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A miracle is what occurs when what is required is more than our intellect, effort, ability, resources can do or achieve themselves.

Mark 2:1–12 (NRSV)

2 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. 3 Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" 10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." 12 And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

WHEN WE NEED A MIRACLE

POINT ONE

VS 1 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

1. We need to listen to the _____ of where God is.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NRSV)

13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

POINT TWO

VS 2 So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

2. When you go to the place that God is reported _____

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POINT THREE & FOUR

VS 3 Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them.

3. Bring your need _____
4. Bring your needs to God _____

POINT FIVE

VS 3 And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

5. Miracles require _____

POINT SIX

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6. Miracles may require us _____

POINT SEVEN

VS 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

7. Miracles demand that we accept God may have _____

POINT EIGHT

8. Miracles will always lead us to _____