My Favorite Miracles

"I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. How great are His signs and how mighty His wonders." - Daniel 4:2-3

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Introduction

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I am almost 60 years old now. What have I learned? Life is miraculous, God is real, and He absolutely loves us. Each chapter in this book contains a unique miracle that God performed in My life in the order in which they occurred. All credit for the miracles in my life belong to God Almighty and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Generally, when people say the word "miracle," a lot of different ideas and opinions usually surface. In simplest form, miracles are unexplainable events. Often times, people will refer to miracles like blessings or rewards. This often means that the modern reference to a miracle, is usually an unexplainable event that provides us with some sort of benefit or gain. However, when we think about miracles, we really need to consider two things. First, that the work is God's work, done by His hands, according to

His purposes. These works are, as such, often well-beyond our comprehension. We aren't always going to understand God's work or why He's doing it. The Bible states the following about this:

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

- Isaiah 40:28

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

- Romans 11:33

Keep these simple truths in mind when reading my life stories. Notice that sometimes God produces difficulties and victories – both of which were miraculous. Remember that God is the author of miracles. He will show favor and trials to whomever He wants, whenever He wants. When it comes to miracles, it is important to worship God himself, not the effects of God's works and miracles.

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Silver Is My Name

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"But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you..."

- Acts 26:16

My Dad owned a nightclub. Mom stayed home raising the sons, four in total, one more on the way. One night, Mom, very pregnant by this point, walked into Dad's nightclub intending to bring her husband some food. What she found was that he wasn't exactly there at the counter, working, serving beer as he usually was. In reality, he was busy having an adulterous affair with one of his barmaids in the back seat of the family car. Needless to say, when she found him, she was devastated. Anguish, is what she felt. It sucked the life out of her. She swore to leave him and abort the child in her womb.

The image kept coming back to her, back to what felt like her soul. She regretted the abortion. The emotions deepened and the pain of catching my father in the affair, combined with the guilt of ending what could have been a beautiful life drove my mother to the brink. Her life became too painful and she considered suicide on a daily basis. My mother decided there were only two ways out of her emotional pain: the first was to take her own life and leave her 4 boys motherless; and the second was to call out to God. She knew she couldn't leave her boys without a mother and so she put her hope and healing in the hands of the Lord. She wept and cried out to God Almighty and yet could not forgive herself. On her knees she prayed to God, promising Him that if He would grant her another son, she would continuously pray for the baby and - just as Hanna in the Bible did - she would give the baby back to the Lord.

Hanna said:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD."

- 1 Samuel 1:27-28 (NIV)

My mother continued to call out to God and He answered her prayers. God began to restore her marriage with my father, removing her anguish and healing her heart.

Eventually, God gave my mother a gift. Another pregnancy. She prayed throughout the pregnancy promising to dedicate her "miracle baby" to God. Nine months passed and she gave birth to a healthy 7-pound baby boy. She felt happy for her gift and wanted to name her son something special. Silver, she decided, would be his name.

Hello, my name is Silver Fisher and I am that "miracle baby." When I was 30 years old my mother told me this story. She had never told anyone this before. Here is a direct quote from my mom:

"Silver when you were born I cried tears of joy!"

Unknown to my mother at the time, the Bible uses silver (the precious metal) as a symbol of forgiveness and redemption. God forgave my mother for the abortion and filled her with love to replace the emptiness. In Godlike fashion He put my name in her heart along with the willingness to receive its message.

When my mom told me this story it reaffirmed my purpose:

To seek God with all my heart as she did despite many obstacles.

I came to realize that God has a love and purpose for all of us, one that we can only find by seeking Him. God has a great life-plan for you specifically. No one else on this planet can deliver the unique message that you were created to deliver, nor receive the unique miracles you were created to receive.

The Bible says:

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,' says the LORD, 'Thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find [Me], when you search for Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Have you ever wondered what your purpose in life is? We all have, I think. My job here is to tell you that you can find the answers written in the Bible. Your purpose is to seek and find God. When you seek Him and find Him, your purpose will be revealed to you. You will find your meaning through God's unique path for your life. God will guide you to the people you need to hear from and also the people who need to hear from you. He will prepare you for these encounters and give you the words to say. Every day is an opportunity for you to hear God's message and deliver it to someone else.

The book of Esther in the Bible is a great example of this. Esther was placed into a lofty position in the king's palace. After years of living in royalty, Esther was called upon by God to risk her life and use her influence to speak to the king and save the Jews. She was afraid and God sent her this message:

"For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and

your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for [such] a time as this?"

-Esther 4:14

In God's perfect timing, Esther was prepared in the perfect place and was called upon by God to fulfill her purpose in life. She obeyed God and helped save the Jews from extinction. You can live your life surrounded by the comfort of God's blessings, as Esther did in the palace, but your true purpose, your God-given purpose, may be well outside of that comfort zone. Whether God gives you one task or blesses you with many, your purpose is necessary. Whatever your calling, you were most certainly born for God's purpose. God knows every cell in your body. You are as unique as the plans that God has for you. Seek God and you will not only find your life purpose but you will find God.