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We are so glad that you chose to download this eBooklet as our gift to you. Jesus taught us in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we aspire to follow our Lord's teaching. The Apostle Paul also understood this concept, "What is my reward then {for preaching and giving the gospel away freely}? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge" (I Corinthians 9:18). Paul came to realize that to serve the Word *without charge* was both a blessing to those who received the Word and to himself personally because he understood that God Himself is the reward, "I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1, and see Hebrews 11:6). When you have God in your life as your *exceeding great reward*, then being *with God* you will have everything you need to begin enjoying the more than abundant life. Our prayer for you is that you come to know experientially that "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

Enjoy, and God Bless You!

Introduction:

The keys of *How to Live Miraculously* are offered in this inspiring study. We will learn the principles on how Jesus lived his life with commitment, heart, and love to become such a wonderful example that inspired and moved him and his disciples so, and that his loving examples can still reach us today to inspire us to enjoy those keys on “How to Live Miraculously” in today’s world.

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

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Part One:

Living Miraculously!

In this study, we will look at a wonder that is so miraculous that it stands as a true monument of divine grace and love that will inspire personal believing.

Jesus and his disciples were on the coast of Gennesaret on the northern shores of the Sea of Galilee (also called the Sea of Tiberias, see John 6:1). Earlier that day Jesus miraculously fed more than five thousand men with five barley loaves and two fishes (John 6:9), and he also fed their women and children as is recorded in Matthew 14:21 pertaining to this same time, place, and miraculous event.

These fully satisfied people saw a free “breadline” (so-to-speak) in Jesus, and they were going to take him by force if need be and make him their king in order that the free chow-line would continue coming in for them (John 6:15, 26). So Jesus departed alone to prevent them from exploiting him for their personal gains (John 6:15). What was unrealized to many of those content folks is that Jesus was already the prophesied King, and his focus was on redeeming them from the sin of the world with the free will sacrifice of offering his life.

Who could really blame them for wanting the free food? In those days, most of their waking moments and efforts were applied to the gaining and preserving of food. The cultivation and preservation of food consumed the time of generations of people as it still does to this very day in many countries around the world. On the other hand, today in some countries people have the luxury of trying to figure out ways of eating less food.

To have Jesus perform this miracle in “a desert place” (Matthew 14:15) with such an abundance of food in a barren wasteland was unquestionably a miraculous joy and a fulfilling day for those grateful people.

During the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1–7:28), Jesus encouraged his disciples to seek the Kingdom of God and then the things they need (including food) would be supplied.

Matthew 6:25–33:

-25: Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

-26: Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

-27: Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

-28: And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

-29: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

-30: Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

-31: Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

-32: (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: {meaning the unbelievers, i.e., people who do not believe for the abundance of God}) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

-33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

A great book to read regarding the Sermon on the Mount is *The Man Who Tapped the Secrets of the Universe*, by Glenn Clark (CGM, See the Bibliography). This is not a teaching on the Sermon itself as much as it is a perspective on the man who tapped into the secrets from Jesus' teaching.

Jesus taught his followers to pray to God, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11), because when we look to God through Christ, our daily needs are supplied, as Paul taught in Philippians 4:19, "my God shall supply all your need."

John 6:26–27:

-26: Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles {of the feeding of the five thousand}, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled {they wanted to use Jesus to open up a welfare program}.

-27: Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give until you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

As this miraculous day of Jesus feeding the multitude with bread and fish was now drawing to its conclusion, Jesus' disciples went into a ship and headed further up the coast toward Capernaum.

Let us pick up the story here:

John 6:18-21a:

-18: And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

-19: So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs {*about five and twenty or thirty furlongs* means they gained a little and then regressed back a little because of the windy storm}, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship {*plouion*}: and they were afraid.

-20: But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

-21a: Then they willingly received him into the ship {*plouion*}. . .

Jesus was able to walk faster on the sea than his disciples could get their ship going. He first quiets down their fears, assuring his disciples that it was undeniably only Jesus himself that they were seeing walking on the sea. Can you imagine actually watching someone walking on the water before your very eyes? When they knew it was Jesus, they happily, *willingly received him into the ship*.

