



Miracle – In Relationships

I. Introduction

What **CONSTITUTES** a Miracle?

“A popular but wrong, definition is to say that a miracle is a point in time in which God intervenes in the world.... That definition fails for one good reason: It gives the false impression that God only occasionally intervenes in the world. ... A miracle happens when God, who is continuously active in the world, breaks His usual pattern and does something extraordinary.” [Erwin W. Lutzer. “Seven Convincing Miracles.” (Chicago: Moody Press, 1999) pp. 16-17.]

What is the **PURPOSE** of God’s Miracles?

Usually miracles help someone in need. But the meaning is always **DEEPER**: God gets our attention so that we are invited to look beyond the event to the **MIRACLE WORKER**.

II. Miracles in your **RELATIONSHIPS**

“While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher any more?” Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.” Mark 5:35-43

III. Don't be **AFRAID** – have **FAITH**

*"Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."
Mark 5:36*

IV. Everything in **CONFUSION**

"He went in and said to them, "Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead—she is only sleeping!" Mark 5:39, GNT

V. "The Child is **NOT DEAD**"

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VI. **IMMEDIATELY**

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