

## Miracles Outline

- A. I have had an interesting and rewarding life that I enjoy looking back on.
- b. I have never given a church testimonial until Sabbath December 25, 2021
- c. That was prompted by a maple leaf at the church door that morning.
- d. I wrote a one page discussion about my encounter with leaf that morning.
- e. I sent it to Elder Walton on 12/28/2021
- f. This presentation this morning has long been on my mind, so hear it goes.

### **Miracles Presentation Sabbath November, 18, 2023.**

1. At the request of Carina Rivas a couple of months ago I gave a few comments on the many miracles and blessings in my life. I had been thinking about and discussing this with my wife for many months.
2. I want to tell you, I have had a life that amazes me, with many miracles and blessed events.
3. This is not about me, this decision is about the Lord's hand in our individual lives
4. Some of those miracles have been lifesaving, all have been life-changing.
5. During preparation for that earlier presentation, I was talking to a young man who was a teenager in the 1990s with some challenges. He asked the question.

**"I don't Remember you as Religious, What Happened?"**

## **My Answer was – I Grew Older**

- 6.** That answer came to me in a flash. I am now looking back at events that were not just luck or circumstance but acts of divine intervention.
- 7.** As brief background, I was adopted 9 days after birth, by dysfunctional parents; However, Thank God I was adopted and not a victim of abortion.
- 8.** I never knew the man who adopted me until I got a driver's license at 16.
- 9.** My mother was over protective, over feed me, and over dressed me in slacks and dress shirts.
- 10.** My life was blessed with two father role models who were members of the Grand Junction SDA church.
- 11.** Pathfinder leader, Jim Dunn, that my mother trusted would take care of me because he was a doctor. The Pathfinder events were the first time I was able to get out oh the house.
- 12.** Anther individual by the name of Ward Studt offered my my first job outside the house and became a father role model that touched my life. He bought me my first jeans.
- 13.** I would never have gone to college if it were not for these two men.
- 14.** I graduated from PUC, White Memorial Medical Center, and Loma Linda University, as they had.
- 15.** Neither my role models or I were chapter and verse students of the bible.
- 16.** In this discussion I want to share with you a few blessed events that God is real and the Lord has a plan for our lives, if we will let him.
- 17.** I will be discussing two types of miracles that we witness from the hand of God
- 18.** Short term/near immediate and amazing results – as in how could that have happened that way? Only by a miracle of the Lord.
- 19.** A series of events linked together over hours, days, or even years that end up shaping our lives or lives around us for some preordained reason.

## **A few Life Saving Selected Miracles**

### **Immediately recognizes that this a miracle.**

20. Flying a small airplane from, Scottsdale, Arizona, to Carlsbad, California at 8,500 feet, the engine quit, I was 8,000 feet directly over the Borrego Springs, California, airport. I glided to a perfect power-off landing and no one was around to know about Ed's Power off landing because the airport closed for business a half hour earlier. For a career in aviation that is a good thing and another blessing.
21. The cause was of that engine failure was that I trusted what turned out to be a faulty fuel gauge.
22. The miracle is, had the plane run out of fuel a few minutes later I would have been over a mountainous terrain and the outcome would not have been nice.
23. The next morning, I ordered 10 gallons of fuel, I did not want the fuel person to know how empty the fuel tank was.

### **Another Life Saving Miracle**

24. I had been piloting a company demonstration airplane with a company staff person to general aviation airports in the Chicago area for a week. At the start of the second week we were flying the airplane from DePage, Illinois to Molen, Illinois, for a sales demonstration.
25. Shortly after we commenced the westbound flight, I commented that the oil temperature was higher than normal, but not in the caution zone. A few minutes later the fellow with me commented that his feet were getting hot. I touched the instrument panel, and it was like touching a hot skillet. Just then the oil temperature went to the redline.
26. I pulled the throttle back to reduce power and heat. At first it would not move, I pulled harder and finally got the throttle to reduced power.
27. We were 7 miles of corn field from touch down at the Molen Airport. I advised the control tower of our problem, and they said the equipment would be waiting. On the touch-down roll-out, we both unlatched and opened the canopy before the airplane came to a complete stop.

## More Subtle Long Term Types of Miracles

Probably the most common type of personal miracle

Subtle type miracles are the type most of us see but we often don't recognize them until well after they occur. They are often referred to as fortunate circumstances.

Janice believes that circumstances is the Lords way of keeping a secret.

