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Have you ever had a miracle performed in your life or that of your family or on your behalf? It's a powerful sense of excitement isn't it? Miracles are what God specializes in you can recall. The Bible is replete with them and they are found all about us as you well know. Let me bring to your review a few of them that you know well. Of course you remember the approach to the Red Sea by an escaping people called the Hebrews trying get out of Egypt and eventually to the Promised Land. You remember that the sea was rolled back for thousands of them to cross over to

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dry land. Remember the Hebrew Boys in a fiery furnace about to perish and suddenly out of nowhere there was a miraculous deliverance by God from what was a certain death. Remember the wedding that Christ was a guest at one day in a little place called Cana? The wine had run out and this would bring great embarrassment for a Jewish family during a festive time to be found without a staple like wine. Jesus steps forward and turns water into wine and suddenly the party is back on. Remember the disciples at sea about to perish and suddenly Jesus miraculously appears walking on water coming to save them from a watery grave? If that was not miracle enough, He then commands His impetuous disciple Peter to step out of the boat and walk on water himself. Then, how about the miraculous calling of Lazarus from the dead four days in the grave and out he comes just like a natural man! All of these instances are tremendous displays of the power and salvific activity of God being carried out. It is one thing to read about the creative mystery and activity of God in the Biblical writ but knowing about it from personal experience is quite a different thing.

I asked the question at the top of this perspective specifically with you in mind. If you have ever had a miracle performed in your life you know that like these instances of Biblical record miracles

express three characteristics. They always come when it seems that all other means have been exhausted and time is up (which by the way is what makes them miracles), they always come dressed in a way that is unrecognizable to the beneficiary and finally they always come, Right on Time! There is something about the miracle working way of God however that makes it crystal clear that the deliverance has come from God and that what has been done is the Lord's doing. This past week has been a miraculous week, if nothing else for us here at this church!

God has wrought once again His miraculous power in a way which says to all of us, that He is indeed **GOD ALL BY HIMSELF. FOR HE HAS DONE MARVELOUS THINGS!** Our collective witness as His church is such that we rejoice at the miraculous workings of God and declare with the Psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

What miracles has He performed in your life? What marvelous things has He done right before your eyes? Our God is a God of impossible possibilities and He performs them everyday. Celebrate the miracles that God has wrought in your life by rejoicing and exalting in Him for all that He has done for you!