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Sermon – What's a Miracle? (Spiritual Gift week 6)

Scripture – 1 Cor 12:10-28, Numbers 14:11-22 John 2:7-11

Main Message – Our Father in Heaven gives power to those with great faith to work Miracles, but it is always to His Honor and Glory

Define Miracle: *a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.*

Read 1 Corinthian 12

So we see in 12:28 that the gift of healing is separate from miracles. If someone gets healed by the mighty hand of God, then we say, "it's a miracle!" Well, let's distinguish for today that working of miracles is different than the gift of healing. Miracles are different from all the other gifts.

So what is this word that Paul is using? The word translated from Greek fundamentally means **POWER**. In scripture it is more often translated as that than as miracle or other of the variations.

Recall the plagues that afflicted the Egyptians. These were all examples of God's power. Moses was the tool by which God's power flowed. He certainly was given the gift of Power to work tremendous acts. But even with the incredible testimony of that, let me read to you from **NUMBERS 14**.

Most of us would say we seldom see miracles, but partly because we aren't looking for it in the right way. What we can see is God's mighty power throughout all creation. When a new child is born, it is not the flesh and blood that it is a miracle. It is the fact that a unique and distinct soul with its own free will to make decisions according to the personality that he or she will have is the miracle. The flesh simply goes back to the earth.

It is by HIS power, that you are here today. It is by his power, that you have a chance of salvation. It is by his power, than you can overcome sin. To open up the ability to see and perform miracles, know that it certainly isn't by your power at all. The very breath we take, comes from God's will.

Jesus did many things. Here is a fun reminder of his first miracle and the beginning of his Ministry here on earth.

Read John 2

Of course, Jesus is the embodiment of all Spiritual Gifts. We can find example after example written in scriptures. He certainly had the gift of healing which we read time and time again. Turning water into wine was him using the gift of POWER.

It's a miracle that you are all here today, that I am here to give this message, to you to hear it from God's word. It is a miracle that Jesus came into this world, otherwise us gathering together would have no meaning whatsoever.