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Part 4 – Why Miracles?

Luke 5:1-11

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A **miracle** is an extraordinary work of God, going beyond the ordinary powers of nature, of which God has a distinct **purpose** in mind.

I. THIS STORY RELATES AN AMAZING MIRACLE JESUS PERFORMED.

II. WHAT ARE **GOD'S PURPOSES** FOR PERFORMING MIRACLES?

A. Miracles were used to:

1. Bring a person to a deeper level **of praise** and a deeper level of **relationship** with God.
2. Provide a unique opportunity to share **Christ with others**.
3. Change a person's focus from **things** to God.

B. Three results of this miracle in Peter's life:

1. It focused Peter's attention upon **Jesus**, not the **fish**.

Luke 5:8 "When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

- a. The miracle had allowed Peter to see **who** was in the boat with him.
- b. When he saw Jesus, suddenly he saw his own **sinfulness**.

2. The miracle focused Peter’s heart from fishing for himself to fishing for God.
3. The miracle’s purpose was to cause Peter to forsake everything in order to follow Christ.

Luke 5:11 “So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.” (NIV)

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