



Miracle – Spiritual Life

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19:26, NIV

I. Review:

Preparing for a Miracle

1. Admit that you have a **NEED**
2. **HUMBLE** yourself – ask God to help you
3. Be willing to do what God **IMPRESSES** on you
4. Be open to **CHANGE**
5. Look for something **UNEXPECTED**

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. Miracle in your **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

“Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” John 4:4-10

III. Failure had become **NORMAL**

"I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

John 4:17-18

IV. Failure created **ISOLATION**

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V. Failure created **SEPARATION** from **GOD**

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." John 4:19-20

What does this separation look like?

1. Religious **GAME PLAYING**
2. Failure to **RECOGNIZE** Jesus
3. **FAULT FINDING** in others
4. **PROCRASTINATION**

VI. Change resulted in **ACTION**

"Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him."

John 4:28-30

1. **CHANGE**
2. **ACTION**