first.

☐ **DAY 5** Complete one small act of service that fits your time and energy.

☐ **DAY 6** Thank someone specifically for the effect their kindness had on you.

☐ **DAY 7** Review the week. Write down what changed when you paid closer attention.

MY COMMITMENT

This week I will make room to notice...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What did I learn about giving help and receiving it?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 02 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 2 / 23:45

You are more than your success

A full schedule and an impressive reputation can coexist with a deep need for renewal.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

Og meets the stranger again and learns his name: Simon Potter. Simon invites him into a modest apartment filled with books. Their conversation moves from writing and wisdom to the possibility of a person finding new hope after feeling inwardly defeated.

Simon describes his work as that of a 'ragpicker': he seeks people who feel discarded and helps them rediscover their possibilities. He tells of a discouraged working father who eventually builds a happier life around woodcarving. Og leaves with an uncomfortable question. If Simon helps those who have lost their way, why is he spending time with someone whose outward life looks so successful?

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

The chapter gives us permission to look beneath appearances. Achievement can be valuable without answering every question about belonging, rest, or meaning. A person does not have to reach a crisis before admitting that something important needs attention.

Within Unlimited Wisdom, we can honor effort while making room for honest reflection. Ask whether the life you are maintaining still reflects what matters to you. Some circumstances are outside your control; others may contain a small choice you have stopped seeing. Begin there. Renewal can start with a conversation, a request for support, or a modest change in how you spend one part of your week.

Let your inner life have a voice in the life you build.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. Why does Og's final question challenge the assumption that visible success means a person needs no help?

02. What would a meaningful week look like if you described it without mentioning money, status, or productivity?

03. Where does a familiar routine support you, and where might it be keeping you from something important?

04. What is one request for support or one small change that you are ready to name?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Reflect on the difference between being valued for what you achieve and being valued as a person. How does your understanding of God shape that difference?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, help me tell the truth about what is fulfilling and what is draining me. Guide one honest step toward a life that reflects my values. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Treat Simon's language about renewal as a story metaphor. Ask members to describe their own experience without labeling themselves or others as failures.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

A more honest definition of success

Make a simple values check. Choose a manageable adjustment rather than a sweeping life decision. Let your available resources shape the size of the step.

☐ **DAY 1** Write three things you want your life to stand for beyond accomplishment.

☐ **DAY 2** List one activity that nourishes you and one that regularly drains you.

☐ **DAY 3** Notice a routine you follow mainly because it is familiar. Ask why.

☐ **DAY 4** Tell a trusted person one area in which you would welcome support.

☐ **DAY 5** Make a small adjustment that gives a stated value space in your schedule.

☐ **DAY 6** Notice whether the adjustment helped. Record the result without judging yourself.

☐ **DAY 7** Write your current definition of a meaningful week in two sentences.

MY COMMITMENT

A value I want my week to reflect is...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

Where did my actions and my values move closer together?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 03 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 3 / 28:58

Tend the garden of your mind

Pay attention to what you repeatedly take in, and make room for wisdom that leads to action.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

Og brings Simon a signed copy of his book. Their conversation turns to the mind, which Simon compares to a garden that needs cultivation. He argues that repeated messages can shape a person's outlook and behavior. The discussion becomes personal as Simon shares the history behind his quiet life.

He recounts the loss of his family under the Nazis, the destruction of his former business, and years of survival in America. Later, a small act of assistance and a young woman's grateful response help him rediscover a reason to serve. Striking similarities between Simon's past and Og's earlier book deepen the story's mystery.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

A garden needs more than a wish that something good will grow. It needs attention, space, and repeated care. We can use that image to examine the words, conversations, and habits of attention that fill our days. Which inputs help us see clearly and act kindly? Which leave us distracted, bitter, or diminished?

Simon's history also calls for compassion. Pain is not proof that someone has thought incorrectly, and a new perspective does not erase a profound loss. The invitation is to tend what is within reach while respecting what a person has endured. In community, we can offer useful ideas alongside patient presence, without insisting that another person feel hopeful on our timetable.

Choose a nourishing input, then give it a practical expression.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. What makes the garden image useful? Where would it become unhelpful if we treated it as a complete explanation of someone's life?

02. Which recurring message in your week strengthens your ability to act with clarity, courage, or kindness?

03. How does learning Simon's history change the way you understand his service to others?

04. What input could you reduce, and what wiser input could you make room for instead?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Choose a passage from your own faith practice that invites wisdom or renewal. Read it slowly and connect it to one action, rather than using it to dismiss a difficult feeling.

