

Series: A Million Miracles – Week 3 | Title: Look Up | Study Guide

Reading

- Read Genesis 15:1-6. What promises did God make to Abram, and how did Abram react to these promises?
- In Psalm 8:3-4, what is the psalmist's response to the vastness of creation? How does this perspective shape our understanding of humanity's place in the universe?
- Examine John 1:1-5. How is Jesus described in these verses, and what significance does this have for understanding the concept of "the Word"?

Key questions:

- Reflect on a time when you felt like you were waiting for a promise to be fulfilled. How did you feel, and what did you do during that waiting period?
- How do you currently perceive miracles in your daily life? Do you see them as frequent or rare occurrences?

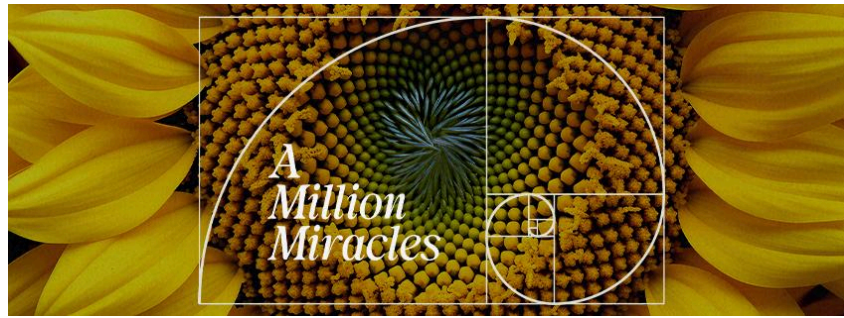
Personal Reflection

- How does the story of Abram in Genesis 15 challenge or reinforce your understanding of faith and doubt?
- What does the interaction between God and Abram reveal about the nature of God's promises and human patience?
- Consider the theological implications of Hebrews 1:3, which describes Jesus as the radiance of God's glory. How does this influence your view of Jesus as a source of light in darkness?

Personal Application

- Identify a current area in your life where you feel you are living in "darkness" or uncertainty. How can the promises of God provide hope in this situation?
- What practical steps can you take to "look up" and recognize the miracles around you in everyday life?
- How can you share the hope and assurance found in God's promises with someone in your community who might be struggling?
- Plan a time this week to spend in nature, reflecting on the beauty of creation and how it points to the Creator. How can this practice help strengthen your faith?

Remember, this study guide is a tool to help deepen your understanding and application of the sermon's themes. Take your time with each section, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reflections and actions.



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Icebreaker: Share a moment from this past week where you felt a sense of wonder or gratitude.

1. **Reflect on the Theme of Miracles:** The sermon suggests that miracles are all around us if we choose to see them. Can you share a recent experience where you recognized a "miracle" in your everyday life? How did it change your perspective?
2. **Understanding Purpose:** Reflect on the statement "You were made on purpose, for a purpose." How does this belief shape your understanding of your own life and actions? What are some ways you can seek out and fulfill this purpose?
3. **Faith and Doubt:** Abraham experienced doubt about God's promises. How do you handle moments of doubt in your own faith journey? What practices help you to restore your trust in God's promises?
4. **Scriptural Insight:** Genesis 15:5 tells us God asked Abraham to count the stars. How does this imagery of "looking up" and seeing the stars help you to trust in God's promises? What stars in your life remind you of God's faithfulness?
5. **Creation as a Reminder:** The sermon mentions the beauty and order in creation as reminders of God's presence. How can you incorporate more time in nature into your life to enhance your spiritual journey and awareness of God?
6. **Community Impact:** How can our church community help each other recognize and celebrate the "miracles" in our lives? What are some practical steps we can take to support one another in discovering our God-given purposes?
7. **Personal Response:** What is one specific action you feel led to take this week in response to the sermon's message? How can you encourage others to see the miracles in their lives and pursue their purpose?