Jesus, like all the Old Testament Prophets before him who worked miracles, was simply going where he needed to go in order that he might bless others with the love of God. If getting there meant he would need to walk on water, then that is how he believed to get across. Talk about a conclusion to this miraculous day; between verses 20 and 21 above is when Peter also walked on the water with Jesus (Matthew 14:22-33).

In a moment, we will be looking at one of the greatest miracles Jesus had ever done, and it is almost mind-boggling because it is so astonishing. I can honestly understand why many of us have never grasped what I am about to show you, for it is so amazing that we have been reading right over it for centuries without ever seeing its miraculous beauty.

Reading Over or Into the Scriptures. . .

It is easy to oftentimes either read over the Scriptures or read into them, mostly based upon what we think because of how we have been taught and lead to believe, rather than reading and understanding what is actually written on the pages of our Bibles.

For just a few examples: How many kings gave gifts at the birth of Jesus? We all would instantly affirm that there were three kings. However, there were three kinds of gifts, “and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11), but the so-called kings, well first — let us stop right here because the Bible calls them “wise men” in Matthew 2:1, not “kings” as in tradition or legend. This is reading into the Scriptures.

These wise men were actually called the Magi from the Greek word *magos* or *magoi*. They were an envoy of astronomers from the East studying the positions and movements of heavenly bodies. The Magi were stargazers traveling in caravans as was the custom of that day (for safety in numbers), and they are never numbered in the Bible. We say *the three kings* based solely upon our hearing one particular Christmas song rather than on anything that the Scriptures teach.

Someone went so far as to name the three wise men (supposed three kings), as Caspar, Belchior, and Balthasar who further in the myths became kings, and these three names have now been erroneously handed down to us in many religious writings, stories, in plays, and in movies as though they were true historical and biblical accounts.

These unfounded “stories” further assert that the three kings were present with the shepherds at the manger to see the babe all wrapped up in his swaddling clothes, yet this story cannot be substantiated in the Scriptures. Again, this is unbiblical guesstimating by reading into the Word of God one’s preconceived ideas because when the wise men arrived, Jesus was a “young child,” not a baby. Jesus was living in a “house,” not a manger.

I’ll guarantee you that Mary and Joseph did not set up housekeeping in that barn with furnishings, curtains on the windows, etcetera. Nowhere does the Bible state that the shepherds were still standing around; in fact, they were back on the job watching their flocks. Recall when Herod wanted to find the time of the birth of Jesus, he knew he would have to kill the children all the way up to the age of two to catch Jesus in their dragnet of massacre (See Matthew 2:16). This was not overkill, but an attempt to count

backwards in time to assure their getting the young child — Jesus, and if Jesus was still an infant baby still wrapped up in swaddling clothes, then Herod and his cronies were fools, but rather they were methodical in their attempt to time the king's birth and snag and murder the “young child.”

Matthew 2:11:

And when they {the wise men} were come into the house {not a manger}, they saw the young child {not a baby} with Mary his mother {not Joseph or the shepherds or the farm animals}, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Reading Into the Scriptures. . .

Another story that may sound a little outlandish to you, especially if you have never heard this one, is a story that many Christians are taught about Jesus building his own cross down in the carpenter shop. This misrepresentation is perhaps based upon an idea found in a novel. Many believe this well-established “story” upon seeing a painting or drawings and having learned this as children in Sunday school classes as I did. This is an example of reading over the Scriptures.

Some further this fable by saying that Joseph was also down in the carpenter shop still teaching Jesus how to properly use his hand tools while Jesus built his cross with the precision of a master artisan. Yet this narrative is a fable and absolutely without biblical basis, as it is not found in the Bible, but impinges on its inherent truth. In fact, the Bible states that Jesus was being beat to a pulp and tortured beyond recognition during the time the legend has Jesus supposedly building his cross.

Time for an Adventure. . .

Now having set aside some myths, it is time for an adventure — delving into biblical enlightenment: The dynamic working of what really happened that night on the Sea of Galilee with Jesus, his disciples, and the ship has eluded the Bible student for centuries, but we will elaborate with reference to what is magnificently written.

