

MIRACLES HAPPEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

WELCOME HOME

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A miracle is not what I do, it is not what you do, it is what God does!

“Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.”

(Matthew 11:4–5, NLT)

1. MIRACLES HAPPEN WHEN WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD.

“In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.” (Luke 5:12–13, NLT)

a. Obedience leads to blessings.

“Jesus instructed him not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, “Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.” (Luke 5:14, NLT)

b. When in doubt err on the side of love and compassion.

“Suppose you unknowingly touch something that makes a person unclean. When you realize what you have done, you must admit your guilt.” (Leviticus 5:3, NLT)

2. MIRACLES HAPPEN TO THE TENACIOUS.

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.” *Martin Luther*

“Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.”

(Luke 5:18–19, NLT)

3. MIRACLES HAPPEN TO THOSE WHO DARE TO BELIEVE FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Inevitably we will all die someday. However, we will never lose hope!

“Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, “My child, get up!” And at that moment her life returned, and she immediately stood up! Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were overwhelmed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened.” (Luke 8:54–56, NLT)

- a. Always be hopeful.
- b. Bring your family before the Lord in prayer daily.
- c. It’s never too late to go to Jesus!

4. MIRACLES HAPPEN TO THOSE WHO REACH OUT TO THE LORD.

“She touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. “Who touched me?” Jesus asked ... “Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me.” (Luke 8:44–46, NLT)