

**WHEN PIGS FLY—3
MIRACULOUS PROTECTION**

10:00 am *5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -

10:05 am LIVE SHOT –

**WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform
1st time ... connect as a guest But you leave as family...**

Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in the HEART of Peekskill.

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

***Online Connect Card * RightNow Media**

Announcements:

Building Update: New Building giving 2 options - 1 NEW VISION Contributions...

Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small Group Thu: Bible Study / Sat: Men's Fellowship

Opening Prayer

Prayers for COVID - Country - 1st Responders. PVAV Aristan - healing

10:10 am ** Worship –

10:30 AM ** **Announcements Video - Tithing**

11:33AM ** **serm promo** - “When Pigs Fly”

10:37 am

INTRO

When Pigs Fly—Sarcastic remark: Something likely never happen.

A few weeks ago we started a NEW SERMON SERIES revolving around you hearing the outlandish, the ridiculous.....,

That what would be considered a MIRACULOUS... is what this series is about.

The Question is.... Do *YOU* Believe in Miracles?

Last couple of weeks I've been covering God's **Miraculous Power to Provide & to heal**.

If You Missed it, Don't forget to **Download our App** & catch up on any of our previous messages.

Anybody ever pray a prayer ... like

“Save me, God!”—If you save me today—Serve you forever.

Help me pass test — Get out of ticket—Home (Never drink) (Miracle)

God has power to save — Miraculous POWER to protect to DELIVER

³⁹ *The Lord rescues the godly; he is their fortress in times of trouble.* Psalm 37:39 NLT

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Personal Testimony - Jose -netas

2 Thoughts...

• 1) Long before you face a problem, God already has a plan.

- Long before rain flooded earth—God planned for Noah be on boat.
- Before Jonah thrown overboard—God planned send a fish rescue.
- Before Israelites cornered by Egypt army—Planned part Red Sea.

Before found bad news health—Lost your job—Girlfriend broke heart
God already had a plan.

God is a God who has the power to miraculously save.

Commission angels—Shut mouth of lions—Calm a raging storm.

Long before you face a problem—God already has a plan.

THE MIRACLE OF PROTECTION

Context:

Girl predicting future for \$ — Paul/Silas cast demon out — *Owners falsely accused*

Acts 16:22-23

²² *The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.* ²³ *After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.*

Focus Paul: Stripped—Beaten wooden rods—**Where is God? - NOT FAIR**
Roman citizen—Politically exempt punishment. **-DOUBLY NOT FAIR**

How can you be stripped & beaten??

Not stripped clothes—Stripped hope, faith, trust.

Beaten rods—Beaten words, doubts, discouragement—Where is God?

Certainly had reason to be Disappointed w/God: *Let down*—**Didn't protect**—Not fair.

He didn't respond by:

Quitting Peak Small Groups—STOP praying—Not go church—Secular music—*I'll Show God!!*

Acts 16:25-26

²⁵ *About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.*

What is a miracle?

God in heaven intervenes on earth:

God intervened

Paul didn't wait to worship after miracle: Worshipped before.

Writer to the Hebrews told us to offer a "sacrifice of praise."

- One thing: Praise God ☺ When you see his power.
- Another thing praise Him ☺ When you don't.

Two times to worship God: When you feel like it—When don't.

Worshiping him: Who he is—Not: What he does or doesn't do.

Middle of prison—Midnight—Praising—God shows up—Earthquake.

Jailer wakes up—See doors open—Draws sword to take life.
Paul, “Don’t kill yourself. We are here.”

Jailer falls—What do I need to do to be saved?
Believes—whole family.

Not only was Paul saved—So was jailer and entire family!

Before Paul went to prison—God already had a plan!

God miraculously protected Paul’s life! (*Obvious*)

God often protects you in so many ways you don’t understand!

Late to a meeting — Stuck waiting train — Sitting in traffic!!
God may be protecting you.

Wanted to get accepted to that school — Just got let go from that job.
God may be Protecting you.

God protects: **Some prayers**—Gave me what I wanted — other prayers what I Needed.

Praise God—Didn't let you take that position that would have led you to larceny..

As we get to know the goodness and faithfulness of God— BECOME Convinced.

Long before you face a problem, God already has a plan.

- 1) Long before you face a problem, God already has a plan.
 - 2 Sometimes God's eternal purposes don't align with our temporary plans. (**Learn**)
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God rescued Paul from prison, until He didn't

Not only was Paul arrested: (Estimated 5.5—6 years in prison.)

After 5th missionary journey—Prison

Tried by Nero—*FOUND GUILTY* - Not crucified (Romans don't Romans): Beheaded

Just like **10 other surviving disciples** (John boiling oil)— *ALL Serving Jesus.*

God rescued & intervened.... , until He didn't

Sometimes God's eternal purposes don't align with our temporary plans.

**Baby doesn't make it—Drunk driver kills teen—Physical malady - CORONA
DEPRESSION ANXIETY – Finances sucked dry**

Hurt? Yes—Grieve? Yes. Feel devastating? Yes.

Continue to trust? YES

Worship Him—Not—What does—Who he is.

So what do we do? If God can miraculously protect—Pray for protection.

Jesus taught us pray...

Lead us not into temptation—Deliver us from evil—Protect us.

- Pray spouse—Marriage—Pastors—Friends
- Pray for kids—Angels—Protection temptation.
- Protection lies enemy—Protect from wrong friends.

Do stray—Pray get caught early.

26:00 Street pharmacist — Drinking Drugging & driving— security clubs -afterhours.

Can't count the # times know God protected me.

& there were MANY TIMES He didn't... - Physical injury , Loss of Resources, incarceration

So much of what is good in me result of what God didn't protect me from.

School of Hard Knocks

*Upstate University - work out in the “rust pit” - live in a 6x9
enrolled in distance learning - completed 23 courses - Global*

**Before you face a problem, God already has plan.
(Pain)**

Rather hurt in his will than live in comfort outside of it.

Paul never said in prison: Not fair—Can’t trust you.

**Did say in prison:(pick out Key scripts from each -> Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians,
Colossians.)**

We rejoice in our suffering! Even poured out—Glad rejoice all you.

Also: *Delight in hardships—Persecutions—Difficulties—Weak/Strong.*

What shall separate us from the love of God?

Works in all things...

**Break ups—Break downs—Loss and the wins.
Wanted—Never wanted**

**God never promises he will always protect us. (Die)
Does promise he will never leave us.**

Long before you face a problem—God has a plan.

If you're online..... Would you stand up & stretch your hand towards the screen?? If you are here this morning & are ready to ask God to SEND YOU. Are you AVAILABLE??

Come to the altar & let me pray for you.

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK we're gonna continue - When Pigs Fly "Miraculous Protection"

**"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!