John 6:21 (above) continues: “and immediately the ship {*plouion*} was at the land whither they went {where the disciples were originally heading}.” Did you observe what just happened? They were *immediately* and therefore instantaneously transported over to where they were going!

When Jesus came to his disciples into the ship, he then took them over with him the best possible way he could, and we might also add: without any complaints.

The word *immediately* in John 6:21, is the Greek word *euthōs*, and means at once, or instantaneously (CLC pages 401–402; and VCD page 253). In the Gospel of Matthew 8:3, we have this same Greek word used in the miracle of healing and cleansing of a leper, “And immediately {*euthōs*} his leprosy was cleansed.” The word *immediately* was used because a miracle had indeed transpired instantly, just as the miracle of the transported ship on the Sea of Galilee was immediate.

The word *was* in John 6:21 is the Greek word *ginomai* and means to come or bring into being (CLC page 855; and VCD page 665+1). This Greek word is used in the Gospel of John 1:3, “All things were made {*ginomai*} by him {God},” for the creation came into being by (or through) the Word of God. “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” (Genesis 1:3). The word *was* (or came into being) is the word used to explain light coming into being from something that was not currently present to something that becomes instantly present — it is the creating of a miracle! “IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

The word *at* in John 6:21 is the Greek preposition *epi*, and is in the genitive case answering from whence something or someone came and denotes superposition (TCB Apx. 104. ix.i.). *Epi* in the genitive case also has connotations relating to space and time, however, Jesus had done this miracle hundreds of years before Albert Einstein’s theory of special relativity was envisioned.

One of Einstein’s teachers, Hermann Minkowski, began championing and defining the geometric theory and qualities of Einstein’s space-time continuum (AKA: Minkowski space or Minkowski spacetime). Nineteen hundred years earlier, Jesus was using the principles and laws of the universe to immediately and all at once come into being on the other side of the Sea of Galilee by using the fourth dimension of time travel for his practical advantage.

That night, Jesus not only instantly transported himself but he also believed to transport the entire ship with all its barnacles along with all the passengers, the tackle, the oars, the sails, the nets, even the snacks (the remaining twelve baskets of the bread,— John 6:13) — everything on that ship. And do you know why they used baskets in those days? Well, lunchboxes or knapsacks were not yet invented. A

wonderful lesson here is that one's own personal believing can inspire other people, bringing others along with them, and benefiting those who desire to walk with God.

We have another interesting word *gē*, used in John 6:21 which is the word translated *land*; this is the Greek word meaning land as distinct from water, or land as land being the opposite of water (VCD page 352; and TCB Apx. 129.4). In other words, the ship did not simply arrive at the shoreline alongside a dock, but up on dry soil. Jesus literally "dry-docked" that ship, so as to make no mistake whatsoever in the minds and hearts of his disciples that a miracle did indeed transpire, and whenever the disciples would ponder on that wonderful night's epoch, they would remember their miracle which moved them so physically and inspirationally.

Until the invention of the Hover-Craft in the mid-nineteen-fifties, moving ships over land was a physical impossibility without first digging a canal or dragging them, but Jesus miraculously achieved this by his own believing, the same believing faith we also have within us (Matthew 17:20, 21:21, Mark 11:23, and John 14:12).

So we are left with believing what the Word of God specifically reveals about the miracle of this transported ship, or believing that the Bible is somehow wrong. And personally, I am not willing to go down that road by either reading *into* or *over* the Word, nor would I dare to lay a doubting charge at the feet of Christ, my miraculous Savior, nor am I willing to throw aspersions at the Throne of my God.

God's Word is perfectly and completely "tried" (or *refined*, Psalms 18:30), "The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried {*refined*} in a furnace of earth, purified seven times" (Psalms 12:6). Silver refined over and again *seven times* removes all the impurities leaving *purified* silver, and this is the description of God's wonderful Word.

John 6:22:

The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat {*plouarion*} there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat {*plouarion*}, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone.

