

Today!

Jesus told the thief on the cross... "to day, shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43). "Today" miracles are different from what we most often want from divine interventions. We usually expect (even demand by "faith") the Now(!!!) answer. Instantaneously!

Yes, I have seen many instant miracles; I treasure each of those incredible memories. Yet, I have also watched God slowly performing across the stage of time; sometimes He takes many more minutes than we are comfortable with. At other times, He even takes much longer, longer hours, sometimes days!

When we approach the throne of God for a miracle, we must be prepared for the "Today" delay. Sometimes the miracle we need comes from a day after day of smaller miracles, that in the end, add up to the completely fulfilled and final version of God's answer to our plea!

The thief on the cross would have gladly accepted instant death just to avoid further suffering and also to be ushered instantly into paradise. Not to be! There were several more painful hours ahead for him before the promise was confirmed. We don't even know if the thief died before Jesus died. What if Jesus had died first? Then the remaining hours of the thief on the cross would have required a greater measure of faith so as not to "backslide" and then curse his continued bad luck in life (like the other crucified thief).

These many pandemic months have been filled with unique miracles and unexplainable healings. Yet across these dark seasons of worry and pain, I cannot remember one single instant miracle. Every one of the many miracles we witnessed across 2020/2021 has been slow, day after day miracles.

So, let's rejoice "Today." God is moving our miracle forward a day at a time!

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