Miracles, Our Response

Miracle Defined:

What a Miracle Is: it comes from two Greek words, semion which means an act of divine nature and didomus which means a supernatural act produced by something other than human nature.

<u>A Miracle is a supernatural sign or act of a divine nature that is</u> <u>beyond human explanation.</u>

HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO MIRACLES?

1) We Should Never Seek The Miracle, But The Miracle Worker:

John 6:10-14; "Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

2) We Should Always Remember the Sovereignty of God:

God has the absolute right to do all things according to his own good pleasure.

Romans 8:28; "And we know that all things work together for good to those who God loves, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

God is in control of the When, Where, And How of our circumstances.

3) Never Magnify the Miracle, Glorify God:

Matt. 9:8; "Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men."

4) No Man Has The Power To Perform a Miracle, Only God:

Acts 15:12; "Then al the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders <u>God</u> <u>had worked through</u> them among the Gentiles."

WHAT ABOUT WHEN NO MIRACLE COMES?

1) Remember:

a) You are not aloneb) Christ has already been where you are.c) Christ has a plan already in place.

2) Response:

a) Accept our troubles and use them to encourage others.b) Walk by faith not by sight.c) Be thankful and totally trust in God.

3) Rest:

a) Cast all of your cares on Him.