

Miracles of Healing

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A miracle. When our God in heaven intervenes on earth.

*Expectation creates an arena for miracles to happen.*

Our God heals. But He doesn't heal everyone all the time.

- ...because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. 1 Timothy 5:23
- Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. 2 Timothy 4:20
- Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 2 Corinthians 12:8

*Healing is an expression of divine mercy and should never be viewed as a right.*

Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Philippians 2:27

How do we approach a God who can heal, and doesn't always do it?

Three reasons Jesus didn't do miracles...

1. Jesus refused to perform miracles to prove Himself. (Mark 8:11-12)
2. Jesus never performed a miracle that interfered with God's ultimate plan. (Matthew 26:53-54 NLT)
3. Jesus didn't do miracles where there was no faith. (Luke 5:17)

God loves us enough to work with our faith where it is.

... "Everything is possible for one who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:23-24

Approach God in faith, in humility and with his eternal perspective.

*God's highest purpose is not to heal our bodies, but to save our souls.* (Luke 5:18-25)

Connect

- Have you ever experienced a miracle? If so, what happened?

Word and Reflection

A miracle – when our God in heaven intervenes on earth. God has all power and authority. He has the ability to heal, but He doesn't heal everyone all the time. Healing is an expression of God's mercy and not a divine right. So how do we approach a God who can heal, but doesn't always do it? In faith, in humility and with His perspective. God loves us enough to work with our faith right where it is.

John 20:30-31; Philippians 2:27; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 5:17-25

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Read Philippians 2:27. When is the last time you asked God for a miracle? What happened? Do you see God's healing as an expression of His mercy, or as a right you deserve?
- Read Luke 5:17, Matthew 13:58 and Mark 6:5-6 What is the state of your faith? What does healthy faith look like? How can we grow our faith?
- Our faith should be based on who God is, not what God does. What do you believe about Who God is? How does this help you navigate disappointment and the situations when God doesn't heal or answer prayer as you had hoped?
- Read Mark 9:24, Mark 5:34, Luke 17:19 and Mark 10:52. What physical, spiritual or emotional healing are you trusting God to work in your life? Share with your group and take some time to pray and support one another.

Action

- Write down the healing miracle you're asking God for and share it with your Grace Group. Pray for each other all week.

Prayer

- "God, You performed the ultimate healing miracle when You saved us from eternal separation from You by giving us Jesus. Thank You for that. We believe You have the power to heal any physical, emotional, or spiritual illness. We believe You can, and we trust You with the results. Amen!"
- Pray for your group and for those whom you're reaching out to.