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La Jolla Christian Fellowship

Acts: Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey // S3E7 Eutychus Raised from the Dead at Troas

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Acts 20:7-12

7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.⁹ There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.⁹ Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.¹⁰ Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"¹¹ Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left.¹² The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

Understanding Miracles:

1. **Miracles often follow the teaching of God's WORD.**
2. **Miracles follow faith.**
3. **Paul operated in the naturally supernatural.**

What are miracles? A spiritually manifested event or happening that often works outside of natural law.

**"Miracles are not contrary to nature but only contrary to what we know about nature."
— St. Augustine**

- **Signs and wonders are mentioned 29 Times in the bible, 13 OT—16 NT.**
- **Miracles are mentioned 27 times in the bible, 10 OT—17 NT.**

What is the purpose of God's miracles?

Question: Do miracles happen today?

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 - **Vs. 7** *On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.*
2. **Miracles follow faith.**
 - **Vs. 10** *Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"*
3. **Paul operated in the "naturally" supernatural.**
 - **Vs. 11** *Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left.*

Practical Takeaways:

1. Surround yourself with the power.
2. Identify where you need a miracle.
3. Follow your intuition.

Questions for small groups:

1. What about the story above sticks out to you the most? Do you see something that perhaps we missed in the sermon?
2. Do you believe that God still works miracles today? Why or why not?
3. God's miracles are often a confirmation of prayer or the teaching of the word. Why would those two elements set the stage for miracles?
4. Miracles in scripture often follow the faith to believe in miracles and for the miracle. Have you ever believed for a miracle and seen it happen?
5. Paul was naturally supernatural. What does this term mean and why is it important?