

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**  
**When You're Hoping for a Miracle – Part 1**

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*"Because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, your faith and hope can be placed confidently in God." 1 Peter 1:21*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ FELT HOPELESS

*"Mary Magdalene stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been. They asked her 'Woman, why are you crying?' She answered, 'THEY'VE TAKEN MY LORD AWAY, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'VE PUT HIM!' Then she turned around and saw a man standing there; but she didn't recognize that it was Jesus. 'Woman, why are you crying?' Jesus asked her. 'Who are you looking for?' She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, 'If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put his body and I will go and get him.' Then Jesus simply said to her, 'MARY!' She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' which means, 'Teacher!'... Then Mary ran and found the disciples and said 'I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!'" John 20:11-18*

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*"What is impossible for people to do is possible for God." Luke 18:27*

*"We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him and are called to fulfill his purpose for them." Romans 8:28*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ FELT HOPELESS

*"That evening, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the religious leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! 'Peace be with you!' he said. As he spoke, he held out his hands for them to see, and he showed them his side. They were all filled with joy when they saw their Lord! ... But one of the disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he replied, 'I WON'T BELIEVE IT unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.'" John 20:19-25*

*"Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. He said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Stop doubting and believe!' Thomas said, 'MY LORD AND MY GOD!' Then Jesus said, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway.'" John 20:26-29*

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## HOW MIRACLES HAPPEN: 6 PHASES OF FAITH

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*"The Lord isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness... He is being patient for our sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent."*  
2 Peter 3:9

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ FELT HOPELESS

*"Later Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee... This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead. After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' Peter replied, 'you know I love you.' 'Then feed my lambs,' Jesus told him. Then Jesus repeated the question: 'Simon, son of Jonas, DO YOU LOVE ME?' 'Yes, Lord,' Peter said, 'you know I love you!' 'Then take care of my sheep,' Jesus said. Then he asked him a third time, 'Simon son of Jonas, do you really love me?' Peter was grieved that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, 'Lord, you know everything! You know I love you.' Jesus said, 'THEN FEED MY SHEEP!'"*  
John 21:1-17

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*"Whenever anyone puts their total trust in Christ, they become a completely new person. They aren't the same anymore. The old way of living disappears. They get a fresh start and a brand new life!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17