The translators not seeing or realizing the great miracle Jesus performed that night on the sea assumed that Jesus and his disciples must have simply returned to the same shoreline on this *boat*. Therefore, when they were translating John 6:22 they literally

revised the meaning, inflection, and implication of the spirit of the context to fit into this philosophy by stating, *when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered*. This implies that this same *boat* that Jesus' disciples took out to sea the night before was now returned back to the same place.

The word *ship* back up in verses 17, 19, and 21 (the *ship* that Jesus' disciples took out), is the Greek word *ploion* and means a ship, a sailing vessel (TCB page 1529; and YAC pages 880–881). However, the Greek word *plouarion* used in verse 22 is the word for a small dinghy or small boat (TCB page 1529; and YAC page 102), which no fisherman worth his salt would have taken out during a storm as there was the night before. Therefore, the *ship*, the *ploion* that Jesus' disciples were on, which is the one and the same *ship* Jesus boarded and transported CANNOT BE the small *boat*, the *plouarion* that verse 22 is referencing to, and still the King James is covertly implying that both the *ship* and the *boat* are one in the same, yet they are not.

We have studied that God's Word uses words with utmost precision, but never haphazardly to sow confusion and uncertainty. The translators of the Amplified Bible have done a tremendous work on verse 22, as they had no agenda other than to express the spirit of the true meaning of the Greek words used in the Text as follows:

John 6:22 (The Amplified Bible): *

The next day the crowd [that still remained] standing on the other side of the sea realized that there had been only one small boat {*plouarion*} there, and that Jesus had not gone {NOT GONE} into it with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away by themselves. {*His disciples had gone away by themselves* the night before on the *ploion* (ship), this is a different and much larger *ship* than that remaining small rowboat, that *plouarion*}

The Word of God is so marvelous, so precise, and so wonderful when we allow His inherent truth to surface. Verse 22 is actually stating some of the reasons why all the people were still looking for and wondering where Jesus and his party had disappeared. You see, there was no way they could have gone out to sea on that little dingy the previous night (especially during the storm of the "great wind"), as this little rowboat was the only extra vessel still left on the shore that morning.

This also explains why the next morning the people at the shoreline (fishermen and others) could not find Jesus or his disciples or the ship (*ploion*) he had transported the

previous night to land. The ship (*ploion*) was not docked at the shore, or they surely would have seen it there, and so they supposed that Jesus must be on the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

Then came other mariners from Tiberias (John 6:23), also looking for Jesus, and when they found that he was not there, they got into their ships and boats and crossed over to Capernaum (John 6:24).

Can you just see them scratching their heads, befuddled, and wondering what was going on, and where he, his disciples, the ship, and “the remaining food” might have disappeared off to in the night? Unfortunately, their underlying motivation was “where in the world did that food-creating, miracle worker, Jesus go”? This inspired their diligent search because when you can get fed for free and the giver does not expect anything in return, welfare runs rampant.

Finally, they found Jesus in a synagogue at Capernaum (John 6:26–59), and they asked Jesus, “Rabbi, when camest thou hither {i.e., how in the world did you get on this side of the sea}” (John 6:25)? You see, they did not know how Jesus arrived at the other side because there was no ship anywhere to be found. He then taught them about believing on him as the bread of life and as being God’s Son and representative (though he did not specifically explain the miracle to them — that miracle was for the benefit of the disciples who had accompanied him). Also, recall that they were mainly concerned about the free food Jesus gave them the day before, enhancing his unwillingness to express the miraculous way in which they were whisked away to Capernaum.

Jesus was able to transport that ship because he believed God’s Word and that God created the universe along with all its laws and principles. Jesus taught his disciples in Mark 11:23, “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

Jesus understood, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth” (Mark 9:23), “For with God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37). And since *all things are possible*, then *with God nothing shall be impossible!*

It does not matter if the ship (*plouion*) on that blustery night on the Sea of Galilee immediately transported two inches or two miles; the words of Jesus to consider are, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12), and so he has, and so we can — *do!*

Philippians 4:13 (The Amplified Bible): *

I have strength for all things {the King James Bible reads: “I can do all things”} in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency].

