

The Rock Church

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MIRACLES TEACH US

Miracles signs and wonders are all an expression of God's powerful love for mankind. God has always purposed to reveal Himself to His creation and the miraculous is one way of accomplishing that purpose. Therefore, miracles as an expression of God's love, reveal the nature of God. People want to know our God and Father and they are looking for the demonstration of **WHO HE IS** and **WHAT HE IS LIKE**. He has put Himself in us and it is our responsibility to show forth His nature. He is **POWERFUL** and **SUPERNATURAL** and so desires to flow that power through us, His Church! We were born for the miraculous and as a Christian, a person filled with His Presence, I desire and am committed to **SHOW FORTH HIS LOVE AND POWER!** We can learn much from these supernatural acts of God's love for people. The following are just a few things we learn:

1. *Miracles can convict us of sin and unbelief (Luke 5: 4-10).* In this account we see Peter so overwhelmed by the miraculous power demonstrated by Jesus that Peter falls to his knees, recognizing his sin of pride unbelief. Jesus did not condemn him but encouraged him to **CHANGE (TO REPENT)**. Miracles will draw us into the Presence of God and there we find grace to help us change our thinking. Peter repented and later became a great "fisher of men".
2. *Miracles cause faith to come alive and be strengthened (Luke 8: 43-48).* Knowing that Jesus was demonstrating the miracle – working power of God, this woman believed and declared that to just touch His garment would bring healing to her body. Jesus commended her on her faith (verse 48). When I first began to see miracles with my own eyes, I would weep because I saw them as acts of God's love for people. I never doubted His love and power again and my faith jumped to new levels!
3. *Miracles teach us to keep our eyes on Jesus, not on circumstances or on this natural world (Matthew 14: 27-32).* Peter, after seeing Jesus walking on the water (supernatural act) believed that he could do the same. And he did! However, when his focus was on the natural, the storm and waves he began to fear and sink. The more we keep our eyes on Jesus and the miraculous, the stronger we will remain in faith. In Luke 8: 49 - 56 we read that Jairus' daughter who was sick, is now dead, but Jesus says to Jairus, "Don't fear, just believe" (verse 50). Jairus had to decide what to believe and who to believe. He chose to believe Jesus, stayed in faith and his daughter was raised from the dead! The supernatural realm of Holy Spirit is **ALWAYS** superior to the natural realm.
4. *Miracles always teach us to give glory to God (Matthew 9:8).* Whenever miracles occur in Jesus Name and by His awesome power, people will be amazed and glorify God. Some may mock but many will come and worship the God of miracles.

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As we keep our priorities with Heaven's perspective, let's embrace our great Miracle Worker, Jesus and bring glory to Him by demonstrating His love for people through....

LIVING A LIFE OF MIRACLES!

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