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Miracles Happen When You Pray

By Larissa Havens



"And Jesus looking upon them saith, with men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)

Isn't that a wonderful verse? Usually, we think of miracles as blind eyes opening and the lame walking, but there are so many miracles we overlook. A miracle is when God causes something to happen that would not have taken place naturally. Our minds can imagine many possibilities, yet God's creative power can do much more than anything in our imaginations (Ephesians 3:20).

When I was a little girl, my Sunday school teacher taught us to pray. She had a list of countries that needed churches. She gave each student a country, and we understood it was our responsibility to pray for that country for a certain period of time. I prayed for the country I was given, but I didn't see any immediate results. A few years later, I met the missionaries sent to the country I had been praying for. It encouraged my faith to see and talk with the people who were the answer to my prayers. The next time I went to pray, it was easier to believe God was hearing my prayer and that I was making a difference.

Years later, my husband and I went to a conference where they had assigned seating. When I sat down, I soon realized I was seated next to this missionary couple who were still working in the country I had prayed for many years ago. It encouraged my faith again. God hears even simple prayers. Nothing is too big or too small for Him.

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27)

When we pray, God hears our prayers. He might not always answer in the way or timing that we want Him to, but He does it perfectly every time. When we pray, we are teaching the little eyes (our children or young people) watching us to pray. I now have a little girl, and sometimes I wonder how I will be able to teach her. I am learning it will take time, watching mom and dad pray, and most importantly having her own personal moments with God. You and I have an influence on those around us, so let's do our best to pray and show God's power from one generation to the next (Psalm 145:4).

Note: Larissa Havens is a wife and mother. She and her husband serve as missionaries in Latvia.

Where are the Miracles?

By Jessica Marquez



*"And where be all his **miracles** which our fathers told us of." (Judges 6:13)*

In Judges we find Gideon arguing with an angel sent from heaven, sent especially to speak a divine word to him. He had been chosen to lead God's people into a war that would be won in such a way only God would be glorified.

Yet Gideon, like so many of us who might be chosen, immediately asks, **"But where are the miracles?"** We are a generation that seeks the sign; we search for the wonder; we cry out for the miracle. During our time of difficulty, loss, and duress, we forget that we have not been chosen to seek, but selected to have the miracles, signs, and wonders to follow those who believe.

In October, I was ministering in Castroville, Texas. I felt impressed by the Spirit to ask for the person suffering from diverticulitis to please come to the front for prayer. A man came to the altar, and I turned and asked my husband to join me. I knew I would pray and rebuke the disease that was attacking his body. After service, we continued on our journey.

In December I received a message. The man, Brother Levi, stated, "Sister Marquez. For years I have battled diverticulitis. Many evangelists have come through, yourself included. God had never done a miracle for me. I went later that week, preparing for surgery. I told my doctor, don't be surprised if you don't find anything. I fully expected to be healed after your prayer. The doctor called later and said, "Mr. Levi. Your diagnosis is not one I like to give. You have maybe ten years left to live." (When I read this to my husband, I said, "Well, that's not the kind of report you want to hear after praying the prayer of faith, but let's keep reading.")

Brother Levi continued writing, "I told my wife, 'If I have only a few years left to live, I will do everything I can for the kingdom of God before He calls me home.' We then went on an anniversary getaway. Sister Marquez, with the diagnosis that was given to me, my doctor had to take it to a specialist. They both looked at my tests and exams. My doctor called me as I sat on the porch. She said, 'Mr. Levi. I know what I saw. I know what diagnosis I gave you. But something has happened. You don't need surgery. Your diagnosis has changed, you will live the lifespan of any other man who takes care of themselves as they should. I don't know what happened.'" Brother Levi told her, "I know what happened. God healed my body!"

I wrote Brother Levi's pastor's wife, Deanna Sibley, and she said, "Sister Marquez, it was a miraculous turn of events." I responded, "Sister Sibley, these are the testimonies I love the most. When a doctor has to call and rescind their diagnosis. Because GOD gets ALL the glory!"

A miraculous turn of events. This is what my God can do.

If you find yourself asking, like Gideon, "Where are the miracles," just look around you, my friend. My God can turn any scenario and any diagnosis around in a matter of moments.

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She Saw a Miracle

By Lesa Lashbrook



As I began to pray and think about what God would have me share with you, my mind was flooded with memories of the times my children were recipients of miracles they had prayed for. We have been blessed with five children. I've chosen to share my oldest daughter's experience but please know, all of my children have seen miracles. The others are for another time.

Sophia was only fifteen when my husband had his first open-heart surgery to replace his aortic valve. The procedure was supposed to be uneventful due to his young age of thirty-nine years old. When the surgery was complete the surgeon came to talk with me and said, "There was a lot of calcification, and we did our best, but there is a slight risk of a stroke in the next few hours. We will call you if there are complications."

My daughter had opted to stay home alone that day while the younger siblings went to be with friends. I told Sophia what the surgeon said, and she looked at me with complete peace and confidence and said, "Mom, he will have a stroke, but you need to know, it will be okay." Wow. I wasn't sure how to respond. Was this faith? Was she really mirroring what she had been taught?

The next morning, I walked into the cardiac intensive care unit and was greeted by the surgeon who was very shocked no one had called me to say my husband had suffered a brain stem stroke and didn't wake up. Her words swirled around my head: "not breathing on his own, three percent brain function, no response, paralyzed."

For the next nine days, my mind was in a fog of information and medical terms while my heart searched for peace and strength. My daughter's faith never wavered. She stood strong and confident that it was going to "be okay." And it was. He woke up on the ninth day, and we watched miracle after miracle take place.

My daughter watched! As well as the other siblings. They witnessed mom and dad living their faith in real life, seeing God answer prayers they had prayed. Prayers that dad had prayed. They walked with us through this ordeal holding our hands and looking to us for faith in our God. They saw us lean into the promises in God's Word.

- *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"* (Jeremiah 32:27)
- *"For with God, nothing shall be impossible."* (Luke 1:37)

We quoted these verses as we were bombarded with medical facts that looked impossible and too hard.

If our children do not see the miraculous and supernatural in their lives, the world will show them a counterfeit in the form of drugs, sex, pornography, and other things. Miracles must be part of our experience in walking with Jesus. Our children must see God do the impossible! It builds a foundation in their spirit that this world cannot shake.

My daughter heard from God. I don't know why God chose to show her, but I know He did. She saw a miracle that forever impacted her relationship with and faith in God—for herself.

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From the Editor



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meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children
and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and
beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each
month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (1 John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38). [Text L](#)