I really think that in the end, when we are in Heaven, that the awe for most of us will be to finally realize all the power we actually had down here and yet did not utilize to its fullest capacity to enjoy our lives.

Part Two:

How to Live Miraculously!

When we truly walk with the love of God in our hearts and we conduct our lifestyles in a lovely manner miraculous things will begin to happen in and around our lives, “for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them” (II Kings 6:16), and so that we may be “more than conquerors” (Romans 8:37ff).

Let us look at a few examples of Jesus’ lovely walk in the love of God to notice how he lived miraculously:

Luke 4:28-29:

-28: And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things {the things Jesus was teaching}, were filled with {joy and happiness — No, not quite, they *were filled with*} wrath {they were ripping mad!}.

-29: And rose up, and thrust him out of the city {of Nazareth}, and led him unto the brow {a cliff’s edge} of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong {head first}.

Here, the loving Savior of humanity was teaching the Word of God and as a reward, they were going to kill him. Can you imagine? This was his hometown, he grew up with some of those people, a number of them were his neighbors, various relatives, and several were supposed school friends. Joseph and Jesus more than likely helped repair or build some of their homes, fixed their broken furniture, etcetera. When Jesus came to them, he, in love taught them God’s Word, and yet the response was anything but what we might imagine love would inspire. However, when they got to the edge of the cliff, Jesus miraculously passed straight “through the midst of them went his way” (Luke 4:30). Jesus did not run around or hide in a corner mud hut. Jesus was not captured, then or ever, he gave himself for the world, but only when it was his time, the correct time to give his life, in love for “the sin of the world” (John 1:29, 10:17-18, and Galatians 1:3-4).

Regardless of circumstances, whether they are a lack of food, a physical storm, or imminent bodily harm, Jesus lived his life with the mindset of love, and love carried him through — unharmed. As we look to Jesus is our example and walk in his love we will learn how to live miraculously.

John 8:59:

Then took they up stones to cast at him {the purpose for stoning in the biblelands was for killing — not to just give someone a major headache}: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by {without anyone laying even a finger or a stone on him}.

John 10:39-40:

-39: Therefore they sought again to take him {for no other reason than because Jesus conducted his life in love and taught the Word}: but he escaped out of their hand,

-40: And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

Psalms 18:29:

For by thee {God} I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

There was no magic involved when Jesus escaped from danger, he was just living his life and going where he needed to go to bless people with the love of God. It has been said that the space-time continuum is in and/or of the fourth dimension. I know of only one thing in the entire Bible that is specifically detailed in the fourth dimension and that is “the love of Christ” (Ephesians 3:17-19), which God has given to His children. Jesus did not need a theoretical Flux Capacitor with 21 gigawatts of electricity, or a bolt of lightning – rather – he lived a life of love, and this empowered him.

I am not saying or suggesting in any way that we should be trying to vanish before our friends and show up somewhere else as a party trick because it just does not work with God that way. However, I am saying that Jesus most certainly utilized spiritual love before he ever walked or worked in miraculous ways, and he is our example: “and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us” (Ephesians 5:2). I do believe when we love God and apply the love of Christ in daily Christian living then we will always be exactly where our heavenly Father would have us to be in the first place.

Jesus indeed displayed miraculous powers and abilities from time to time, such as in Luke 24:31 “And their eyes were opened {two disciples}, and they knew him {Jesus, but before this moment they thought that he was only a stranger among them}; and he vanished out of their sight {Jesus became invisible},” and in Mark 16:12 we read, “After

that he {Jesus} **appeared in another form** {emphasis supplied} unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country." Why, once Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus was the cemetery gardener in John 20:15, until he finally revealed himself to her.

In John 20:26 we read about the disciples hiding in fear of the Jews behind closed doors, "*then* came Jesus, **the doors being shut** {emphasis supplied}, and {Jesus} stood in the midst, and said, {"**Psst, aha!**" oh no he didn't, he comforted them with the words} Peace *be* unto you." Jesus did not use the doors or a passkey, but appearing right out of thin air and into their *midst*. In Luke 24:36 we read this again, "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, {"**BOO!**" scaring the living daylights out of them, no, he lovingly hushes their fears by saying} Peace *be* unto you."

