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Miracles in the Middle

by Adena Pedigo



In February 2022, we were privileged to stay in a friend's place in Florida. The views from the window were spectacular. Each day was filled with studying, coffee, and an ocean view filled with sea life. At the hint of daylight each morning, I arose to see what the dolphins were up to.

One morning presented a particularly different site than the other mornings. The ocean, which every morning before had been quiet and calm with a few dolphins and birds flying about, was now completely full of hundreds of seagulls, cranes, ducks, and birds. They were flying low, circling close to the sea, and diving in. The dolphins were even different. Normally, I saw them swimming in pairs or groups, but today they were swimming by themselves just under the surface. They would blow underwater, and you could see the circles they left behind.

So much was going on with all the wildlife. It was a sight to behold and only happened that one glorious morning. Whatever was washed in during the night seemed like such a delightful feast for the early bird, the dolphins, and whatever else came to partake. Then, in an instant, it all stopped! It was over. All the wildlife swam or flew away. It was a magnificent sight to witness.

I couldn't help but think of God's wonderful goodness, His provision, and all His miracles. The message I took away from that moment was, "God **will** provide." In the darkest of your midnights, God will provide a feast of goodness for your morning. You just have to be present and willing to show up to partake of what God is providing. On other mornings, I had seen how the dolphins worked together, circling around to get their nourishment, but this morning they were basking in what God had provided for them individually.

I think sometimes we are looking for instant miracles that will change our lives, and we are forgetting the "miracles in the middle" and the constancy of God. It is easy to overlook the grace, mercy, and miracle of provision He is providing along the way.

• *"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him."* (Lamentations 3:22-25)

• *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* (Galatians 6:9)

The Lord is good to them that wait for him and seek him in the waiting. Each day is filled with miracles. Some of the "miracles in the middle" just get overlooked or seem insignificant, but they are the ongoing provision of God when we need it most.

There it is! God's mercies are new every morning. He cares for us and loves us. We just need to show up and

not overlook the consistent miracles of God. One of our worship songs declares that He is working for us...even when we don't see it or feel it, that He never stops working for our benefit.

Hebrews 13:5 says to *"be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

One day, you will look back and say, "Yes! God had His hand of me the whole time. It was His 'miracles in the middle' of all my trials that provided and sustained me."

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Don't Miss the Miracle in the Middle

By Renee Brainos



We live in a world of instant gratification, and we often transfer this attitude to our spiritual lives. We want our prayers answered immediately. In our time, in our way. However, sometimes right now is not the best time.

God promised Abraham that he would become a great nation. After many years, we see his descendants finally making their way to Canaan.

As they are on the way, the Lord tells the children of Israel, *"I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land"* (Exodus 23:29-30).

What a letdown to our right-now attitude. But just think, if they had immediately entered the Promised Land, we would have missed God's provision of manna in the wilderness. We would not have seen the deliverance at the battle of Jericho. We would miss all the miracles in the middle.

When our first grandson was born, due to several complications, we were advised of several issues. At his birth, the things we were cautioned about were nonexistent, but other problems led to almost a month in the NICU (neonatal intensive care). As our daughter prayed over her baby, she received a word from the Lord that one day her son would stand and give glory for his healing.

At the age of two, he was diagnosed as autistic and is nonverbal. While we wait for the day he testifies, we rejoice in the miracles. The smiles, giggles, and cuddles. The signs he has learned to communicate with us. The time he clutched his toy and said, "No, me!" when someone tried to carry it for him.

As we pray our right-now prayers, let's not miss the miracles in the middle as God says wait.

Note: Renée Brainos serves with her husband Marcus as missionaries in Nice, France. Her favorite title is Néné.

From the Editor



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Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who 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).