**Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions**

**Week of January 23rd, 2022**

**Sermon Series: A Beautiful Mess**

**Sermon Title: Miracles Part 2 – If miracles are real, how come we don’t see more of them?**

**Primary Text(s): 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 and John 14:12-14.**

1. During this week’s service we had the opportunity to hear Jim Sawatsky share a personal story that detailed how God responded to his consistent prayer, “*death to the parasite, and life to her blood in the name of Jesus*,” to heal his wife, Dawn, who once suffered for an extended period with parasites in her blood.
   1. ***What resonated with you from Jim and Dawn’s experience? What inspired you? What challenged you?***
2. Jon mentioned that “*good news messages*” bring hope and joy into bleak situations and times like we are facing in our world today.
   1. ***Share with each other a good news message you have heard, experienced, or received recently to help bring a sense of hope and joy to your fellow group members.***
3. The Joni Erickson Tada account of having her life saved from drowning by her sister, Kathy, who was present when Joni unfortunately dived into shallow lake waters that left her paralyzed to this day, teaches us that God is present doing the miraculous in ways we can’t always clearly discern.
   1. ***Think back on your life’s journey, what are some ways that God’s presence and power were evident in your life performing the miraculous?***
4. Jon Piper is quoted as saying, “*God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of 3 of them.*”
   1. Pastor Jon encouraged the families of Pacific to engage in the practice of creating a power and presence list that helps us to observe how God is at work in our lives. ***We encourage you as a group to create individual power and presence lists between now (your current gathering time) and the next time you meet. During your next gathering please share this list with each other as a way to develop a sense of gratitude and faith in your hearts.***
5. ***What is the purpose of miracles? Why is it important for us to consider the purpose of miracles when seeking answers as to why we don’t see more supernatural occurrences in our time?***
   1. *Hint: Read 1 Corinthians 13:9-12.*
6. Read John 14:12-14.
   1. ***What is something miraculous that you are hoping for God to do for you or a loved one?***
   2. ***As a group, take a few moments to pray for God to hear and respond to your prayer in Jesus’ name.***