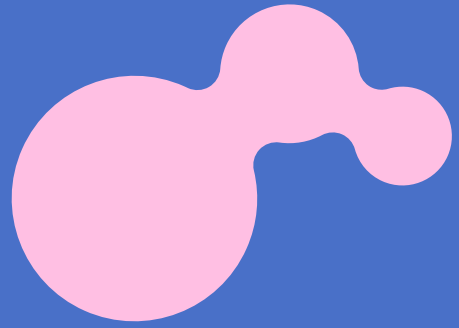


MIRACLES



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THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU

This week we are going to read about some of the many miracles recorded throughout Scripture. Some of these passages will be familiar, some of them will be less familiar, and all of them will reveal the awesome power of our God! The miracles recorded in the Bible have provided stumbling blocks for many. We live in a space and time that deems any belief in something beyond the natural material world as barbaric and unintelligent. Even people in the Church have tried to explain away the miracles in the Bible by writing them off as misunderstandings or exaggerations by scientifically ignorant people. The problem with this approach is that it does not take much scientific understanding to know that giant bodies of water do not spontaneously split in two, virgins don't give birth, and dead people stay dead. Therefore, the miracles recorded in the Bible are either blatant lies, or they really did happen the way the Bible says they did. And here at Gospel City Church we believe that God created and sustains the universe by the Word of His power, therefore it is not too difficult to believe that He could make a donkey speak or stop the rotation of the earth for a few hours. So as you read this week we pray that you will behold the power of our God! And we pray that the revelation of His strength will encourage your faith today.

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THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS—

READ—

When we read the Bible, we are not just reading man's thoughts about God. Neither are we merely reading what God said (a few thousand years ago). Rather what we are reading is what God says in the present tense (Hebrews 3:7). For the Word of God is living and active, and when we read it God Himself is speaking to us (Hebrews 4:12). Therefore, read each passage slowly, carefully, and attentively to every word acting as if the most important being in the universe is speaking to you, because He is.

REFLECT—

Simply reading the Word is like briskly walking by a warm fire on a cold night. But meditation is like sitting by the warm fire so that it lights up your face and warms your bones. (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*). Therefore, pick a verse from each section to meditate on. What does it mean? What does it say about God? What does it say about you? You can pick any verse. But we will suggest a verse each time in case you have trouble picking one.

RESPOND—

We do not want to just be passive readers of the Word and allow what God says to go "in one ear and out the other." Rather we want to be like the blessed man from psalm one who delights in God's word and meditates/chews on/murmurs to himself/thinks over what God has said day and night (Psalm 1:3). These discussion questions are designed to help us think over what the Lord has said, and as we think and discuss the Lord will give us understanding (2 Timothy 2:7).

PRAY—

Pray to your Father that the Holy Spirit would empower the Word of Christ to become true in your hearts, your lives, this church, and this world as it is in heaven. Pray the Word back to God. For he always answers us when we pray according to his will (1 John 5:14). And the best way to pray according to his will is to pray His Word!

DAY 01

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STUDY ON MIRACLES

READ—

Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:1-15

REFLECT—

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” — John 3:14-15

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

PRAY—

Praise God for being a God who enters into His creation and makes Himself known. Ask Him to help you marvel at His wisdom and strength. Ask Him to forgive you for ever doubting Him. Ask Him to help you believe what you have read and use to fuel your faith today. And praise Him for His awesome power and might.

DAY 02

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STUDY ON MIRACLES

READ—

Exodus 16:1-15 & John 6:22-35

REFLECT—

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” — John 6:22

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

PRAY—

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DAY 03

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STUDY ON MIRACLES

READ—

Numbers 22:22-41

REFLECT—

Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?” — Numbers 22:28

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

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DAY 04

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**STUDY ON
MIRACLES**

READ—

Joshua 10:1-15

REFLECT—

“And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.” — Joshua 10:13

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

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DAY 05

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**STUDY ON
MIRACLES**

READ—

1 Kings 18:20-46

REFLECT—

And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.”

— 1 Kings 18:27

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

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DAY 06

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STUDY ON MIRACLES

READ—

Daniel 6:1-28

REFLECT—

Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” — Daniel 6:16

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

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DAY 07

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STUDY ON MIRACLES

READ—

Jonah 1:17-2:10 & Matthew 12:38-41

REFLECT—

“For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” — Matthew 12:40

RESPOND—

What does this miracle teach you about the character of God? In what ways does this demonstration of God’s power encourage your faith today?

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