

## Demonstrating Trust in God

**Rahab Takes a Risk** [Jos 2:1-7 KJV] **1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.** 2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. 3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. **4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they [were]:** 5 And it came to pass [about the time] of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. **6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.** 7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

**Response to Rahab's Request** [Jos 2:8-18 KJV] **8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.** 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that [were] on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard [these things], our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he [is] God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. **12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: 13 And [that] ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.** 14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. 15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house [was] upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. 17 And the men said unto her, We [will be] blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. 18 Behold, [when] we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

**Rahab's Trust Rewarded** [Jos 6:17, 20-25 KJV] 17 And the city shall be accursed, [even] it, and all that [are] therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that [are] with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. ... 20 So the people shouted when [the priests] blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they utterly destroyed all that [was] in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. **22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.** 23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, **and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.** 24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that [was] therein: **only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.** 25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel [even] unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Recently I listened to John Piper answer the question, "Why Do We See So Few Miracles Today?" on his Ask Pastor John podcast.

His answer is great. It also got me thinking about something else I would add to what John says: that visible miracles are reminders of the reality of greater invisible miracles, which in fact are happening all the time as God regenerates hard human hearts. Hence, God is doing far more miracles than we realize. That's what this blog is about.

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A "mysterious voice" led rescuers to find child who survived for 14 hours in submerged car. In March 2015, Lynn Jennifer Groesbeck, 25, lost control of her car and landed in the icy Spanish Fork River in Utah. Fourteen hours later, first responders found her 18-month-old daughter, Lily, in her car seat hanging upside down just above frigid river water. Prior to finding Lily, both police officers and firefighters report that they heard an adult voice yell "Help me!" from inside the car.

They discovered that the voice could not have come from the young mother, who likely died from the impact. The rescuers still can't explain the voice or how the girl survived hanging upside-down for 14 hours in freezing temperatures without being dressed for the cold. Read more at <https://www.beliefnet.com/inspiration/7-modern-miracles-that-science-cant-explain.aspx#v23sBCjTjCldAIOU.99>

Gardell Martin, 22-months-old, was playing with his siblings outside his parents' home in Mifflinburg, PN, in March 2015 when he fell into a gushing creek with 34-degree water.

Gardell was found a quarter of a mile away by a neighbor, unconscious and without a pulse. Emergency personnel were called to the scene and immediately began performing CPR, which continued uninterrupted for 101 minutes as they transported him via an ambulance and a helicopter to a hospital. His body's temperature upon arrival was 77-degrees, well below the normal temperature of 98.6-degrees. After doctors gradually warmed the boy over 24 hours—he remarkably woke up without any apparent signs of neurological damage. Read more at <https://www.beliefnet.com/inspiration/7-modern-miracles-that-science-cant-explain.aspx#v23sBCjTjCldAI0U.99>

Brazil is a land in revival right now; a land where tens of thousands will flock to a single church on Sundays and a place where millions gather in the streets at massive worship events. It's a place where belief in miracles and healings is high, prompting some to say that's why they're experiencing so many. Like at the services of evangelist musician Antonio Cirilo, where recently Maria Ana Goncalves felt a dangerous lump in her breast instantly dissolve. The lump that had been growing so fast that surgery had been scheduled to cut it out. The woman's doctor did an ultrasound after the healing and was amazed that the lump had totally disappeared. Goncalves said, "She looked on the screen and there was nothing." Ultrasound photos showed where the nodule had been. Afterwards, the photos showed a blackness where the lump had miraculously disappeared. "And I had always believed that the Lord would heal me,"

Wendy Anderson wouldn't quit praying for a woman who'd been deaf since birth who began to slowly hear during the prayer. "And she started to hear even more sound a lot more clearly," said Anderson. "So I asked her about what percent? And she said about 80 percent. I asked her if she wanted it to be 100-percent healed and she said, 'Yes, yes!' So we prayed again and asked the Lord to come with more power and she was healed -- miraculously, 100-percent healing!" Debbie Miller prayed for a woman who was screaming from horrible pain. Miller said, "She had a kidney stone and she was bent over so bad in pain. And I'm a registered nurse and I thought in my medical mind, 'If she doesn't get healed, how do we call 9-11?'" But after about three minutes of prayer, the woman started jumping up and down in joy, her pain totally gone. "It was such an instant miracle that I was just in awe of what God did,"

Global Awakening's Tom Jones says the Lord's just waiting. "God will use anyone who will open themselves up to the Gifts flowing through them -- healing, words of knowledge," he said. The people on the Global Awakening team may have come thousands of miles to do what they're doing Brazil -- praying for miracles and healings -- but each one said that they believe every Christian should be doing the same thing right in their own hometown.

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