

Talk it Over: Miracles, Week 4

May 2-3, 2020

Looking back at the message this weekend, what was the key thought for you?

Key Scripture

Philippians 4:19: And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Other Scriptures

Isaiah 58:11, Malachi 3:10, 1 Kings 17:7-16, Matthew 14:13-21

Key Thoughts

In very story of need in the Bible, there is a miracle of provision.

1. When God guides, He always provides.
2. God miraculously multiplies what is given.
3. You might be part of God's miracle in providing for someone.

Big Idea: Fear says that there is no way that I have enough. Faith says my God is more than enough.

Start Talking

Ice Breaker: Pastor Jeff Sublett talked about miracles of provision when God did big things through financial giving in our church. Share a story that you may have about how God showed up when you had a material need.

Start Thinking

In a time of uncertainty, it is easy to fear that you will never have enough. Read Philippians 4:19 as a group. It says that will

“take care of everything that you need.” Discuss why this verse can be a comfort to those in need right now.

What is the difference between a need and a want? Share with the group some examples of needs and wants in your life. Why can it be so easy to get tripped up by wants even when God supplies our needs?

Pastor Jeff mentioned the story of the feeding of the 5,000 in the New Testament (Matthew 14:13-21) and the widow's and the oil in the Old Testament (1 Kings 17:7-16) What do these two stories show us about the power of divine provision? God did the miracle, but what is the people's roll in these stories?

Start Sharing

Read Isaiah 58:11 as a group. God promised to do what for His people? How can this comfort us today? What does this reveal about the character and concern of God?

Pastor Jeff said, “When God guides, He always provides?” Why can it be so hard to trust when God guides us in a new or different direction? Take turns talking about a time when God sent you in a new direction and how you felt at the time.

One of the biggest challenges is our preconceived notions about how things should work out. Pastor Jeff warned, “God doesn't provide for all of your dream; He provides for His plans for your life?” This suggests that our dreams can get in the way of God's plans? What can we do to ensure that our dreams line up with God's plans?

Following God is never easy, and He is the only one who can do the impossible. God never asks us to make miracles happen. All we have to do is pray, take steps of faith and let God provide. Many times, He may move on your heart to act in such a way that demonstrates your faith. This could be blessing others when you are in need. Or reaching out to a loved one that is distant even when you feel they should make the first move. The truth is that God miraculously multiplies what is given.

Start Praying

Just like the women with the jars of oil or the boy who gave up his lunch to feed thousands, sometimes God wants us to be part of the miracle. At SCC, we believe that we are blessed to be a blessing. First, thank God for a few blessings in your life. This will help you realize God's provision in the past. Then, take a few

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minutes to consider what you can do right now to bless others during the COVID-19 crisis. Do some listening prayer and ask the Lord to reveal how you can help somebody else in need. Maybe you can take part in the tithe challenge? Visit www.steamboat.church/90. Or you can provide for a need for somebody in your neighborhood. Maybe you can go shopping for somebody who has high risk factors and should limit exposure to others? Maybe you can help a single parent financially who is struggling to pay bills?

As ideas pop in your head, write them down and mull over those ideas to identify a few things you can do to position yourself for God to use you. In this way, you might become part of somebody else's miracle.

Start Doing

Fear and distraction tend to be the primary things that hold us back from stepping out in faith. As Pastor Jeff explained, "Fear says there is no way that I have enough. Faith says that my God is more than enough." Faith focuses on God's character and example and uses that as inspiration to act. If you want to see a miracle, sometime you have to take the first step.

Based on what came up in your listening prayer session in the previous section, what actions should you take this week? You may not know right now. But this week as you finalize your decision on what to do first, tell somebody else and ask them to check back on you soon to

see what progress that you are making.

In Malachi 3:10, God called the Jews to test Him to see if He would bless their sacrifices and giving. This same heart can be seen in SCC's Tithe Challenge. The idea is that if we take the first step, God will multiple what we give. This faith step positions us so that we can bless others and receive a blessing too. Find out more at www.steamboat.church/90.