

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE PURPOSE OF MIRACLES

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PART 1: THREE REASONS

Webster's dictionary defines the word "miracle" in the following way: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs.

STRENGTHEN FAITH

- God can deliver a miracle without you asking but there are times when you need to step out in faith. **Hebrews 11:1-6**
- Moses believed in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but needed his faith built up. **Exodus 4:1-9**
- Those closest to Jesus didn't fully understand His power. They knew Lazarus would be resurrected one day in the future, they just didn't expect it right then. **John 11:1-45**

DELIVER FROM EVIL

God saw the suffering inflicted upon the Hebrews and intervened. **Exodus 6:1-8**

PROVE GOD'S POWER

- Elijah prophesied that it would not rain until he gave the word. **1 Kings 17:1-7; Deuteronomy 11:13-17**
 - ❖ This is what James had to say about Elijah. **James 5:13-18**
- Elijah told the widow that she would not run out of flour and oil until the day it rained. **verses 8-16**
- Elijah prayed over the dead boy and he was resurrected. **verses 17-24**
 - ❖ Jesus mentioned both Elijah and the widow. **Luke 4:24-26**
- Even though the odds were 850:1, with the people of Israel sitting on the sideline, God demonstrated through Elijah that Baal was no match for Him. After three and a half years, God opened the heavens and let rain come down. **1 Kings 18:1-39**

SUMMARY

God's purpose in performing miracles is widespread:

1. They can have a convincing effect on your fear and unbelief.
2. They require faith on your part, which is also one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3. In a time of crisis, God will use them to deliver you.