These are a few examples of many in the Bible, and love was the key in every one of Jesus' miraculous appearances and disappearances and forms and transportation adventures that he tapped into while present on earth; he was literally a master of the "pop in" and "pop out" and "pop over" concepts. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (I John 3:14). Again, I repeat Jesus' words: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12), and so he has, and so we can — *do!*"

Colossians 1:13:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* {seated us in another place} into the kingdom of his dear {love} Son:

It is as we walk in love that our God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). How grand it would be to walk in complete anonymity in times of danger as Jesus occasionally did or to be distinctively recognized when helping people see the light of love as Jesus frequently did; this, I do believe is available to the believer who learns to walk with God and operates the love of Christ that travels through time!

For the record, Jesus just may have transported himself and his Apostles once before via the same method as he transported the ship that we read about above because we cannot find anything to suggest that he did not. Upon hearing the news of the murder and beheading of John the Baptist, Jesus wanted to get away with his Apostles to mourn and regroup, Jesus said, "I say unto you, Among them that are born of women

there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11), and his murder distraught Jesus greatly, thusly, he wanted to get away as fast as he could; this he did by going off into "a desert place." What is unusual about this bereavement journey was that he went by ship (again, into the desert on a ship)!

Matthew 14:13 reads, "When Jesus heard *of it* {the beheading of John}, he departed thence by {or *in a*} ship {*ploion*, a ship, a sailing vessel} into a desert place apart," and the complementary harmony of Mark 6:32 reads, "And they {Jesus and his Apostles} departed into a desert place by ship {*ploion*, a ship, a sailing vessel} privately." All I know is that ships generally do not sail off into the desert unless there happens to be a canal of some kind cut through the land, and there are no canals mentioned in the Bethsaida area which is the general location of where they went according to the third harmonizing Gospel of the same incident describing that they went, "privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida" (Luke 9:10).

Additionally, after Jesus parted off with his Apostles, the people sought after Jesus and found him by walking "on foot" (Matthew 14:13) to the same desert place he took the ship (*ploion*); thus, Jesus did not take the ship out to a so-called desert lake, but over to a desert land. Further, in Mark we read that some of the people "ran afoot" (Mark 6:33), and certainly not everyone *ran* out on the water, but *ran* across land to the *desert place* where Jesus was residing. Luke 9:11-12 supplies that all the people who came to him were a "multitude" and a multitude could not possibly fit into Jesus' ship; even the Titanic did not carry a multitude.

Amazingly and miraculously the Son of God at his time of grief reached out to this multitude with his magnificent perspective of the love of God in his life and "was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick" (Matthew 14:14). Shortly after this lovely act of genuine love for others is when he fed them, these were the more than five thousand people we read about.

What Would Jesus Do. . .

There is a modern notion out in the world of religion that fundamentally says that we Christians should always ask ourselves "what would Jesus do (WWJD)?" if he was in our same situation, and then try to do what we think he would do if he were here. This makes about as much sense as looking in our morning papers for the daily horriblescopes to see if we are going to have a good day or nay. Trying to figure out what Jesus might do "if" he were in our shoes is second-guessing him. This is not the best way to walk with God in Christ, for there is no "if," — he is in you already (Colossians 1:27).

Because life is so fluid, we could easily miss the inspiration of the moment if we were to take the time and stop to check our Bibles trying to figure out what Jesus would do if he were in our shoes, and on the other hand, he never drove a car or a gazillion other things we do every day in our lives. Jesus did display the love of God, as we are encouraged likewise to do.

Even when Jesus walked on this earth, he never checked with the Old Testament Scriptures to find prophecies written about himself so that he would know what to do, where to go, and what to say before following through with the direction that the Scriptures foretold. NO — Jesus simply lived his life in the love of God and with that, and that alone, he fulfilled the prophecies regarding himself. None of the Prophets in the Old or New Testaments ever had to spend their hours away waiting for revelation on what Christ would do, so they could start to be more Jesus-like.

