

3. Do Miracles Really Happen Today?

We read of Jesus performing miracles while He was on Earth as a man. The Bible also tells of several people God used to do miracles; Moses, David, Noah, Paul, and the disciples to name a few. But do miracles happen today?

First let's look at the definition of "miracle". The definition in my iPhone app WordNet3.0 is "A marvelous event manifesting a supernatural act of a divine agent."

The Bible is full of miracles; here are just a few:

Acts 19:11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Exodus 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

John 11:43-44 Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

So we know miracles happened in biblical times, but do they happen today? Absolutely yes, miracles happen today.

Here is one example of a miracle that the Lord did for me:

My 15 year old daughter was being bullied at her high school. There was another school that was on my way to work that she wanted to transfer to, but that school was in another school district. We went to the vice principal at her current school and explained the situation and asked if he could help us transfer to the out of district school. He said he doesn't work for that other district and there was nothing he could do. I didn't give up there. I called the other school and spoke to several people of authority. I was persistent, but no one could help us. My daughter told me to just lie about our address and she has a friend whose parents agreed to let us use their address, but I said no to that. Though it was tempting, I didn't want to lie and have to remember that lie. By the end of the day, I finally gave up. I prayed that evening. Since we couldn't get that transfer, I prayed for my daughter's protection. The Lord spoke and told me that my daughter will transfer to the other school and that He is taking care of that. He told me to go to bed and get some needed sleep. Sleep has always been and still is an issue for me, but that night, I slept better than ever before and ever since (a miracle in itself). The next morning, the vice principal at our current school called me. He asked me how I slept last night. Then he told me he slept horribly. Every time he started to fall asleep, a loud voice woke him up and told him my daughter needs to transfer to the other school. He said it went on all night. He repeated "I can not deny that voice" several times. He told me to go to the other school and tell them to call him. He didn't know how it was going to happen, but he was sure that it would. And it did! We signed a contract with the other school and we got that transfer.

Sometimes we can prevent a miracle from happening. In my story above, if I had just said "yes" to lie about our address, the miracle would not have happened. We probably do that a lot in our lives. We believe we can figure it out and do whatever it takes to make things happen. We often times don't give God a chance to perform miracles.

I believe, for the most part, the Lord does want us to handle our situations and make decisions on our own. Though while we are doing that, we must not forget God. Bring the Lord in to your situations and be obedient. He won't perform a miracle in all of your situations (or even in most of your situations), but at least you'll be giving Him the opportunity. When the Lord does perform a miracle, write it down so that you can read it later and be reminded of what He did for you; and your faith will grow even stronger. Let's allow God to perform great miracles in our lives.