

## WHY WE PRAY FOR MIRACLES

We pray in faith because (most of the time) \_\_\_\_\_ when a miracle \_\_\_\_\_ possible.

First Possible Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Job chapter 1

Job receives no explanation from God as tragedy after tragedy strikes his life.

Job 38-41 is God saying, "I'm doing something here."

<sup>7</sup> Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!<sup>8</sup> Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.<sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. - 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (NKJV)

Second Possible Explanation: Natural consequences of \_\_\_\_\_

This is not \_\_\_\_\_

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." - John 16:33 (NLT)

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. - Romans 8:28 (NASB)

Everything negative we experience should remind us that we are fallen beings, in need of \_\_\_\_\_

Third Possible Explanation: Natural consequences of \_\_\_\_\_

Sowing and reaping.

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. - Matthew 7:12

We are \_\_\_\_\_ from the practical principle of sowing and reaping.

Fourth Possible Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. - Ephesians 6:11-13

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,<sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. - Revelation 12:7-8

<sup>17</sup> This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."<sup>18</sup> And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. - Acts 16:17-19

If the miraculous is possible, I want to be found \_\_\_\_\_ in faith for that miracle.

If the miraculous is not possible, we still gain \_\_\_\_\_