

The Wonder GAP

What is a Miracle

Acts 16:16-40 and Matthew 26:38-40

A miracle is a supernatural act of God that temporarily suspends the laws of nature. (the natural order of things)

Miracles are always done by God to further God's purpose (will) on earth.

It is right to ask God to do what he alone can do - and he likes it.

22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Acts 16:16-40

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Are you currently praying for a miracle?

Sometimes God is gloriously and infuriatingly inconsistent. (Evidenced by NT)

When you face personal inconsistency with God it is ok.
Everyone experiences it.

Miracles are not

- predictable
- promised

Miracles are

- purposeful

The disciples faith did not depend on miracles

Jesus' faith didn't depend on it either.

38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:38-40

You are 'in line' for a miracle

'if'

what you are praying is in line with God's will
and serves His purpose here on earth.

Who am I supposed to be?
How am I supposed to be?

Where am I supposed to be?

— **We are not choosing a proposition but choosing a posture.**

**They learned to trust God's plan even when it doesn't make sense.

And remember...

God still does miracles - sometimes.