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, help me care for my attention. Give me discernment about the voices I welcome and tenderness toward the stories I cannot fully understand. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

This recording includes family loss and Nazi persecution. Members may discuss the ideas without sharing personal grief or trauma. Keep the focus on listening with care.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

A seven-day attention garden

Choose one recurring input to change for the week. Replace a small portion of it with reading, prayer, quiet reflection, or a thoughtful conversation.

☐ **DAY 1** Notice your three most frequent sources of information, entertainment, or advice.

☐ **DAY 2** Record how you feel and act after spending time with each source.

☐ **DAY 3** Reduce one unhelpful input for a short, realistic period today.

☐ **DAY 4** Use that time for something that encourages clarity, learning, or compassion.

☐ **DAY 5** Take one useful idea from the new input and put it into practice.

☐ **DAY 6** Ask a trusted person what helps them maintain perspective during difficult weeks.

☐ **DAY 7** Choose which change you want to keep and explain why it helped.

MY COMMITMENT

The input I will make more room for is...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What changed in my attention, my response, or my behavior?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 04 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 4 / 34:50

Live the message before you share it

The credibility of a lesson grows when the person sharing it is willing to practice it.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

Simon visits Og's office, where they talk about quiet generosity and Og's new publishing opportunity. Og recalls praying for guidance and courage before a major meeting. Their friendship offers a place to celebrate success without losing sight of the person experiencing it.

Later, Simon explains that he has distilled his reading into a short document he calls 'The God Memorandum.' He describes a practice of reading it repeatedly over one hundred evenings. He offers to entrust the master copy to Og, on the condition that Og first apply the message to his own life before sharing it with others.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

It is easy to collect ideas that would be useful for someone else. This chapter turns the question inward: where am I willing to practice what I recommend? The point is not to become flawless before helping anyone. It is to speak honestly about the difference between an idea we admire and a practice we are learning.

For a weekly member show, this creates a generous kind of leadership. A host can say, 'Here is what I tried, and here is what I noticed.' Members can do the same. Personal practice gives the conversation substance, while humility leaves room for different outcomes. Service also becomes quieter when its value no longer depends on being publicly recognized.

Try it sincerely. Reflect honestly. Share what you actually learn.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. Why does Simon ask Og to use the message personally before offering it to the world?

02. What advice do you readily give that you would benefit from practicing more consistently yourself?

03. How can a group encourage accountability without rewarding appearances or demanding perfection?

04. What act of generosity could you carry out without needing an audience or recognition?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Og recalls asking for guidance and courage before a consequential meeting. What would it mean for your next prayer to focus on how you respond, as well as on what you hope happens?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, help me practice the wisdom I speak about. Give me courage to act, humility to learn, and generosity that does not depend on applause. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Model a small practice you have genuinely attempted. Distinguish your own experience from the story's promises about what repeated reading will accomplish.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

Practice one piece of your own advice

Choose one principle you already believe is useful. Make it specific enough to try daily and modest enough to fit your actual week.

☐ **DAY 1** Write a piece of advice you often offer, then describe its smallest practical form.

☐ **DAY 2** Try that action once. Notice what makes it easy or difficult.

☐ **DAY 3** Repeat it and remove one avoidable obstacle from the process.

☐ **DAY 4** Do one helpful thing quietly, without turning it into a public story.

☐ **DAY 5** Ask whether your practice matches your values or mainly improves your appearance.

☐ **DAY 6** Share an honest lesson with someone, including what is still difficult.

☐ **DAY 7** Decide whether to continue, adjust, or replace the practice based on experience.

MY COMMITMENT

The advice I will put into practice is...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What can I now speak about from experience?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 05 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 5 / 37:54

Keep the flame of hope alive

Hope becomes useful when it meets honest circumstances, practical support, and a next step.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

As their friendship deepens, Og spends many hours learning from Simon. Their conversations explore fear, persistence, work, self-esteem, and the tendency to retreat toward what is familiar. Simon illustrates his ideas through stories and quotations, repeatedly returning to his concern for people who have lost hope.

Og challenges him with difficult circumstances that encouraging words alone cannot resolve. Their exchange also questions the habit of treating financial wealth as the sole measure of success. Simon insists that the remaining possibility of renewal matters, even when it is faint, and that individual acts of care can contribute to a better world.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

This chapter contains sweeping statements about hardship and success. Our discussion can take hope seriously while also taking people's circumstances seriously. Encouragement becomes more useful when it includes food, information, companionship, rest, or other help that the person actually needs.

