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Giving God the Glory for the Meaningful, Manifestation of Miracles

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The miraculous power of God, as revealed throughout all of salvation history, never ceases to amaze me. Whether we consider the miracles of the Old Testament (e.g., the manna which fell from heaven to feed the Israelite people – Exodus 16:12) or the miracles of the New Testament (e.g., Jesus' healing of blind Bartimaeus - Mark 10:52), we are fortunate to see God's abiding presence saving and sanctifying, helping and healing people who were in need of earthly provisions and spiritual care from the Lord. Recently, I was reminded of two miracles which concerned Paul and Silas while they were in prison. The first miracle concerned the fact that God freed Paul and Silas from the chains that bound them. (Acts 16:26). The second miracle concerned that fact that the guard, who was responsible for holding Paul and Silas captive, accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Indeed, it would have been logical or reasonable for someone to conclude that the authorities

should have kept Paul and Silas in prison until their death. However, the miraculous power of God superseded the logic and reason of the human mind; therefore, we may conclude, that what is impossible for human beings is never impossible for God (Luke 1:37). Paul, Silas and the prison guard gave God glory for the miracles they had experienced in their lives (Acts 16:31-34).

God is still in the miracle-working business. God's servant named Job said: "God performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. (Job 5:9)." As an only-child and product of a single-parent household, I attribute my life and accomplishments to the miraculous and stupendous power of God. If the record of our lives were to lay bare today, it would declare that many of us have made profound errors in judgments while driving automobiles, performing our job responsibilities or improving our marriages. Nevertheless, God, in many instances, has seen

fit to preserve our lives, strengthen our relationships and allow many of us to keep our jobs. Given the precarious nature of our global economy, the dissolution of the sacred institution of marriage, and an increase of violent acts across the nation, many of us are sane, functioning, hopeful, responsible and progressive because of the miracles that have been made manifest in our lives. I was amazed to see that many of the injury-prone athletes, who have now qualified for the Olympic Games in London, testify that they would not have been present if it were not for the miraculous power of God in their lives. We all have miracles to talk about, so let us not be ashamed to give God the glory for the great things that He has done (1 Corinthians 10:31).