28. Let me begin with a recent example from October 14, 2023.
29. We had spent the previous week helping Ben and his daughter, Carl, of Nine Mile Ranch tour guests to prehistoric rock art sites.
30. Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October we were staying at the ranch to photo fall colors.
31. The Jeep had been running well all week long, until Saturday morning. As we started to roll out of the ranch yard the transmission was not engaging smoothly.
32. For the next mile and half the transmission was slipping, and it became obvious that the Jeep was not going to serve our purposes today.
33. A young man in a pickup truck offered to tow us back to the ranch.
34. When we arrived back at the ranch, Janice went into the house while I unloaded some items from the Jeep.
35. Then Janice came to the porch shouting at me in grief to come quickly. Ben had a seizure and collapsed on the kitchen floor.
36. Ben looked at Janice with a look in his eyes that something scary was happening just before he collapsed. His daughter, Carla, came running from nearby room
37. We got Ben comfortable in bed and the next morning he was up showered and shaved to be ready for hay bailing.
38. When we look back that day and connect the dots, it becomes evidence of a pre-arranged and ordained event. We would not have been back at the ranch house if had not had transmission problems with the Jeep.
39. Furthermore, the repair to the Jeep was not expensive and consisted with replacing a transmission fluid cooler line and bringing the transmission fluid level to full.
40. When we "connect the dots" as they, say we realize it was all part of a larger plan, a God blessed divine plan.

## Another Event that I Have Questioned

41. Many years ago when I was running a large and very successful flight school in Scottsdale, Arizona, a man by the name of Rudy Frasca unexpectedly visited our business. Rudy owns a very well-known flight simulator Company in Urbana, Illinois.
42. A couple of years later the principal owner of the business I was working with wanted to buy my stock back, and sell the company. Now I was wondering what to next.
43. Then I learned that Rudy Frasca had meet one of our pilots at an Arizona lake. When he learned that I was available to hire Frasca Wanted me call him and that resulted in a job offer.
44. I later learned that I ended up with twice the salary Rudy intended to pay, according to his Sales Manager.
45. Was this a miracle in Ed's life or just a circumstance? I now believe that "circumstance" is Gods way of keeping a secret. Everything has worked out like it was part of a master plan meant to be. Had Rudy not meet me several years earlier, would my requested salary not been approved?

### Little Voices

46. The Come-along story. I had a small hand winch, that I had purchased a year or two earlier, setting near the garage door that I had passed by and left at home on our previous trips. As we were leaving for the Robber Roost area I felt a prompting to take it with us on this particular trip to take that little hand winch with us the trip.
47. A day or two later Janice and I were going up a steep sandy road when the Jeep started sliding to the low side of the road. It would have gone lower if I had continued to drive up the hill. Janice asked, "Ed, what are we going to do?" I told her we were going to dug a deep hole.
48. Janice found not far from the Jeep an old plank about 12" X 36" that we could attach the winch cabal to and placed in the hole in the sand hole that I had dug. That little winch got us back on the road and to safety.
49. That raises the question, "Why on that day, did I think I ought to take hand winch?"
50. My usual style is to see where the road or trail goes. On July 7, 2023, we were exploring the road above our campsite when I had a feeling that we should turn around. A half mile or so after the turnaround we heard a small pop and gray smoke was pouring from the engine compartment. We coasted downhill to our Lonesome Beaver campsite, where we had food and water for a week's stay.
51. That raises the question, Why did I have the feeling that I should turn around?
52. Looking back on my life I now see many miracles and promptings that demonstrate the hand of the Heavenly Father.

53. Promptings are subtle little voices in your head. You have to be humble to obey. If you are not humble you think you know more than to obey.
54. God is real and miracles are real. You just have to obey. In my almost 80 years of life I have recalled many miracles and promptings. That is why I can't help but believe in God Almighty when I look back on my life. That certainly is a result of looking back on an amazing life.
55. I am proud today to share my thankful story of the many blessings and prompting's in my life.
56. I pray that each of you will think about and make a list of the blessings and promptings in your life, you will probably be surprise

**Let the Miracles and blessings happen,  
listen to the promptings and act accordingly.**

### **God bless you**

**The common phrase "God Bless you" was ordered by Pope Gregory I in 590 AD during the Roman Plague. Sneezing was a common early symptom of the bubonic plague, in old times called the black death. Bubonic plague was endemic on the Navajo Reservation from the mid-1970s through the 1980s. This is due to the rodent population in some geographic areas. Today's antibiotics can successfully treat the disease. I do not know current Navajo Reservation statistics.**