At Unlimited Wisdom, a next step need not be impressive to matter. It may be asking for help, learning a skill, keeping a necessary appointment, or returning to a responsibility with support. Persistence also includes reassessing a plan that is not working. Let the week's question be specific: given my situation, what constructive action is possible, and who could help me take it?

Make hope practical enough to use today.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. Where does Og push back against easy answers? What does that add to the conversation about hope?

02. How would you distinguish patient persistence from continuing a plan that needs to change?

03. What does success look like when peace, integrity, relationships, and service are part of the definition?

04. What kind of concrete support would make your next constructive step easier?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Consider hope as something you can practice through care, even when you cannot predict the outcome. How can faith help you stay present to someone else's difficulty?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, sustain the hope that feels small. Help me recognize the next possible step and the people with whom I can walk it. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

The recording discusses despair, addiction, and suicide. Allow members to pass. Keep the conversation compassionate and avoid treating hardship as evidence of weak faith or character.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

Turn one hope into a supported step

Choose a situation you would like to improve. Separate what you can influence from what requires help, resources, time, or acceptance.

- ☐ **DAY 1** Describe the situation plainly, without calling yourself a failure.
- ☐ **DAY 2** Name one factor you can influence and one factor outside your control.
- ☐ **DAY 3** Identify the information, resource, or support that would make progress easier.
- ☐ **DAY 4** Ask an appropriate person for one specific kind of help.
- ☐ **DAY 5** Take a small constructive step within your current capacity.
- ☐ **DAY 6** Notice the result and revise the plan if new information calls for it.
- ☐ **DAY 7** Record one reason for hope and one practical action for the coming week.

MY COMMITMENT

My next supported step will be...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What made hope feel more concrete this week?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 06 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 6 / 17:23

Let love become specific

Remembering what matters to someone can turn an ordinary gesture into a lasting gift.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

For Simon's seventy-ninth birthday, Og gives him a carefully chosen glass geranium. Simon loves the flower but has struggled to keep real plants alive in his window box. The gift reflects months of listening and attention, and Simon is deeply moved that his birthday has been remembered.

They place the geranium in the window box, where it can remain through the cold months. The conversation then turns to the memorandum. Og accepts the responsibility of receiving it and promises to make it part of a future book. Simon welcomes the offer, although he does not hand over the document that evening.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

Og's gift matters because it is particular to Simon. It says that his preferences, disappointments, and small pleasures have been noticed. Care does not always need to be expensive or elaborate. Often its strength comes from being accurate: the message, invitation, or practical help that fits this person.

The chapter also lets the giver receive. Simon has offered much wisdom, yet he still needs affection and companionship. In a healthy community, care can move both ways. This week, honor someone for who they are, not only for what they provide. Then practice accepting a thoughtful gesture without immediately trying to repay it or make yourself useful.

Let someone know that you have truly noticed them.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. What makes the geranium meaningful beyond its price or appearance?

02. Who has shown that they remember a small but important detail about you? How did it feel?

03. Which people in your life are often giving care, and how could you make room for them to receive it?

04. What particular gesture would communicate appreciation to someone you know well?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Consider gratitude as an act of attention. What changes when you give thanks for the particular person in front of you, rather than for a role they fill?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, deepen my attention to the people I love. Help me give thoughtfully, receive graciously, and express appreciation while there is time. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Invite examples of thoughtful care that require little or no money. Keep the conversation about attention and relationship rather than impressive gifts.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

A gift of attention

Choose one person to appreciate in a specific way. The gesture may be a note, an invitation, a remembered preference, or practical help they welcome.

☐ **DAY 1** Choose someone whose presence or care you may have taken for granted.

☐ **DAY 2** Write three particular things you appreciate about them.

☐ **DAY 3** Recall or ask about something that matters to them right now.

☐ **DAY 4** Plan a simple gesture that fits their preferences and your resources.

☐ **DAY 5** Offer the gesture without requiring a particular response.

☐ **DAY 6** Receive someone's kindness with a clear thank-you and no immediate repayment.

☐ **DAY 7** Reflect on what became possible when care moved in both directions.

MY COMMITMENT

The person I will appreciate more specifically is...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What did attention help me understand about this person?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 07 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 7 / 18:25

Hold steady when answers disappear

Uncertainty asks for patience, honest questions, and people who can stay present with us.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

Returning from a trip, Og discovers an envelope described as a farewell gift from an old ragpicker. Alarmed, he rushes to Simon's apartment. The people he encounters say they do not know Simon, and the room Og remembers appears to belong to someone else.

