

MIRACLES

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Miracles - God's activity in our crises.

What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77:13-14 (NIV)

³⁸ ...The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" Mark 4:38 (NLT)

³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39 (NLT)

- What God does around us is designed to produce something in us.

³¹ But these miracles have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so that you will have life by believing in him. John 20:31 (GWT)

Easter helps us to see:

- When Life is uncertain, God is not.
- God is not surprised by our uncertainties, nor is he threatened by our crises.

²⁷ On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸ But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."

²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will." Mark 14:27-29 (NLT)

²⁸ ...after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." Mark 14:28 (NLT)

- The resurrection is a miracle of hope.

"We have been born again into a life full of hope through Christ's rising from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Biblical Hope is: The confidence we have based on who God is and what He can do.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him ... Romans 15:13

The Miracle of the Resurrection means:

- God has a plan for my life.

It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. Ephesians 1:11-12(MSG)

- God has a presence in my life.

⁵..Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you," we can boldly quote, God is there, ready to help; I'm fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me? Hebrews 13:5 (MSG)

- God has power for my crises.

I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great God's power really is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead! Ephesians 1:19-20a (TLB)

- God has a place for my future.

Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. 4 And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And God, in his mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting him. It will be yours in that coming last day for all to see. 1 Peter 1:3-5 (TLB)

Because life is uncertain, we need a God who is not.

¹⁸ The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope. Psalm 34:18



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Based on the definition of miracles in these notes, what miracles have you experienced in your life?
- How can we continue to experience God's activity in our lives when we are isolated?
- When you experience God's activity in your life, what does it produce in you? When you read about God's activity in the lives of others, does it still produce something in you?
- The statement was made - "When life is uncertain, God is not". How does that give you hope for all that you are going through?
- Read 1 Peter 1:3 and talk about what that means to you.
- Based on the definition of Biblical hope, how can we put our hope in God during this pandemic? Are there some other areas of your life where you need confidence in God's activity?
- How does knowing that God has a plan for your life give you hope?
- Are you convinced that God has a presence in your life?
- How have you experienced God's power to be greater than your crises?
- Do you know that God has a place in heaven for you? How does that give you hope?

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