

Miracles
in the
Making

MAKING THE MIRACLES OF
JESUS CHRIST YOUR OWN

A DEVOTIONAL BY
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This book is dedicated to my family and friends that shared their personal miracles with me and to those that encouraged me along the way. May you continue to see God's miraculous hand at work in your lives.

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Preface

THE KING JAMES VERSION of the Bible lists 33 different miracles performed by Jesus. Of course, Jesus performed more than 33 individual miracles, but the early church recorded only 33. The number 33 holds spiritual significance because Jesus lived for 33 years on the earth. Each miracle performed by Jesus was unique and particular to a certain area of life. I believe God's miraculous intervention shows us that God is attentive and active in each of those areas.

In this devotional, you will find a brief summary of each of the 33 recorded miracles of Jesus as well as numerous present-day miracles that have occurred in my life, designated by "My miracle," and in the life of my friends and family, designated by "Other's miracles." Not every devotional will contain a modern-day miracle. This is intentional as I believe that as I continue on this journey of life, I will encounter more of God's miracles that can later be included as a testimony. There are still some miracles in the making, so to speak. For now, I have included the miracles I have experienced or collected so far.

I pray that these testimonies serve as a reminder that God still performs miracles and that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore (Hebrews 13:8). In addition, you will have the opportunity to reflect and record miracles that have occurred in the same areas in your life or in the lives of people you know. Not only will this give you a chance to record and reflect upon your faith journey, but in the future, these pages will become a powerful encouragement when you need to be reminded of God's miracle-working power. Furthermore, this book will become a personal testimonial that you can pass on to your children, grandchildren, family, and friends to strengthen their faith and remind them that

God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) and what He's done for others He will do the same (and more!) for you. Just believe!

In addition, this book is a practical resource that can be used for a small group study within your local church to inspire others to record the miracles in their lives. These devotions could also be used as a sermon series on a journey to discovering the everyday miracles in our lives. However you choose to use the book, I know it will open your eyes to recognize the miracles all around you.

A miracle is an event that can't be simply explained by science and/or reasoning. The timing is just too perfect or the type of blessing you received was exactly what you needed at that moment. Simply put, miracles are answered prayers. They are God's sign that He has heard us and His proof that he can and will respond to our situations. In this age of cynics and skeptics, I am still a firm believer in miracles, and I believe that as the people of God, we need to examine the miracles of Jesus to stir our faith, to testify to our own miracles, and to remind us that if Jesus did it then, He can and will do it again.

I've had many miracles in my life, and this book is my testimony to many of them. Today, as believers, we must all proclaim our testimonies to the miracle-working power of Jesus and the great works that God has performed in our lives so that others may believe in Him and experience victory in their lives. For we know that the Word of God is true, that we will overcome by the blood of the lamb and by the word of our testimony (Revelation 12:11). I pray that this book will build and encourage your faith to remember that God is still in the miracle-working business!

*The 1st
Miracle of
Jesus*

The Primary Public Miracle

Water Turned to Wine John 2: 1–11

1 The third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and [a]manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.



HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED something and what you had on hand could not fulfill your need? Maybe you needed a job and all you had was a rejection letter or perhaps you needed to be healed but instead you got news that the cancer had returned. I can remember needing to maintain a certain GPA to keep one of my scholarships my first semester of college but instead what I got was a GPA that was a tenth of a point below what was required to keep it. Yet God still provided money for me to stay in school just as He provided wine for a wedding reception when all that was left was water.

This first miracle shows us that God is concerned with every area of our life. Nothing is too small to catch the attention of God when it concerns His children. We should bring all of our needs to Him (Heb. 4:16). Jesus took the time to attend a wedding and when they ran out of wine, Jesus' mother told the servants to do whatever Jesus said. He told them to fill the jars with water and draw some out to take to the host of the banquet. I don't know if the water changed to wine in the jug or when it was poured out, but by the time it touched the host's lips, it was the best wine that the host had tasted that day. Jesus did exceedingly, abundantly above what they could ask or think! (Eph. 3:20).

Not only did Jesus change the substance of the water but he circumvented the natural laws of fermentation. Fermentation is the process that grape juice goes through in order to become wine. The fermentation

process of wine usually takes many weeks to complete—the best wines take years; yet the water turned to wine in moments when Jesus was involved. This reminds us that God’s timing is not our timing. Something that should take a long time to occur naturally can happen in an instant when God is involved.

Will you do what doesn’t make sense to get your miracle? The people in this passage of Scripture needed wine, but Jesus told them to fill the jars with water. The servants could have scoffed at Jesus’ words because they didn’t need water—they needed wine. But they were obedient and they joined Mary in her expectation that Jesus could and would intervene in the situation. Even in our lives, if we don’t expect God to do anything, then most likely He won’t because God responds to our simultaneous obedience and expectation, which we call faith. This combination of expectation and obedience by the servants created the perfect atmosphere for Jesus to perform his first public miracle. And so we see in Jesus’ first public miracle that God responds to faith-filled expectation and obedience to meet our needs and to reveal to us who He really is.

Other’s miracle:

I was on my way to a wedding and while driving on the interstate, I saw an animal and I tried to dodge it. I lost control of the car and flew down the side of the interstate and came to a small wired fence and the car just stopped, just like that. On the other side of the fence there was a small body of water, and who knows what could have happened had I come in contact with the water in a fast moving car going down the hill.

I was able to get out of the car and climb up to the side of the interstate on my own. I had no injuries whatsoever! Once I climbed up, I learned that I had actually hit another car before I swerved down off the interstate. I had no idea that I had hit someone else! There were two guys in the car, a father and a son. The father had a bad heart, but they both were ok. Thank

GOD! There just happened to be an off duty policeman who saw everything, and he stopped and helped to calm everyone down. Everyone said that they would have thought that my car would have flipped based on seeing how far down the hill the car had gone and the fact that it had been raining. I know that that accident could have been much worse, and others were able to witness the miracles God performed that day.

What “public” miracle has God performed in your life? This is probably a miracle that reaffirmed your faith in Jesus and may have caused others to believe, too. Write about it.

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