His search takes him to several places where he hopes to find an explanation, but he finds none. Even a colleague has not seen the man he describes. Og begins to question his own understanding of the past year. Finally, he opens the envelope and finds a letter, typed pages, and a small piece of white cloth attached to a safety pin.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

The story becomes a mystery, and we do not have to solve it before noticing Og's distress. Something he trusted has become uncertain. Many of us know a less dramatic version of that experience: an unanswered question, a changed relationship, or a future that no longer follows the expected plan.

A helpful response begins by distinguishing what is known from what is feared or imagined. Faith can make room for questions. Community can make room for silence. This week, practice staying present to what is true today, reaching toward a trusted person, and choosing one ordinary action that supports you while an answer remains unresolved.

You can take a steady step without having every answer.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. How does the chapter create uncertainty? What do we know from the story, and what remains unexplained?

02. What do you tend to do when an explanation is unavailable: hurry, withdraw, speculate, or seek company?

03. What kind of presence helps you when you do not need advice or a quick answer?

04. What ordinary, supportive action could you take while a question in your life remains open?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Bring an unanswered question into prayer without forcing a conclusion. How could trust and honest uncertainty sit together in your faith practice?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, be near when I cannot make sense of what is happening. Help me stay grounded in what I know and connected to people who care. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Separate the literary mystery from members' personal experiences. Invite reflection without asking anyone to prove a spiritual explanation or disclose a painful loss.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

A page for what is known and unknown

Choose a manageable uncertainty. Divide a journal page into three areas: what I know, what I do not know, and what I can do next.

- ☐ **DAY 1** Write the question you are carrying in one plain sentence.
- ☐ **DAY 2** List only the facts you know, separate from predictions or interpretations.
- ☐ **DAY 3** Name what is still unknown and what you are tempted to assume.
- ☐ **DAY 4** Tell a trusted person whether you want listening, practical help, or advice.
- ☐ **DAY 5** Take one ordinary action that supports your day while the question remains.
- ☐ **DAY 6** Make quiet space for reflection or prayer without demanding an immediate answer.
- ☐ **DAY 7** Review what has become clearer and what you can leave open for now.

MY COMMITMENT

While I wait for clarity, I can...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What helped me remain present without forcing an answer?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 08 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 8 / 11:45

Make renewal a daily practice

Give an important intention a place, a time, and a small action you can return to.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

Simon's farewell letter entrusts the memorandum to Og and reminds him of their agreement: he is to apply its ideas before sharing them. Simon describes a hundred-day practice, using a small cloth and pin as a visible reminder and reading the document before sleep.

The letter also acknowledges their affection and the challenge of explaining their unusual friendship. It encourages Og to continue writing. Moved by the words, Og marks his calendar and prepares to begin. The story shifts from receiving a teacher's wisdom to taking responsibility for an ongoing practice.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

A moving experience can give us a beginning. A repeatable practice helps us return to what mattered after the emotion has faded. We can learn from Simon's emphasis on rhythm while designing a practice that is realistic for our own lives.

For this week, choose a modest daily reflection with a clear cue: after a meal, before bed, or at another reliable moment. Connect what you read or consider to one action. A reminder is useful because it directs attention; it does not do the work for us. If you miss a day, record what interrupted you and return. Consistency can include a compassionate restart.

A small practice becomes meaningful when you return to it.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. What is the purpose of the calendar and the visible reminder in Simon's letter?

02. What is the difference between being moved by an idea and giving it a recurring place in your life?

03. Which daily cue would make a short reflection realistic in your current season?

04. How can you respond to a missed day in a way that encourages an honest return?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Choose a short, repeatable moment of prayer or reflection. What helps it become a sincere meeting with God rather than another measure of performance?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, help me return to what matters in the ordinary rhythm of my days. Give me patience to practice and grace to begin again. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Explain that this seven-day exercise is our adaptation. The book describes a stricter hundred-day reading practice; this workbook does not promise the same results.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

Design your return point

Set aside about five minutes daily. Use a short passage from your own copy of the book, a faith reading, or one reflection from this workbook.

- ☐ **DAY 1** Choose your reading, a daily cue, and a place for a short reflection.
- ☐ **DAY 2** Try the practice. Write one sentence about what you noticed.
- ☐ **DAY 3** Add a simple visible reminder, such as a bookmark or a note.
- ☐ **DAY 4** Connect today's reflection to one action you can take before tomorrow.
- ☐ **DAY 5** Notice the most likely interruption and prepare a smaller backup version.
- ☐ **DAY 6** Return to the practice. If you missed a day, begin again today.
- ☐ **DAY 7** Review the week and choose a rhythm you can continue without pretending perfection.

