

HOW DOES GOD KEEP HIS PROMISES?—WE CAN TRUST HIM
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Text: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

How does God work?

SOMETIMES GOD MIRACULOUSLY INTERVENES

In this model, what God does is reach down into a difficult situation and take us out of that situation, or He reaches down and takes the situation away.

... *"Stand firm, and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today."* ... Exodus 14:13

When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "LORD, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. Luke 18:40-43

SOMETIMES GOD INTERACTS WITH HIS PEOPLE

In this model, God doesn't perform a miracle, but He reaches down and empowers us to make a difference in our situations.

Example> Exodus 3... God worked. Moses worked. The people of Israel worked, and they became workers together with God.

Example> Great Commission... *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20

SOMETIMES GOD DOES SOMETHING INSIDE US, THE INNER-ACTION OF GOD

In this model, God does not perform a miracle; God doesn't even allow us the strength to get out of the situation; God leaves us pretty much who we are and does something beautiful in our lives.

Example> Paul's thorn in the flesh... *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* ... 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Conclusion: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31