

Follow up to miracle email

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Greetings in the name of Yahshua Messiah who in English is Jesus, Christ:

A few days ago I sent an email to those on our ministry email list with some verses from the Word of God concerning miracles which are an important part of our faith. Those particular verses can be seen here > [\(miracles\)](#). A frequent question is, “Why doesn’t God work miracles in my life when I ask Him for them?” The answer is that God most likely has worked many miracles in a person’s life but many times we are slow to realize it. First and foremost we have to understand that God works miracles in His own way and in His own time. If we submit to this truth of God and reflect on our past circumstances we can see how God’s (Yahweh’s) miracle power has been with us many times even though it wasn’t in quite the *manner* for which we petitioned Him. Consider this story. Even though it is not directly in the Bible, the concept is surely Scriptural.

There was a young man whose greatest joy in life was tending to the birds and fish on his property. There was a very big oak tree in a field he owned where all manner of beautiful birds would perch. He fed the birds with feeders to watch their playfulness. Near by the tree was a wonderful spring-fed pond with large goldfish which got very used to the young man feeding them bread. One day the tree (that had gotten old) fell over and all the birds left. Part of the tree crashed into a bank of the pond, broke it loose, the water drained, and all the fish died. The fellow was decimated. He cried to God who heard his cries and saw how hopelessly sad he was. God appeared to the fellow and said “Is there something I can do to help you? I am God.” As he replied to God through many tears the lad said, “Thank you for coming to my rescue. I don’t ask for money or fame, but would you please work a miracle and restore my tree and pond?” God said, “Sure thing.” Three hours went by and the young man told God, “Nothing is happening. The tree isn’t moving and the pond is still dry.” God said, “I’ll tell you what. Just lay down in the field and take nap and let me work on it.” So the lad laid down and took a nap. When he awoke, to his overwhelming joy the tree was back up and bigger than ever, and the pond was full and sparkling in the sunshine. The fellow exclaimed to God. “You did it, you did it! I was doubting but its all fixed miraculously! How did you do this amazing thing?” God said, “It was easy. While you were napping I just commanded an acorn to grow and rain to fill the pond. Here’s a piece of bread. Go over to the pond and feed your fish. They are waiting for you.” The young man ran over to the pond and bent over the water as he placed a piece of bread on top. He saw his reflection in the water and beheld his face of an old man with a white beard. He had 1

slept for 70 years. God later told him that while he was asleep the acorn was obeying the normal genetic code in it that God had created and grew into a mighty oak tree, and that many rains had come and gone shifting dirt into the broken pond bank gap, then more rain filled the pond. Also some children years ago had placed some goldfish in the pond to give them a good home. The children had long since grown and were gone. The amazed fellow had contemplated about all this and realized that he wasn't young anymore but was older and wiser about how God deemed to work the miracle. He didn't mind God's choice at all. He was happy again and spent his days tending to his animal friends of his birds and his fish. God had answered his prayer. Amen!

“ --- with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26)

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:3,4)

This ministry is here to help those going through trying times and would like prayer help or guidance about expecting miracles. First things first however -- God works in His own ways. If you receive a miracle it was God's decision to bless you now. If a miracle is denied then He has bigger plans for your future, or even in the resurrection where He may have a greater reward for you. God knows best, but He encourages us to ask. Our email is usa12gates@generalmail.net . Feel free to email any time.