MY COMMITMENT

After or before this daily cue, I will...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What helped me return, and what needs to become simpler?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 09 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 9 / 33:19

Four principles, one life of love

Bring gratitude, uniqueness, service, and wise choice into the same ordinary day.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

This recording presents 'The God Memorandum' and identifies itself as Wanda Kay's edited reading. It addresses the listener directly, urging a renewed recognition of human worth and possibility. Its central framework names four principles: count your blessings, proclaim your rarity, go another mile, and use wisely your power of choice.

The closing instruction places love around the whole framework: love for oneself, for others, and for God. The passage uses vivid spiritual language and broad claims to encourage renewal. For our study, the four principles become prompts for noticing what supports us, valuing our particular contribution, serving thoughtfully, and choosing our next response.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

Gratitude can recognize a real good without denying a real difficulty. Uniqueness can be valued without competing for superiority. Service can be generous while respecting limits. Choice can focus on the next available action without pretending that we control every circumstance.

Love helps us hold those distinctions together. It gives the practices their direction and keeps them connected to people. Our worth is not measured by bodily ability, income, or constant usefulness. This week, use the four principles as questions: what can I appreciate, what can I contribute, whom can I serve, and what response can I choose? Let the answers be specific to your actual life.

Let love shape how you notice, contribute, serve, and choose.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. Which of the four principles feels most natural to you, and which invites the most reflection?

02. How can you practice gratitude while remaining honest about a difficult circumstance?

03. What would going another mile look like within healthy limits and mutual respect?

04. Which available choice would better express love for yourself, another person, or God this week?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Consider the four principles through the closing emphasis on love. Which practice becomes different when love, rather than recognition or reward, is its purpose?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, help me recognize what is good, offer what is mine to give, and choose with love. Let my actions honor the dignity of others and myself. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Name the edited reading and distinguish its rhetoric from our applications. Do not frame disability, poverty, or suffering as a failure to think or choose correctly.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

Four principles in one week

Give each principle a practical expression. Record the action and what you noticed, rather than treating the exercise as a promise of a particular outcome.

☐ **DAY 1** Gratitude: name three specific supports or gifts already present in your life.

☐ **DAY 2** Uniqueness: identify one experience, quality, or skill you can contribute.

☐ **DAY 3** Service: offer one thoughtful action beyond what was expected, within your limits.

☐ **DAY 4** Choice: pause before a familiar reaction and select a more loving response.

☐ **DAY 5** Combine two principles in one ordinary task or conversation.

☐ **DAY 6** Ask where love for yourself belongs alongside love expressed toward others.

☐ **DAY 7** Review all four principles and choose one to keep practicing next week.

MY COMMITMENT

The principle I most want to practice is...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

How did love change the way I applied the principle?

Next step / support I need: _____

WEEK 10 / SOURCE AUDIO: CHAPTER 10 / 8:34

Carry the gift forward

Turn what has mattered to you into a considered act of service for someone else.

IN THE SOURCE CHAPTER

After an office Christmas gathering, Og feels Simon's absence intensely. He calls his publisher and commits to writing a new book, giving it the title *The Greatest Miracle in the World*. The decision turns his private experience into a creative responsibility.

As he leaves, his longing for Simon remains. Then the car's headlights illuminate the red glass geranium in the apartment window box. The closing image reconnects the mystery with the particular gift Og once gave. The story ends with memory, affection, and a promise to carry the message forward rather than with a complete explanation of everything that happened.

AN UNLIMITED WISDOM REFLECTION

The final chapter does not require Og to stop missing his friend before he begins his next work. Something valuable can be carried forward while the feelings around it remain complicated. For us, finishing the series is a chance to choose what will become part of our ordinary life.

We do not need to become someone else's Simon or reproduce another person's story. We can offer the wisdom we have tested, acknowledge what we are still learning, and serve in a way that fits our relationships and abilities. A useful legacy may begin with one conversation, one kept promise, or one steady act of care. Choose a next step small enough to begin and meaningful enough to continue.

Let what you have received become something you can responsibly give.

MY LISTENING NOTES

BRING IT TO THE CIRCLE

A conversation worth having

Choose the questions that matter most to your group. These lines are yours to use privately or to prepare a thought you want to share.

