

Recapturing W O N D E R

"He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."
Job 5:9

See: Luke 24:1-12

"... and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened." Luke 24:12

Ask: _____

How to Renew My Sense of Wonder:

1. _____ **God's wonders**

"Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' Then they remembered his words." Luke 24:6b-8

"I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago." Psalm 77:11

2. _____ **God's wonders**

"When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." Luke 24:50-53

"Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men." Psalm 107:8

3. _____ **God's wonders**

"While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?' And they stood still, looking sad. One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?'" Luke 24:15-18 (NASB)

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to use one the road, while he was explaining the scriptures to us?'" Luke 24: 31-32 (NASB)

Daily Meditations

Brief daily Bible studies based on this week's message

This week's memory verse:

"I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago."
Psalm 77:11

Monday

Recall a time recently when you felt a sense of wonder. What were you doing? How did that emotion impact your attitude?

Write down one thing from the sermon that you are going to apply to your life this week.

Read Luke 24:1-12. What wonder do you see in this passage? Spend some time thinking about the resurrection of Jesus. How can that renew your sense of wonder today?

Thank God today for His awesome works. Thank Him for the wonder in life. Pray that you will not miss the opportunities for wonder this week.

Tuesday

Read Psalm 77:11 and Luke 24:6-8. We can get so caught up in the deadlines of the here-and-now that we forget to reflect on God's wonders in our life. What do these verses tell you about the importance of remembering?

Spend some time thinking about the last three months of your life. How do you see God's working in your life? What opportunities for wonder did you miss?

What can you do to ensure that you remember the wonders of God in 2006?

How does knowing that God wants a relationship with you encourage you?

How can remembering God's wonders and work in your life help you as face a new year?

Thank God today for His love for you. Thank Him for all the wonders He has performed in your life. Ask Him to help you be aware of His working in your life this year. Pray that you'll be consistent in recalling His wonders and faithfulness to you.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 107:8 & Luke 24:50-53. How do these verses demonstrate celebration?

How does knowing that God is working wonders around you (whether you notice or not!) impact you?

What hinders you from celebrating God's wonders? Why do you think it is important to celebrate God's wonders?

As you incorporate the habit of remembering God's wonders in your life, how can you add the habit of celebrating the wonders of God in your life?

Thank God today for the many reasons He gives you to be thankful and celebrate. Pray that you will be proactive in celebrating His wonders this year. Pray that as you purposefully look for God's wonders that your attitude of celebration will be contagious to those around you.

Thursday

Read Luke 24:14-15, 31-32. It is great to know that not only does God provide opportunities for wonder all around you, He gives you the eyes to see that wonder. Why do you think there is a need to ask God for the vision to see His wonders?

What are some things that have blinded you from God's wonders in the past? What steps can you take to be sure you are not blinded by the same things in 2006?

Thank God today for His many provisions for you. Thank Him for His love for you. Thank Him in advance for the wonders He has planned for you this year. Pray that your eyes will see and marvel at all that He's placed around you.

Friday

Read Job 5:9. Spend some time meditating on this verse today. Write down five wonders that of God that are hard for you to fathom. Even though this verse says His miracles cannot be counted, think back over 2005. What are some of the miracles that you saw Him perform?

Commit the year ahead to God. Talk to God about the areas of your life where you're hoping to see one of His many miracles this year. Ask Him for the patience, faith and eyes to see His hand at work.

Saturday

Today polish up that memory verse and finish any devotions you may have missed. Please pray for the services this weekend.. Ask God to help you increase your sense of wonder in the year ahead. Thanks!