What Will You Do. . .

Today we have Christ within (spiritually), and it is when we live our lives in love that we will be doing the work of Christ (WWYD). Whenever we apply God's love, we will be in fellowship with Him, and the things we do will be totally pleasing to God without any second-guessing and "if-ing" about what Jesus might do. When we simply walk with the love of God in our hearts for our fellow man, and ourselves, then we will be doing what Jesus already does in our shoes.

Psalms 18:1-2:

-1: I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.

-2: The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

Psalms 34:7-8:

-7: The angel of the LORD encampeth {meaning He is staying with you and ready to move as you move in love} round about them that fear him {*fear* means to have respect for the LORD}, and delievereth them.

-8: O taste and see {for your own self} that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Elisha prayed for his understudy to see the LORD *Jehovah's* protection, "And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of

horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha” (II Kings 6:17), and today we also have a better assurance of having God in Christ in us and that they will never leave us.

Today, you may have “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened” (Ephesians 1:18), and this is a prayer of the Apostle Paul to God on behalf of believers, for you and me, so that we may understand and see spiritual matters. As angels sat in *chariots of fire* between the believers and unbelievers in II Kings 6, we in grace continue to have and enjoy the many promises from the LORD our God.

Psalms 91:11:

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:11 is one of the verses of Scripture the Devil used to tempt Jesus, hoping that Jesus would jump to his death (Matthew 4:6); telling Jesus what Jesus himself should do if Jesus was the Son of God, “If {IF} thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down.”

Anyways — Jesus did not tempt God, his Father (as per the request of the Devil) and I will show you a wonderful underlying irony (regarding the Devil who is the undermining source of all temptations). After the temptations of Jesus, God sent angels to Jesus and they *ministered unto him*, fulfilling Psalms 91:11 — anyways.

Matthew 4:11:

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Walking with the love of God in Christ to the best of our ability is doing exactly what Jesus would do because he is all love, and thus when we are walking in love we will be taught — How to Live Miraculously.

A Free Bonus Chapter

The Love That Travels Through Time

In our discussion of time travel we learned the principles of how Jesus lived his life to become such a wonderful miracle worker that inspired and moved him and his disciples so, and that his loving examples can still reach us today to inspire us to enjoy those keys on how we can live our lives just as miraculously in today's world as he did because his love has been passed on down through the ages to reach our hearts.

John 13:34-35:

-34: A new commandment I give unto you {says Jesus}, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

-35: By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

God has made it available for each of us to love equally and proportionately to the same love that Jesus Christ loves us with, and thank God for giving us this wonderful understanding about the genuine spiritual service of love that is so uplifting to all those this spiritual love touches. I John 3:18 encourages, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth," With this new spiritual love of Christ we have been enabled to love the unlovable with the same intensity that we can love the most deserving and lovable souls.

The love of God that He has placed in our earthen vessels is a divine treasure chest and is stocked complete with pure heavenly love. God's love applied reaches all the way into the heart of man, beyond the appearance or facade that people portray on the outside, "*for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart*" (I Samuel 16:7).

The love of God which is Christ's love is the true spiritual strength of the Christian family, and the spiritual foundation for true believing unity within the church, and the true spiritual uplifting in the individual believer's heart, and is the believer's lifeline into the tremendous blessings contained in God's revealed Word.

Jesus said, *A new commandment I give unto you; Jesus gave (I have loved you), so we could know his utmost love for us.*

Jesus gave (*I have loved you*), so we could receive his *love*.

Jesus gave (*I have loved you*), so we could then experience his *love* by loving one another as Jesus *loves you!*

Jesus demonstrated this *new commandment* by loving people, including you and me.

When we accept his *love* and *love* one another with his *love*, we will effortlessly begin walking in its true splendor, and we will recognize that there is no law and no commandment that we would break before our heavenly Father which shows the true exquisiteness of his *love*.

