

## Miracles

### Part 1: Small Miracles

#### SUMMARY

Miracles are extraordinary events that showcase God's intervention in the natural world. The Bible records over 100 miracles, with 37 performed by Jesus in the Gospels. While the concept of miracles can raise many questions, such as their definition, occurrence, and relevance today, this study focuses on understanding the essence of a miracle and how it begins with small acts of faith. We'll explore the first miracle Jesus performed at a wedding in Cana, where He turned water into wine. This event not only revealed His glory but also sparked faith in His disciples—a small miracle that marked the beginning of a journey of faith and trust.

Read John 2:1-11 together.

Additional scriptures: Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:1, Philippians 1; John 21:24-25

#### DISCUSS

- 1. Understanding Miracles:** What is your understanding of a miracle based on this passage? How does Jesus' intervention at the wedding of Cana illustrate the definition of a miracle?
- 2. Role of Faith:** How did the servants' actions demonstrate faith, even though they didn't know what Jesus was about to do? What does this teach us about our own role in participating in miracles today?
- 3. Jesus' Response:** Jesus' response to Mary might seem distant at first. How does understanding the cultural and linguistic context help us interpret His response? What does this reveal about Jesus' relationship with Mary and His readiness to act?
- 4. The Disciples' Reaction:** The passage says that this miracle revealed Jesus' glory and that the disciples believed in Him. Why do you think this miracle was significant for the disciples' faith? How can witnessing God's work in our lives strengthen our faith?
- 5. Application of Faith:** In what ways does this story encourage us to bring our own problems or those of others to Jesus? How does Jesus' question, "What are we going to do about this?" challenge our faith in everyday situations?

#### NEXT STEPS

**Growing in Faith:** Faith is a journey that starts with small steps. Just as the disciples' faith grew through witnessing Jesus' miracles, our faith grows when we consistently turn to God's Word and trust Him in every situation. This week, prioritize spending time in the Word of God daily. Reflect on Romans 10:17, which says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Write down one area of your life where you need to trust God more, and pray specifically for His intervention.

**Living by Faith:** Remember that faith doesn't always mean having all the answers. As 2 Corinthians 5:7 reminds us, "For we live by faith, not by sight." This week, when faced with uncertainty, choose to trust in God's plan rather than relying solely on what you can see. Share with a friend or your group a situation where you're choosing faith over sight.

**Faith in Process:** Faith is like climbing a mountain—it's a process that takes time, but it leads to a glorious end. Keep your eyes on the ultimate goal: eternity with Christ. Reflect on Philippians 1:6, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Think about one small step you can take this week to grow in your faith, and commit to it.

#### PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Your glory through small miracles that grow our faith. Help us to trust in Your Word and rely on Your presence, even when we don't have all the answers, knowing that You are always at work in our lives. Amen.