



Living in the Miraculous

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Luke 4:38-39

³⁸ After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. ³⁹ Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.

- 1) **What does it say Jesus did to the fever?**
- 2) **Why did he do that?**

Luke 4:40-41

⁴⁰ As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one. ⁴¹ Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.

- 1) Why were people bring family members to Jesus?
- 2) Did Jesus tell anyone no? Did He ask about their backgrounds? Did He tell them they must repent before He would help them? Does this go against what you sometimes think about Jesus?

Luke 5:3-10

³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, ^[a] its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." ⁵ "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.” ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”

- 1) What is different about this miracle than all the ones before?
- 2) What happened to Simon Peter when this miracle happened? Why?

Matthew 8:1-3

¹ Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. ² Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” ³ Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

- 1) Why did the man ask if Jesus was “willing”?
- 2) Is that a question we still struggle with today?
- 3) Do you believe God can heal anyone? Do you believe God is willing to?
- 4) Do you believe God uses people to get others healed? Do you believe He can use you?

- **What do all of these miracles have in common?**
- **What is different in each case?**

Challenge:

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus said he only said and did what He saw His father do. That means that if want to know what God wants done we can look at what Jesus was doing. God did not create us for a “average life”, He has created you to be a speaking, creative spirit. Your words have power. What are you speaking/believing?