

# WHEN A MIRACLE DOESN'T COME

## Miracles: God's Power To Change Your Life - Part #2

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Acts 27:9-44; II Corinthians 12:7-10

#### I. Sometimes we need a miracle because of \_\_\_\_\_

A. He wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_. (II Corinthians 12:7-8)

B. He wants us to know that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(II Corinthians 12:9a; John 1:14; II Peter 3:18)

C. He wants us to know \_\_\_\_\_. (II Cor. 12:9b-10)  
*"But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead." II Corinthians 1:9*

D. He wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ KNOW God,  
GROW in God, and LIVE for God. (Galatians 4:14; 6:11)

#### II. Sometimes we need a miracle because of \_\_\_\_\_

A. We \_\_\_\_\_ God's warnings. (Acts 27:9-10)

B. We followed \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 27:11)

C. We listened to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 27:12)

D. We relied on \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 27:13-14)

E. We \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. (Acts 27:15-20)

- Often when we are in a storm, we \_\_\_\_\_  
the very things that are most important.
  1. Storms cause disappointment. (v. 15-16)
  2. Storms cause us to drift. (v. 17)
  3. Storms cause us to discard. (v. 18-19)
  4. Storms cause us to despair. (v. 20)

- The worst thing to give up is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. When a miracle doesn't come, \_\_\_\_\_

*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."*

*Hebrews 6:19*

A. 1<sup>st</sup> anchor: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Acts 27:21-23; 17:28)

- When you have nothing left but God, \_\_\_\_\_ you become aware that He is enough. (Isaiah 43:2-3; Psalm 139:7-10)
  1. God's presence cheers me up when I'm lonely.
  2. God's presence calms me down when I'm worried.
  3. God's presence sees me through when I'm discouraged.

*"The Lord stopped my tears and kept me from defeat. So I walk in the presence of the Lord ... I kept on believing even when I said, I'm completely crushed and even when I was afraid and said, No one can be trusted." Psalm 116:8-11 (GN)*

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Acts 27:24)

1. God's purpose for your life is greater than the temporary storm you are in. (Pro. 19:21; Phil. 2:13)
2. The safest place to be is in the center of God's will with other godly people. (I Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18)

C. 3<sup>rd</sup> anchor: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Acts 27:25-26; II Cor. 7:1)

*"Not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed." Joshua 23:14*  
*"God had the power to do what he had promised." Romans 4:21*

- God's promises do not \_\_\_\_\_ us from pain.

D. 4<sup>th</sup> anchor: \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 27:27-44)

- The silence of God is \_\_\_\_\_ the absence of God.
  1. While you are praying, keep encouraged. (v. 27-36)
  2. While you are praying, keep believing. (v. 37-41)
  3. While you are praying, keep swimming. (v. 42-44)

#### ACTION POINTS:

- 1.) Have you ever experienced the greatest of all miracles? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) Your character is not forged; it is \_\_\_\_\_ in a storm.
- 3.) God is not ignoring you; He is \_\_\_\_\_.

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- B. He wants us to know that His grace is sufficient.  
(II Corinthians 12:9a; John 1:14; II Peter 3:18)
- C. He wants us to know Christ's power. (II Corinthians 12:9b-10)  
*"But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead." II Corinthians 1:9*
- D. He wants us to help others KNOW God, GROW in God, and LIVE for God. (Galatians 4:14; 6:11)

#### II. Sometimes we need a miracle because of our actions.

- A. We ignored God's warnings. (Acts 27:9-10)
- B. We followed bad advice. (Acts 27:11)
- C. We listened to the majority. (Acts 27:12)
- D. We relied on circumstances. (Acts 27:13-14)
- E. We gave up too soon. (Acts 27:15-20)
  - Often when we are in a storm, we throw away the very things that are most important.
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  - The worst thing to give up is hope.

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