01. What does the final image of the geranium bring together from earlier chapters?

02. Which idea from the series became a practice for you, and what did you actually notice?

03. How could you share a lesson without presenting your experience as a promise for someone else?

04. What commitment would help faith, purpose, and love remain visible after the weekly series ends?

A FAITH REFLECTION

Reflect on stewardship: caring for something valuable that has been entrusted to you. Which relationship, insight, or opportunity are you ready to tend more intentionally?

AN OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for what this journey has brought to light. Help me carry it forward with humility, steadiness, and love for the people within my reach. Amen.

FOR THE HOST

Close with specific observations rather than pressure for a dramatic testimony. Invite members to name a next practice, including an unfinished question if they wish.

YOUR SEVEN-DAY PRACTICE

A living commitment

Review the whole series, choose what you want to keep, and design one contribution that fits your current life. Make the next step concrete.

☐ **DAY 1** Read your notes from the first week and notice what has shifted.

☐ **DAY 2** Choose one practice that was useful enough to continue.

☐ **DAY 3** Name one lesson you are still testing rather than claiming to have mastered.

☐ **DAY 4** Thank someone who helped you take part in this journey.

☐ **DAY 5** Offer one practical contribution to a person or community you care about.

☐ **DAY 6** Choose a person with whom to share a realistic ongoing commitment.

☐ **DAY 7** Set your next review date and write why this practice matters to you.

MY COMMITMENT

The practice or contribution I will carry forward is...

AT THE END OF THE WEEK

What will help this commitment remain part of my ordinary life?

Next step / support I need: _____

YOUR NEXT SEASON

One hundred days of returning.

The original story describes a hundred-day reading practice. After our ten-week season, you may choose a separate hundred-day period to continue a practice that has been useful. This is an optional Unlimited Wisdom adaptation, not an additional requirement.

Use the time to deepen a practice, rather than to prove a perfect streak.

A SIMPLE DAILY RHYTHM

Receive. Read a short passage from your own copy of the book, a faith reading, or a reflection from this workbook.

Reflect. Ask what it brings to your attention today. Write one honest sentence.

Practice. Choose one action that expresses the insight in your actual circumstances.

Review. Notice what happened. Adapt the next step when life asks for a different approach.

MY PLAN

My first day: _____ My day 100: _____

My daily cue and place: _____

The practice I will return to: _____

Someone I can check in with: _____

A smaller version for a difficult day: _____

Count your starting date as day 1; day 100 is 99 calendar days later. Use the record on the next page to notice your rhythm, including pauses and restarts.

ONE HUNDRED DAYS / ONE HONEST RECORD

Keep showing up with curiosity.

Mark a square when you return to your chosen practice. Leave an unpracticed day blank, or add a small note.
The record is information for you, not a score of your worth.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

PAUSE AND NOTICE

Day 25 / What is helping me return?

Day 50 / What needs to become simpler?

Day 75 / What am I noticing in daily life?

Day 100 / What is worth carrying forward?

AT THE END OF THE SEASON

What will you carry forward?

Return to your earlier notes. You may see a change in action, a clearer question, a deeper relationship, or an area that needs more time. All are worth noticing.

FAITH

What has this journey invited me to consider about God, trust, and human worth?

PURPOSE

Which insight has changed how I spend my time or approach a responsibility?

LOVE

Where have I learned to give or receive care more thoughtfully?

MY NEXT COMMITMENT

What will I continue, when will I do it, and what support will I ask for?

My next review date: _____

READ ALONGSIDE THE ORIGINAL WORK

With gratitude for the source.

Original work: Og Mandino, *The Greatest Miracle in the World*.
Audio source: ten supplied chapter recordings read by Wanda Kay. The ninth recording is titled *The God Memorandum* and describes itself as a reading with edits.

LISTENING REFERENCE

01 / Chapter 1	15:32
02 / Chapter 2	23:45
03 / Chapter 3	28:58
04 / Chapter 4	34:50
05 / Chapter 5	37:54
06 / Chapter 6	17:23
07 / Chapter 7	18:25
08 / Chapter 8	11:45
09 / The God Memorandum	33:19
10 / Chapter 10	8:34

Total listening time: 3 hours, 50 minutes, 25 seconds. Durations include the introductions, closing remarks, and music in the supplied recordings.

EDITORIAL APPROACH

All ten recordings are represented. Seven supplied subtitle files were reviewed in full and checked against audio samples; Chapters 2, 4, and 6 were machine-transcribed from their complete recordings and reviewed for the chapter themes. Summaries follow these supplied readings rather than a separately checked print edition.

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