Take for instance the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." When *love* - Jesus' *love* is applied - then it becomes totally impossible to break this or any other commandment. When we utilize Jesus' *love*, we then will be fulfilling all of the laws and commandments without compulsion. We must humbly allow the abundance of Jesus' *love* for us - into our hearts - for then we will have his *love* that is necessary to appreciate and enjoy his true *love*.

John 15:9:

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

When Jesus Christ walked upon this earth - one of the things that attracted people to him and his ministry was - his *love* that he gave to people individually.

Mark 12:29-30:

-29: And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

-30: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is the first commandment.*

I Timothy 1:5a:

Now the end of the commandment is charity {love}. . .

When comparing Mark 12:29–30 with I Timothy 1:5, we find *the first commandment is love* and then *the end of the commandment is love*. What we have here is a wondrous concept that reveals that the commandments begin and end with *love*. Thus, Romans 13:10 disclosed that, “Love is the fulfilling of the law.” *Love* is one of the greatest things that God in His love has ever given to us.

The Bible teaches us that today, nearly two thousand years later we still may benefit with this *love* Jesus gave in the *new commandment*.

Ephesians 3:17–19:

-17: That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith {believing faith}; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

-18: May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth {or *width*}, and length, and depth, and height;

-19: And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Verse 17 states that with Christ in our hearts we can be *rooted and grounded in love*. Christ’s *love* in us can become an exciting and dynamic foundation for living the Christian, Christ-like lifestyle.

Then, in verse 18, the Word of God shows us the four dimensions of *the love of Christ*. *The love of Christ* is the love of God in full bloom that Christ utilized in his daily life while he was here blessing people and is freely given to believers today in this age of grace.

Time passes at the same rate for everyone on earth; some time is wasted and some time is spent wisely, but love, *agapē* love that was first given to man in the first century by Jesus is the same *love of Christ* that we have today, and it is time that we accept this heavenly love and become true examples of Christian lovers of God, of others, and of self. *The love of Christ* is never lost because as we love, love always returns from whence it originated because love is eternal and is an essential part of God, “for God is love” (I John 4:8). This love is the same love Jesus enjoyed in his time on earth and is still present for his love transcends through time and is continuously present to those who use their personal time to love, affording the Christian lover unlimited resources to live miraculously in our time. I John 4:16: reads, “And we have known and believed

the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.”

The love of Christ did not end at the crucifixion and does not cease with the conclusion of the Gospels nor did it end with his ascension up to heaven, but currently grows in our hearts as *love* is eternal, for it is a part of God’s spiritual nature (I John 4:8, and II Peter 1:4).

With *the love of Christ* we can spiritually perceive *the fullness of love*, its *breath* {or *width*}, *length*, *depth*, and *height*.

The *width* of *the love of Christ* outpours — *boundlessly*.

The *length* of *the love of Christ* extends throughout time — *endlessly*.

The *height* of *the love of Christ* overflows — *measurelessly*.

The *depth* of *the love of Christ* founds spiritual wisdom — *fathomlessly*.

We have received *the love of Christ* in order that we may walk with great dignity before our heavenly Father, cuddled in the knowledge that in Christ’s love we have *all the fullness of God*.

In verse 19, we see that the love of Christ *passeth knowledge* for his love is beyond, exceeding, and surpassing what human knowledge is able to comprehend by the senses. Love (the love of Christ) does not hurt, stink, or let people down as some of the songs and literature of the day exclaim, for the love of Christ is pure, first and foremost spiritual, and is on a higher plane than five senses love. Christ’s love is the greatest because it brings the Christian believer into *all the fullness of God!*

To conclude, I repeat the last sentence of the study above: Walking with the love of God in Christ to the best of our ability is doing exactly what Jesus would do because he is all love, and thus when we are walking in love we will be taught — How to Live Miraculously.

Benediction:

I John 4:7-12:

-7: Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

-8: He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

-9: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

-10: Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

-11: Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

-12: No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

John 17:24-26:

-24: {Jesus prays} Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: **for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world** {emphasis supplied}.

-25: O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

-26: And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Ephesians 1:3-4:

-3: Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

-4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame **before him in love** {IN LOVE, emphasis supplied}:

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